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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Monday, October 24 and Thursday, October 27 from 4-8 p.m. There will be no school on Friday, October 28th. Miles Lions Club will be serving a meal to help raise money for scholarship funds. More information to come.



Pioneer Day

On Friday, October 7, East Central fifth grade students will attend the Pioneer Day as guests of Mrs. Lippens and Preston Elementary School. During the day they will observe various presenters showing the skills and processes used by pioneers, such as broom-making, caning, apple-butter preparation, mountain dulcimer musical instrument, and others. Students will walk to the Thresher Grounds (weather permitting). They will wear clothing representative of pioneer times, and will bring their lunches, non-refrigerated, of course. In the afternoon, Tommy Russell, caller from Eldridge, Iowa, will teach some square dance figures, and some local square dancers will demonstrate some of the dance moves. All students will have an opportunity to experience a real square dance.

Good-bye to Summer!

The third grade classes spent an afternoon talking about their adventures and vacations of this summer. They brought sunglasses, beach towels, flip flops, and wore summer clothes for the occasion. There was time outside for a game, sharing memories in groups, a writing assignment about an imaginary trip they could take, and even a frozen treat!

This fun time was a kickoff for a Social Studies Project they will be working on for about a month. Students will work in small groups or with a partner to plan an imaginary trip to the Quad Cities for a day of fun! They will be learning to do research on the internet, calculate costs, work with a partner, do a computer project, read a map, and use their speaking skills to present their work.

Hopefully everyone will have fun learning these skills!

Yearbooks

The 2010-11 yearbooks have arrived! If you ordered one and have not received it yet, please contact the Miles Office. There were a few extra available for sale for \$35.00.

Uganda Pen Pals

The students of a New Hope Kimbejja Junior School in Kampala, Uganda, wrote letters and drew pictures for East Central Elementary students. We received those pen pal letters in late August. The Ugandan pen pals wrote about their families, favorite sports and foods, family pets, and their school. Some of the pen pals included a photo of themselves.

East Central students wrote replies, which were mailed Sept. 19, 2011.

The U. S. Post Office estimates transit time as six to ten days, so our pen pals should have received the letters by publication of this newsletter. We look forward to their next mailing to us. The students in Uganda are learning English as a second language, so they will receive help in reading and preparing replies. This Sister School Partnership is made possible by Opportunity Education. More information is available at www.opportunityeducation.org.

Mrs. Briegel is the coordinator at E.C. for the Uganda Sister School Pen Pals.

East Central students and families are encouraged to research and learn more about the people of Uganda.

School Dates

October 12th-Early Dismissal
October 14th-End of 1st Quarter
October 24th-P/T Conferences
October 26th-Early Dismissal
October 27th-P/T Conferences
October 28th-No School



Junior High/High School Activities

Check out the Northeast website, www.northeast.k12.ia.us, for activities going on with our junior high and high school students. Select Athletics under the Middle and High School tab, click on Big East Athletic Conference Calendar, and select Northeast High School on the right side of the page.

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