



ALBERT CASSENS ELEMENTARY

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November 2009 newsletter

Working Together – Building Children’s Futures!

Martha Richey, Principal

A Message from the Principal

We are very proud of the strong showing on our ISAT scores as our school has been recognized for debuting in the top five in Madison County. This is a reflection of the great things that happen when parents and teachers work together to form a positive and productive learning community! Our students have been diligent in their study habits and good citizenship as they take to heart our motto, “Nothing less than my personal best!”

October brought Red Ribbon Week fun as the staff and students participated in a pep rally and theme days each day of the week. Our Family Game Night was a hit with parents and kids. Third grade classes rallied together and collected items for the Metro East Humane Society for their grade level service project. The Halloween parties were fun – thanks to our wonderful parents!

Look for our Veterans Day bulletin board in the Commons Area, honoring family members who have served our country in the Armed Forces. Send in your pictures. We are proud to feature our heroes!

Thank you for the many contributions you make to our great school!

Respectfully,
Martha Richey



Mark Your Calendar!

- Monday, November 9
School Board Mtg.
@ Woodland – 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 10
Fund Raiser Pick-Up
- Wednesday, November 11
Veteran’s Day – No Student Attendance
- Thursday, November 12
Papa Johns Night
- Friday, November 13
2nd Quarter Progress Reports
- Monday, November 16
PTO Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 17
Family Skate Night @
YMCA 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 23
Full Day Student Attendance
Parent Teacher Conf. 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 24
No Student Attendance
Parent Teacher Conf. 1:00 – 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, November 25
No Student Attendance
Parent Teacher Conf. 8:00 am – Noon
- Thursday - Friday November 26 & 27 – NO SCHOOL
Happy Thanksgiving!
- Monday, November 30
Repertory Theater Assemblies
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Nothing Less Than My Personal Best!

Box Tops Collections Really Add Up!

OUR FUNDRAISER WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!!



Thank you for your great support of our school fundraiser – Grammys Best Cookie Dough. Your dough will be available for pick-up next Tuesday, November 10.

We had about 350 participants this year. We sold **2,295 tubs of cookie dough** and **648 cases of cinnamon rolls**. We made just over **\$20,000.00** for our school events and special projects.

- Over 100 students sold 1-4 items
- Over 100 students sold 5-9 items
- 81 students sold over 10 items
- 32 students sold over 20 items
- 9 students sold over 30 items
- 3 students sold over 40 items
- TOP SELLERS:

Taryn Brown (Mrs. Major)

Olivia Stangler (Mrs. Barchenger)

Olivia Stangler won the drawing for the i-pod!

All prizes will be delivered after Thanksgiving Break.

Each year Box Tops has two collection deadlines for turning in Box Tops labels, October 31st and February 28th. Checks are distributed in December and April to the attention of the school principal.

We are very pleased to announce that the fall collection of Box Tops labels totaled just over \$900.00. Combined with the additional Box Tops collected from March until May of the 2008 - 2009 school year, in the amount of \$412.00, our December check is expected to be approximately \$1,300.00.

The classes collecting the most Box Tops for each grade were: 3rd grade - Mrs. Simpson; 4th grade - Mrs. Morrissey; and 5th grade - Mrs. Goclan. Each class has won an ice cream party.

The individual students turning in the most labels were: Shayla Wilkins in Mr. Ketchum's class; Matthew Thoma in Mrs. Gates class; and Gabrielle Phillips in Mrs. Hackett's class. These students have won a \$15, \$10 and \$5 gift card to Wal-Mart, respectively.

Lost & Found

Our Lost and Found is very full of jackets and lunch containers. Please check the Lost and Found while at Parent Conferences this month.

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OPTIMISM

*To Expect the Best Outcome
A Feeling That All is Going to Be Well*

*Cassens Students Share Their Optimism Following
a Discussion of Our Word for the Month:*



I am optimistic about winning a soccer tournament. –
Jacob M.

I am optimistic about having a great year! –
Caroline O.

I am optimistic that I will be good at the violin -
Elizabeth G.

I am optimistic about getting more AR points before
December – Cole S.

I am optimistic that I will be healthy when I grow up. –
Grant B.

I am optimistic that I'm going to be successful in life. –
Alyssa Y.

I am optimistic that I will ace my math test. –
Margaret C.

I am optimistic that I will make it to the Ozark
swimming championship. – Kathleen M.

I am optimistic that I will have a good job when I get
older. – Erin M.

I am optimistic that my mom and dad will take me to
the movies. – Kate P.

I am optimistic that I will survive getting an expander
plate. – Kyle W.

I am optimistic that I can write in cursive better. –
Naomi a.

I am optimistic that I will become a famous singer! –
Gabrielle D.

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I am optimistic that I will be the best dancer ever. –
Bailey H.

I am optimistic that I will pass the ISAT test –
Kris A

I am optimistic that we will go outside for recess
tomorrow – Rachel C.

I am optimistic that I can house train my puppy. –
Collin C.

I am optimistic about getting my standing back tuck by
the end of 4th grade – Hannah S.

I am optimistic that everyone will recycle and people
will invent a gasless engine. – Noah R.

I am optimistic that our class will have a class party! –
Tristan B.

I am optimistic that I will pass my division test.
–Steven S.

I am optimistic that I will get the StarWars clone
trooper helmet and blaster for my birthday. – Danny

I am optimistic that I am going to the dentist and he
will not hurt me. – Ashlynne

I am optimistic that I'm having pizza tonight -
Colin

I am optimistic that the St. Louis Rams will win a
game this season. – Mrs. Watts

I am optimistic that we are going to have 600 beautiful
daffodils blooming in the spring at Cassens
Elementary. – Mrs. Richey

Give the Gift of Reading

Visit the Scholastic Book Fair the week of December 7-11

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Albert Cassens Elementary just in time for the holiday season. We are excited to be hosting this book fair because it gives you and your children the opportunity to buy carefully selected, quality books and products at affordable prices. You can also help increase your child's classroom library with the "Classroom Wish List Program". Plus, all proceeds will go directly back to the school!

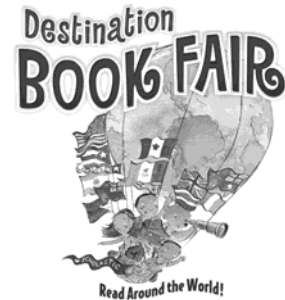
Mark your calendar now for all the special events to promote literacy excitement in our children!

Book Fair Hours

December 7-11 10:00am – 3:30pm

Special Events Schedule:

Mon. 12/7	Teacher Sneak Peek Breakfast	8:00am-9:00am
Tue. 12/8	Secret Santa Shopping hours with complementary gift wrap service	3:30pm – 7:00pm
Thur. 12/10	Celebration of Literacy Family Event	7:00pm – 8:00pm
	Book Fair Open	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Fri. 12/11	Early Bird Shopping	8:00am – 10:00am



Check out our Cassens Book Fair Homepage at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/cassens>

CASSENS FAMILY SKATE NIGHT



Tuesday, November 17th

6:00 – 8:00pm

Meyer Center YMCA

Entry is FREE

All Cassens families (students and staff) welcome for this fun event. Guests may bring skates or rent them for \$2/pair. Concession stand will be open to purchase

THANK YOU!!!!

The PTO would like to thank all of the students and families who worked hard to make the Cookie Fundraiser a HUGE success! Over \$20,000 was raised to support PTO programs

Please join us for the next

PTO MEETING

Monday, November 16th