## Christ's Love Calls Us Share the Message

## Cougar Chronicle

September 29, 2010

## **Upcoming Events:**

Thur Sept 30 4:00 pm Volleyball match at Lynd

Sat Oct 2 11:00 am SMSU parade

Sun Oct 3 8 & 10:30 am Worship

Sun Oct 3 9:15 am Sunday School

Mon Oct 4 4:15 pm Volleyball match vs. Lynd

Tues Oct 5 7 pm Board of Ed

Thur Oct 7 3:30 pm Volleyball match vs. MACS

## Birthdays this month!!



Mrs. Zander - 3 Cele Finlo - 4 Mr. Festerling - 4 Alex Heil - 15 Spencer Rosburg -24 Mrs. MacArthur - 29 Pastor Schreiner - 30 Matthew Onken - 30 **Testing:** Standardized testing will be ongoing through next week for students in grades 1-8. Be sure your children get plenty of rest each night and eat a nutritious breakfast before coming to school.

**Parade:** Our school will have a float in the SMSU Homecoming parade this Saturday, October 2nd. If your child would like to ride on the float please fill out the permission slip that was sent home with your student last week. We will line up by Independence Park between 10:30-10:45 AM. Your child will be dropped off back at Independence Park.

**Singing on Sunday:** A reminder that students in grades K-2 are singing at English Lutheran Church in Cottonwood on Sunday. The service begins at 9:00 AM - students are asked to arrive at 8:45 AM. The church is located at 110 E Main Street in Cottonwood. If you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher.

**Fire Prevention Week:** Fire prevention week is October 3-9. This year's theme is "Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with!" The Marshall Fire Department will visit our school next Wednesday for fire drills as a part of Operation E.D.I.T.H. Next Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> the third grade students will have an opportunity to experience a smoke filled building in a safe environment when they visit a portable smoke house. Everyone is then invited to an open house and whopper feed at the fire department Thursday evening from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

**Grades 3-5 Attend Elementary Field Day:** Grades 3 – 5 attended the University of Minnesota's Southwest Research and Outreach Center's Elementary Field Day on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Although it rained most of the day, we learned a lot and enjoyed our day. We participated in a variety of sessions in which we learned about the power of electricity, farm safety around farm machinery and grain bins, soil types, and plant growth. Our last session was a presentation given by the Zoo Man from the Prairie Wind Zoo. He showed us two snapping turtles and three snakes. We even got to **touch** two of the snakes! Some of us enjoyed that while the rest of us didn't like that part at all!

**Volleyball:** On Monday the Samuel Cougar Volleyball Team played St. John's Redwood. We won the first game by playing hard. The second game we lost because, we couldn't get their serves back over the net. The third game we won 15-0. The last two games the younger girls played and won the first game. The second game the younger girls lost but they played hard. Way to go Cougars!

\*Volleyball pictures will be taken prior to our home game on October 7th.

**Christmas Greenery:** Our **C**hrist **L**utheran **Y**outh **F**ellowship (CLYF) will be selling Christmas greens (24" Wreath, 36" Wreath, Balsam Roping, Holiday Swag and Holiday Evergreen Planter) after services on Sunday, October 10th, 17th and 24th. Orders will arrive by Thanksgiving.

**Flu Shot Clinic:** Public Health Services will be at our school on Thursday, November 4th at 8:30 AM to provide 2010-2011 Seasonal Flu vaccinations free of charge for all students. A letter and consent form were sent home today. If you would like your student to receive the vaccine please return your consent form by October 15th.

\*Any Pre-K students who are getting vaccinated will need to be accompanied by a parent.

**Vision/Hearing Screenings:** Mrs. Flock will conduct vision and hearing screenings on Friday, October 8th. Please be sure your student has their glasses or contacts with them that day.

PTF: The first PTF (Parents, Teachers, and Friends) meeting was held on Monday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. Nineteen members were present. Principal Festerling opened the meeting with Hymn #513 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend", linking the importance of supporting our children's Christian education with the purpose of the PTF. President Becky Swanson called the meeting to order. Plans to coordinate a float at the SMSU parade on October 2nd and plans to host a fall Harvest Festival on November 12th were discussed. Those parents who have not yet had a chance to sign-up for various activities will be contacted. Ideas for fundraising will be presented to the School Board and Council at the respective October meetings. The Treasurer's report highlighted rummage sale proceeds in June of over \$1,300. At the request of the Teachers, funding was approved by the PTF for a rack dispenser that organizes rolls of paper for bulletin board backgrounds. Funding was also approved which will allow students to compete in a Spelling Bee program. Full meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the next meeting on November 22.

**County Fair Receipts:** Please begin saving your County Fair receipts dated September 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011. Samuel school receives one point for every dollar spent. These points are redeemed for school supplies and equipment.

**Save Those Sunny D UPC's:** You have the opportunity to help each of the classrooms get 20 free books. All you have to do is buy Sunny D and send the UPC's to your student's teacher by **October 8**. It takes 20 UPC's for a classroom to get 20 free books. UPC's from the following bottles are eligible:

3 liter, 2 liter, 1 liter, 128 ounce, 96 ounce, 64 ounce, 48 ounce, or 16 ounce bottles

6.75 ounce, 6 pack, 8 pack, or 24 pack outer wraps

6.75 ounce or 12 pack card board case

11.3 ounce, 6 pack, or 24 pack outer wraps

12 ounce, 12 pack, or 24 pack cans outer wraps

The following **individual** bottle UPC's are **not valid**:

6.75 ounce, 11.3 ounce, or 8 ounce cans; 12 ounce cans