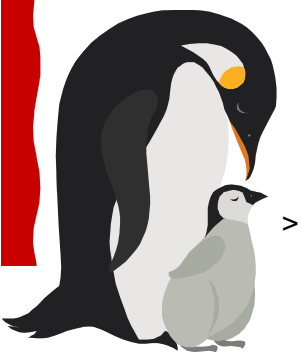


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Classroom News - Kindergarten through Second Grade

Kindergartners were happy to be back at school after intersession. (Parents were even happier, at least Mrs. G thinks so.) They're looking forward to Halloween and are busy with lots of projects and songs about this event. They're also busy with "Shapes Week," teen numerals, and "Thankfulness" activities as well as the regular curriculum. Firefighters from Kaneohe's #17 station brought 2 big trucks and their captain's car and gave a demonstration to the kindergartners and first graders during Fire Prevention Month. **Sarai's dad** is the captain, and **Sophie's dad** is one of the leaders. Mahalo for coming and re-



mind us of important fire safety tips.

First Graders have been working hard on writing their first complete paragraph. The final drafts have been hung on the classroom walls, so come by and admire the student's hard work! We've also been learning about Leonardo da Vinci this month. We learned that Leonardo liked to take things apart and make diagrams of all the parts. We've had fun taking some items in our classroom apart and making our own diagrams. To culminate our study of da Vinci, we'll take a DVD player apart and

diagram its inner workings. Finally, we're all looking forward to the Pumpkin Party that will be held at the end of the month. Our first class party of the year will be full of fun pumpkin inspired activities.

Fall is here! The **Second Grade** students will be celebrating the fall season by playing fun games, making delicious caramel apples, and dressing up for the K-2 costume parade. The students have been busy learning about the seven continents, adding and subtracting two digit numbers, learning about Moses, writing interesting pumpkin stories, and reading A LOT. Book-It has started this month and the students are trying to reach their goal to earn a Pizza Hut coupon.

Classroom News - Third & Fourth Grade

Third Grade has been busy. We are practicing for our Fall Concert, to be held on October 25 at 5 p.m. You will be impressed with both their singing and the artwork they created for the program. Our class will have a Fall Festival on October 30. We will not be dressing up, but will have a great time in the afternoon with some math stations, and other holiday activities. We are also busy working on a picture book that we will publish. The title is *Keiki, Keiki, What Do You See?* Over the fall break the students did research about places and things that you would see on Oahu. They will be creating a book with pictures, rhyme and facts. Some pictures were taken by the students and their families. Thanks to all of our families for being so supportive

and encouraging about the project. A big congratulations to **Sydney, Noah, Joshua, Sienna, Bruce, Jacob, Sophie,** and **Kaleimakali** i for passing their A.R. goals for the quarter. They belong to the "I'm An A.R. Star Club" and enjoyed a lunch from Taco Bell or McDonald's for their accomplishments.

Fourth Graders were back with beautiful smiles as they walked through the door on the first day back from Fall Break. They were definitely missed. They hit the ground running on their first day back. They explored the religion of the ancient Hawaiian people. The students were amazed to learn that the Hawaiian people worshiped many gods, and that each god had it's own purpose. The boys were

very fascinated with the war god Ku. The students are excited about our visit to the largest and most famous pu'u honua (a place of peace or refuge) in Honaunau on our Big Island trip. It feels very rewarding to connect what they are learning from a textbook to a real life experience. The fourth graders created their own rain in a fun science lab involving a small scale simulated mud slide. Students predicted how the rain might shape our land. While the students were busy spraying down their hills, a few photos were snapped. Their faces show that they were enjoying this lab way too much. Fourth graders know how to make science fun!

Classroom News - Fifth Grade

Fifth Grade continued their study of Colonial America. Our class enjoyed making real butter from heavy cream and then eating it with some bread. Many students said that it was the best tasting butter that they ever had and thought that it would be great to live during that time. But when they learned about the way Puritan children were ex-

pected to behave, they quickly changed their minds. Having to bow before their parents when they wanted to talk to them or having to do everything parents told them to do without any complaining caused fifth graders to

be glad that they weren't living back then.



Classroom News - Junior High

Mrs. Hantel's News:

The **sixth grade Bible** class is continuing their journey through the Old Testament and finally reached the promised land with Joshua and the rest of the Israelites. They are eagerly awaiting their encounters with Ruth, King David, Elijah and Elisha.

The **junior high science** students are getting ready to encounter various controversial scientific topics including genetics and evolution. They are anxious to learn about these different topics and contemplate them with a Christian perspective.

The **junior high math** students are expanding their understanding of solving equations with variables. They have also spent some time learning different ways of dissecting word problems and applying math to daily life.

Miss Maddick's News:

A new quarter comes with new challenges and adventures. Junior high **English** students are beginning with a unit on newspaper articles.

We are identifying the five W's, studying the format of an article, and challenging ourselves with word count requirements just like a real newspaper. **Eighth grade** is preparing projects on *The Odyssey*, **seventh grade** is beginning their adventure with *Robin Hood*, and the **sixth grade** will begin the classic, *A Christmas Carol*.

Seventh grade Bible class is examining prayer through the Apostles Creed and the Lord's Prayer. We are having lively class conversations on the important and related concepts brought to light by these prayers and their explanations. In **eighth grade Bible**, we are looking at the authority of scripture and its usefulness to fuel our faith life.

In **world history**, they have wrapped up a unit about India and its major religions, and moved on to ancient Chinese history. Miss Maddick is very excited about this chapter because she student taught in Shanghai. She really enjoyed sharing some of her China pictures to add a little bit personal connections to the chapter's information.

Mr. Annis' News:

Sixth grade math students are learning divisibility rules, factors, and multipliers, and are using both fractions and decimals.

Seventh grade math is studying all operations of fractions and decimals and parts of a circle.

Eighth grade math students have finished learning the metric system and solving equations with decimals. They are now ready to start prime factorization, and multiplying & dividing exponents.

Seventh grade social studies are making maps of Latin America while learning about its geography, history, culture and politics.

Eighth grade social study students have just finished studying the end of the American Revolution and the establishment of our government, including the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Drama classes are reading and studying parts for the Christmas plays they will present to the student body.

The **eighth graders** will be keeping busy with co-curricular activities. Besides visiting Lutheran High School to see and experience the school, they will be going to Camp Erdman for three days to enjoy the great outdoors, learn leadership skills, team building and have some fun.

Mr. Johnson's News:

The junior high students are showing great enthusiasm for P.E.! My father, from the mainland, visited the P.E. classes and taught the students a new game called, "Ninja." It's a strategic game that gets the whole body moving! This next quarter we'll be playing football, basketball & the students' favorite - dodgeball. Again, please make sure your son/daughter is bringing their P.E. uniform to class!

The weekly chapels have been going really well! Mrs. Hinton's third grade class just led chapel and reminded us to listen to God's still, small voice. Sometimes we get caught up in our crazy schedules that we tend to forget to stop and listen to God's voice. We have a loving and amazing Father who is always with us!

Junior High Awards

Principal's Award

(GPA 3.75 - 4.0)
Gaby Aihara
Deidra Iseri-Pama
Kailani Linton
Spencer Oda
Jaron Pagaduan
Haley Pilien
Sunshine David
Jason Lau
Anastasiya Melnyk
Jonathan Pond
Tani Buckley
Kaimi Chang

Jannah-Jane Crisostomo
Casey Takahashi
Zachery Thomas
Korinn Trinies

Honor Roll

(GPA 3.0 - 3.74)
Kalel Olowofoyeku
Craig Shaner
Dominic Sousa
Daesha Wilson
Chasey Abrams
Tiana Buckley
Chayse Conceicao

Deja Lee
Samson Low
Shaiann Smith
Daniel Traylor
Aaron Wilford
Nicky Aihara
James Chaffin
Jason Flores
Heidi Jacobs
Lanson Kupau
Maraea Mussell
Duke Quitevis
Hana Rupnow
Keana Russell

Noah Schuetz
Rodney Williams

Citizenship Award

Gaby Aihara
Allisa Cormack-
Keohokapu
Pomai Darlington
Deidra Iseri-Pama
Kailani Linton
Jaron Pagaduan
Haley Pilien

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Craig Shaner
Dominic Sousa
Sunshine David
Aulama Jiannino
Jason Lau
Anastasiya Melnyk

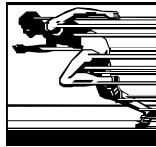
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Zachery Thomas
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Athletics

Junior varsity volleyball has begun with 19 excited, enthusiastic players! Our first game is here at Saint Mark on Thursday, October 22 against Hanalani. We are looking forward to a great season with **Coach Kim**.

Go Warriors !!



Cross country practice has also begun. **Coach Peter Johnson** held his first practice with twice as many students coming out to run as we have had in several years. They, too, are excited and will be practicing every Tuesday and Friday after school. Their meet is on **Tuesday, November 10** after school at Kakaako Waterfront Park.

Parent Teacher Committee (PTC) - News Flash



The PTC encourages everyone to continue collecting Box Tops & Labels for Education. Please join us at the next PTC meeting on **Tuesday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m.**



This & That



Work Day is on Saturday!

Please Join us for the Fall 2009 Saint Mark Family Work Day!

Date: Saturday, October 24

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Saint Mark Lutheran Church & School

Who: Faculty, Staff, Church Members, School Families

Everyone is welcome, **but all students must be accompanied by an adult.** Please bring your tool belt, gardening tools, painting supplies, and/or cleaning supplies. There will be something for everyone, and lunch will be provided. It should be a productive

and fun filled day with fellowship and community service. Please call Mrs. Lee or Mrs. Lawrence in the school office at 247-5589 or Mrs. Nelson in the church office at 247-4565 if you have any questions or want to RSVP.

A big thanks to all of our Saint Mark families for being so generous with **Chapel Donations.** In August we raised \$297 for *Lutheran Church Missouri Synod School Missions.* In September a total of \$336 was raised for the *Family Promise* program. The current chapel offerings are going to *Pen-nies for Patients* which provides help to those suffering from leukemia.

We are still collecting **Box tops and Labels for Education.** The class that collects the most labels will win a ice cream party. The deadline for handing in labels for the month of October is Wednesday, October 28.

Teachers will be attending the annual **Lutheran Teachers' Conference** on November 5 & 6. There will be no school on those days.

Grades 4-6 will sing in church at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 1. **Grades K-3** will sing at the 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday, November 15.

All are invited to the **church lu'au** on **Sunday, November 8** from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. The lu'au is to welcome Pastor Hilpert and to thank Pastor Wichner.



Be Thankful!