



NEW DIMENSIONS SCHOOL OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Port-A-Pit Chicken Fundraiser

Calvary Lutheran Church

Thursday, October 1st

11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Chicken, slaw, beans, & roll

Eat in or take out

**(deliveries will be made for lunch or dinner
with a 10 ticket minimum order)**

Tickets are \$7.50

All tickets **sold and unsold** must be returned to the school office by Monday, Sept. 28.

Any questions, call the office at 437-5753

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School Calendar



September 25—K, 1 & 2 Field Trip

September 25—PTO Drive In Movie

October 1—Port-A-Pit Chicken Fundraiser

October 6—Picture Day

October 8 & 9—No School

October 16—PTO Fall Carnival

October 21—NDS School Board Mtg. 4:00 p.m.

October 26—Teacher Workday/No School

November 11—Veterans Day—No School

November 16-24—PTO Scholastic Book Fair

November 25—1/2 Day—Thanksgiving Break

November 26-27—Thanksgiving Break

December 21—January 1—Christmas Break

January 5—Students return to school

CORE KNOWLEDGE UPDATES

Kindergarten

During the month of October we will continue to learn about pumpkins. We will learn all about fire safety, the voyage of Christopher Columbus, and bats and nocturnal animals. The last week of October we will discuss spiders and creepy crawlies. We would also like to take this time to welcome our kindergarten assistant Mrs. Coffee. We are so glad that she is a part of our Kindergarten Family.

First Grade

I love the month of October. Fall is just beginning and first grade learns about a lot of interesting themes. We will continue to talk about Mesopotamia, as well as Ancient Egypt. In addition to these geography topics, we will discuss living things and their environments.

I am so excited to see the students begin to use skills we have covered in our lessons during math, reading, and writing. Students are talking about their schema when making connections to books. They are trying out interesting opening sentences and super closing sentences. First grade students never cease to amaze me with the amount of growth they show over the year. I think you will be amazed.

Second Grade

In the month of October, the second grade will continue across the continent of Asia to learn about India and China. In science, we will be continuing our study of animal life cycles and the four seasons through the novel *Charlotte's Web*. We will also be reviewing the three states of matter: solid, liquid and gas.

Third Grade

Third grade heads out of this world as we begin our Solar System unit. We will focus on the phases of the moon, tracking the sun throughout the day, and following the movement of constellations. Stayed tuned for a field trip update!

I am available Wednesday after school from 2:45 to 3:15 for any student needing additional practice. This is a drop in session and open to any third graders.

Fourth Grade

In Social Studies we are finishing our unit on Europe in the Middle Ages. We will study early and medieval African kingdoms. Lastly we will begin our study on the American Revolution. In Science we will study the properties of matter, electricity and magnetism.

Fifth Grade

In Reading/Language Arts we will be reading *Little Women* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Grammar & usage, including: correcting fragments & run-ons, parts of speech, underlining for book titles.

In Math we will be working on: positive & negative whole numbers on a number line; order & compare numbers using symbols $<$, $>$, $=$; place value, commutative properties of addition & multiplication; points, rays, lines, segments; recognize variables & solve basic equations using variables.

We will study the Renaissance in Europe in History/Geography.

REMINDERS

Surveys

If you have not returned your survey, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out the survey, the information is very important for NDS future planning.



Annual Fund

NDS Annual Fund drive is underway. All donations are tax deductible. Every donation is welcome. The goal is 100% participation of parents and staff. If you need more donation letters to send to relatives or friends, stop by the office. Thank you for your support.

Picture Day

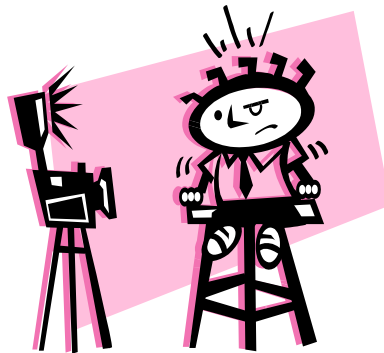
Picture Day at New Dimensions School will be on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

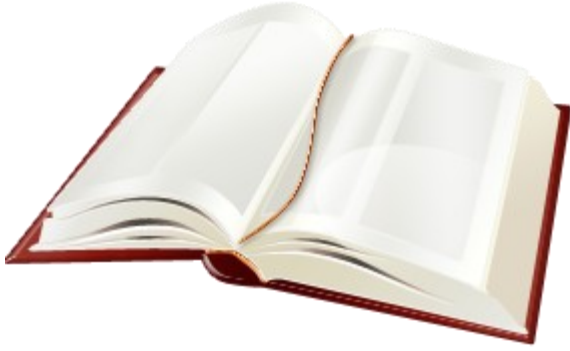
Our photographer is Mr. Andy Hern from Studio Graphics.

We will start taking the photographs by 8:15 a.m.

Proofs and package information will be sent home with your child.

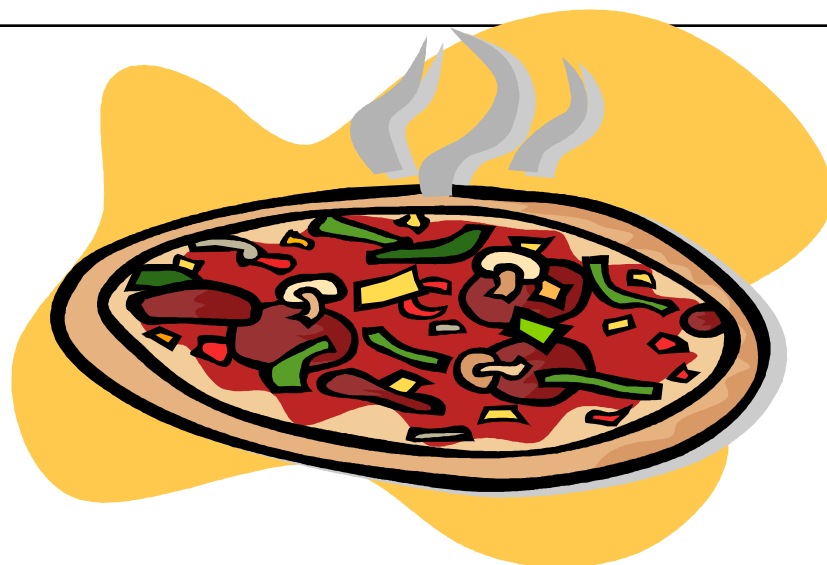
There is no obligation to purchase any of the pictures.





Pizza Hut Book It!

Pizza Hut Book It begins October 1, 2009. The students are celebrating reading this year with the Book It Program! Students and their teacher will work together to create monthly reading goals. When students meet their monthly goal, they earn a certificate good for a free Pizza Hut personal pan pizza. Reading goals, a parent letter, and reading log will be sent home in your child's daily folder.





Student Illness

Attached to the newsletter is some important information about the flu season. Steps to take to keep your family healthy and what to do if they do get the flu.

The staff is working extra hard at keeping the classrooms germ free by using antibacterial soaps, frequent hand washing, cleaning the tables and other surfaces with disinfecting wipes.

Please be sure to keep your child at home if they have a fever, sore throat, headache, or nausea. They must be fever free and showing no signs of illness for at least 24 hours before returning to school. If they have the actual flu your doctor will tell you how long to keep them home.

It will take all of us working together to keep our students and staff healthy during the upcoming flu season.

Lunch Cabinet

We are in need of items for the Lunch Cabinet. Lunch items such as peanut butter crackers, granola bars, juice boxes, etc. are kept on hand in case a student forgets their lunch. Donations to the cabinet may be brought to the office. Thank you!!



