



From the Principal

I can't believe that we only have a month of school left! It's been exciting watching the students at Albany Elementary grow throughout this school year.

I'd like to thank the Albany and Avon police departments who have committed time to coming in and working with our students using an anti-bullying program. It's fun to see the students and the officers making positive connections.

Our students have also benefitted from a program called Junior Achievement. Volunteers come in to our classrooms and work directly with our students. Topics covered include an awareness of community, economics, and careers found in our community.

The month of May has many end of the year activities including field trips; trips to the library, and Dairy Queen and spending time outside. Please check your students folders and teachers web pages for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS-MAY

- 4-5:30-7:00 Technology Night and BOGO Book fair
- 12-6:00 Grade 5 & 6 Show Case of the Stars
- 13-Grade 4-Sauk River Water Festival
- 14-8:30-9:30 Grade 2 Poetry Day
- 14-Last day for Learning Adventures
- 21-Grade 4 Arrowwood Water Park
- 22-Grade 5 Law Enforcement Center
- Grade 1-Amazn Farm Yard
- 25-Memorial Day
- 29-Last Day of School
- Awards Assembly in the morning
- - Picnic Lunch

END OF YEAR INFORMATION

Just a reminder, report cards and other student information will be back packed home on the last day of school. **Your Student's teacher for next year will be sent out in early August.** Class Supply Lists will be available on the web site or from the elementary office. Have a great May!!

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

The Wakanheza Council is sponsoring a Food Drive May 11-15. Please help by donating the following items:

- Grade 1-Krispie Rice Cereal
- Grade 2-Tissues
- Grade 3-Toilet Paper
- Grade 4-Shampoo/Conditioner
- Grade 5-Peas/Corn
- Grade 6-Pear Sauce

Donations may be brought to the classroom or can be brought to the *Showcase of the Stars* on May 12. Thanks for your donations.

SHOW CASE OF THE STARS

All are invited to Albany Elementary Showcase of Stars, Tuesday, May 12, 5:45-7:30. This is a Fine Arts evening that showcases the gifts and talents of our fifth and sixth grade students in the areas of Visual Arts, Dance, and Music. The Art Exhibit opens at 5:45- 6:30, followed by a performance of Dance; Instrumental and Piano Solos; and Ensembles, and Vocal.

Come and enjoy an evening of the ARTS!!

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF SUMMER READING

Please join us Monday May 4 from 5:30 - 7:00 for *Family Math, Reading Technology Night*. During this event you can complete a make and take project, play a magic number game, learn a magic trick or two, register for a free book and take part in the Buy One Get One Free Book Fair. Come for 15 minutes or spend whole night!!

Bike Helmet Fitting

Monday evening May 4. Bring your helmet to our front lobby and be fitted by the St. Cloud Hospital Injury Prevention Specialist.

CLASSROOM CONNECTION

THIRD GRADE

As the school year approaches its completion, the third graders have been diligently working to make the most of their learning opportunities. MCAs are completed, and end-of-the-year plans are being made. Watch for information regarding our free snack cart week that will take place May 11 through the 15. We will also be taking a trip to the Albany Public Library for a presentation on their summer reading program, and are in the process of planning our rocket launch, play at the park, and grade level pizza party for those who earned 100 or more points on their classroom reading goal. Please remember that summer is the perfect time for learning. From outdoor science experiments, to figuring the total mileage on a family trip, summertime offers many meaningful lessons for students to have with your guidance! Have a great summer!

FOURTH GRADE

We have been extremely "*Charged Up*" as we learned how an imbalance of protons and neutrons cause static electricity and just how current electricity works. We will soon be finishing up our MCA testing and will then be able to relax a bit. We are looking forward to our upcoming field trips. We will go to the Water Festival in Sauk Center on May 13 where we will learn all about water and how we should be taking care of it. Then on May 21 we will be going to the Water Park in Alexandria to play in the water that our earth has given us. *Learning with some fun!*

ALL SCHOOL DANCE --OUT OF THIS WORLD!!

Come and enjoy the fun! The High School Honor Society is planning a dance for all of our students.

Friday, May 15 6:30 to 8:30

PARENTS are invited to attend, but they are not required to stay

