



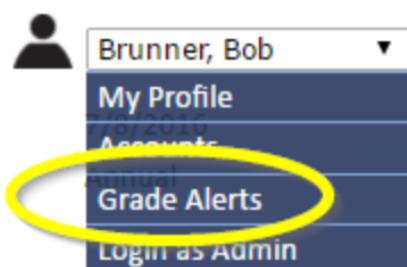
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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who has started using the AscendSMS online grade book. Once you login to your account and complete the information page you should see your student's current grades. If you can't get logged in please send me an email, and I can send you your password again or help find a solution to the problem.

I appreciate any feedback that you would like to share about the program. One parent told me that it's nice to ask their student what they did at school for the day, and not accept the common answer of 'nothing.' The grade book has many features that parents can customize.

Everyone who has signed into the program should be receiving email alerts for their student. The email alerts are sent out daily at 4:15 p.m. Another option is to set personalized alerts for your students grades. Mouse over your name in the top right corner and click "Grade Alerts."



The following are some main options you can choose to customize alerts for your student's account:

1. Choose subjects you would like receive grade alerts for.
2. Set the percentage to receive an alert for any assignment that falls at or below that percentage. You can set a different percentage for each subject.
3. Choose the types of missing assignments you would like to receive alerts about in addition to percentage alerts.
4. Set email preferences to receive emails in addition to the daily communication email. You can receive a weekly summary on the day of your choosing and/or a monthly summary on a certain day of the month.
5. You can also add other email addresses to receive these updates, like a grandma or tutor that would need this information to help with school work.

Make sure to click "Save" to update your changes.

Mr. Linder
Principal

Classroom Curriculum News



Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool:

In honor of Fire Prevention Month, with the help of Marshall, from Paw Patrol, Mrs. Lopshire's preschoolers learned to never play with fire. If you smell smoke, what do we do? Yell FIRE! and get out as fast as we can. During a fire never hide and always have an escape plan, which the class practiced during our fire drill. When asked what you do if your clothes catch on fire; the preschoolers answered; STOP, DROP, and ROLL. To finish off the morning, we had a great time making our very own fire hat.

Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten:

In math class this week we learned how to identify shapes. We learned that a triangle has three sides and three vertices. A circle has zero sides and zero vertices; and that both a square and a rectangle have four sides and four vertices. Waylon remembered that to tell the difference between a square and a rectangle, a rectangle has two sides that are longer than the other two, while a square has all equal sides.

Miss Kuhlman - 1 & 2:

Grades 1 & 2 are tremendously busy in their classroom. In Math, they are presently going over types of lines: horizontal, vertical, and oblique. They have been introduced to fractions. Today, they learned which number of a fraction is the numerator and which one is the denominator. They are also comparing fractions to discover the greater one and the lesser one.

Mrs. Gideon - 3 & 4:

Grades 3 and 4 did a math investigation on measurements of length. As part of the lesson, we laid a meter stick on the floor and attempted to cover it in one BIG step. Jack Schoenauer said "It will be easy to remember about how long a meter is!" Pictured is Bela McDougale trying to step a meter with Jazmyne Roddy and Delana Noggle keeping her steady.



5th & 6th Grade:

Students have been studying ancient Egypt in social studies. Students went on a virtual field trip of the temple at Karnak using the smart board and Google Earth. Students were able to look around inside the temple

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and see the hieroglyphics inscribed on the pillars. Arin James said, "It was fun, and I wish we can do it again." Maggie Cox said, "I like how you could see what the pyramid was really like."



Mrs. Gerardot - 2, 4, & 6 Reading:

Last week 6th grade did a webquest about pumpkins. They needed to research what the best pumpkin is to use for baking pumpkin pie. They all found that the Baby Pam or New England Pie pumpkins are the best. Ask your student as to why? On Thursday to conclude our pumpkin pie research, they made pumpkin pies. They all turned out great. Oliver said, "My favorite part this week was making the pies and getting messy."



Keep selling for the Apple Pie Fundraiser. **Your orders should be back to school by Friday, October 21st.** We need to

have all the forms and money collected before the next PTA meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th. This will give us a good idea for the numbers we will need to make the pies.

We have generous donations that covered the cost of apples, dry ingredients, and boxes. This should be a great profit for the school! Thank you all for again making this fundraiser a successful one.



Please keep the Wolford family in your prayers. Angie Wolford's dad, Jerry Price, is awaiting a double lung transplant. Please read the attached flyer for more information.



Congratulations to the Andrea and Matt Mead family. The Mead family welcomed new baby Kyra Lynne Mead last week. A.J. and Adrianna are proud siblings in Miss Kuhlman's class.



This Friday, October 21st, will be the last day that shorts may be worn to school. The dress code states that the first and the last nine weeks shorts may be worn to school. Sorry to be the bearer of this bad news :(



Just a reminder that we are planning a special Veterans Day Mass on Friday, November 11th, at 11:00 in the Payne church. Immediately following Mass the

students will present a short program in the hall. Veterans are invited to be our guest for lunch. Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a dinner roll will be served for lunch.

Please let us know how many veteran guests will be joining your student for lunch so we can give an accurate count to the Payne cafeteria.

Last Friday, students enjoyed a dance/ice cream party for selling items for the Club's Choice Fundraiser. Ryan, from Club's Choice, surprised Eli Stuart with a giant Rice Krispies Treat for selling the most items.



School Jackets - The company has offered, at no cost, to put names on the back of the jackets. They will just put the last name of each student on the back of each jacket,

UNLESS you let us know differently. Please email me, Mr. Linder (principal@dmcschool.com), to let me know by today or tomorrow. I will send in the names list tomorrow after school, October 20th. The company is currently putting together a Divine Mercy spirit wear order form for anyone else who is interested in purchasing the jacket or other items.



Please read through the attached basketball participation form. If you want your student to play for Divine Mercy this year, please fill this form out and return it to the school office. This **Sunday, October 23rd**, there will be open gyms in the hall for boys and girls basketball players. The girls will play from 12-2 pm and the boys will play from 2-4 pm. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Upcoming Dates:

- Oct 24-28 Red Ribbon Week - Say no to drugs activities
- Tues 10/25 PTA meeting @ 6:30
- Weds 10/26 1st quarter grade cards
- Fri 10/28 School Mass @ 9:15
Father teaching
- Tues 11/1 Mass @ 9:15 - All Saints Day (Holy Day)
- Nov 3-4 NO SCHOOL - Wayne Trace has conferences
- Fri 11/11 Veterans Day Mass @ 11:00 directly followed by a short program and lunch
- Sat 11/12 Apple Pie assembly day and pickup



Red Ribbon Week

October 24-28

Next week, October 24-28, is Red Ribbon Week. This is a week where students participate in fun activities throughout the week, and celebrate the choice to be drug free. The activities for the week are:

Monday - pajama and wild hair day

Tuesday - wear team jerseys



Wednesday - dress like a Minion

Thursday - wear bright clothes



Friday - students receive Smarties candy

