



**From the Principal's Desk...**

Ms. Julie Albers, Principal

Can you believe that we are more than mid-way through the first quarter of this school year? Last week, our first graders spent a morning devoted to "apple activities" as they celebrated the fall season. We know that these activities could not be planned without the support of parents and family members who come in to assist our teachers. We appreciate your support of these projects! I'd also like to thank all of the families who worked to sell their packet of raffle tickets for the elementary PTO. With your assistance, we raised more than \$6000 with our raffle ticket fundraiser! Wow!! That is exciting! What's even more exciting is that we have already started drawing out the names of winners! Please refer to the article in the newsletter to find out who the big winners have been so far!!

Grandparents Day is coming next week! Please refer to the separate note sent home on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> for specific directions and explanations for the activities. You can also refer to the PTO article in the newsletter to find out more information on how you can help. We need cookies to be donated and parents to help assist with sorting cookie trays for each class and preparing and pouring lemonade for each class. Call PTO Missy Bade at 309-253-0209. Our next family PTO activity in October will be a "Trunk and Treat!" Planning for that activity is underway. You can learn more about it by attending our October PTO meeting, which is next Monday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria.

Many of you scheduled your conference with your child's teacher at Open House...thanks for doing that. Parent-Teacher conferences are such an important time. If you did not have the opportunity to set up a conference time, you will be hearing from your child's teacher soon (or you may already have!) regarding a day/time. Please make the effort to set up a time to meet with your child's teacher and discuss his/her progress so far this school year. We need your support in order to be successful in our work with your child.

We will celebrate a first successful month of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) with a snow cone party on Friday afternoon. All students who successfully made good behavior choices throughout the entire month of September will be participating in this activity...snow cones and extra recess! What a great way to end the day on Friday!! You can read more about the PBIS celebration in the newsletter.

You can refer to the enclosed October calendar for an up-to-date schedule for this month's events and activities. As always, we appreciate your participation and support.

We look forward to seeing you and your family throughout the upcoming month...whether it is during our Grandparents Day celebration, at Parent Teacher Conferences or during our Halloween celebrations. There are many opportunities to visit our school and share in your child's education.

Enjoy this month's newsletter...and bring on the cooler weather! I'm ready for fall!!