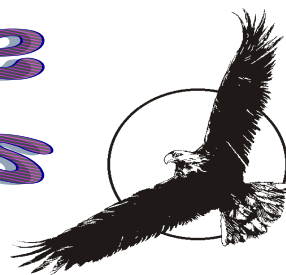


# Salem Eagle Expressions

A QUALITY EDUCATION UNDER A CARING CHRIST



## UPCOMING DATES

### Friday, September 13

Mid-Quarter Reports  
Sent Home

### Friday, September 20

No School –  
Teacher Workshop

## UPCOMING SPORTS

### *SOCCER*

### Tuesday, September 17

Away vs. St. Paul at 4:30pm

### September 19 – 21

8 vs. 8 Tournament at  
Atonement

### *VOLLEYBALL*

### Tuesday, September 17

Away vs. Immanuel  
4:30B/5:30A

### Monday, September 23

Away vs. Green Park  
4:30A/5:30B

## MID-QUARTER REPORTS

Friday, September 13

Mid-Quarter Progress Reports were sent home with your child for grades 1- 8. The envelope should be signed and returned on Monday, September 16.

Please talk with your child about their grades. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you.

## ACCELERATED READER GRADES 1- 8

Students should be at 50% of their goal by Friday, September 13. Please check on them and read with them.

## SUGAR, SUGAR, SUGAR

Don't forget to bring your C & H Sugar in for Applebutter. Anyone who brings in 30 pounds eliminates 3 PALS hours.

## FAST DIRECT LOGIN

Parents, call the school office if you have forgotten or misplaced your username and password. Fast Direct allows you to:

- Check your child's grades
- See the lunch menu for the month
- Communicate with your child's teacher
- Teachers post bulletin boards with information about the classroom. Just click on the "planner" view

Thank you for working with the school to build a solid foundation for the future leaders of the world.

## PALS OPPORTUNITY APPLEBUTTER

### *JAR WASHING*

Wednesday, September 18  
6pm - ?  
At Salem school gym

### *APPLE PEELING AND CORING*

Friday, September 27  
8am - ? Lunch provided  
At bus barn across the street  
from the school  
Bring a pan, knife, and towel

### *APPLEBUTTER COOKING*

Saturday, September 28  
6am - ?  
Breakfast and lunch provided  
At bus barn across the street  
from the school

## REMINDER!

NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

TEACHERS WORKSHOP



## OUR PRINCIPAL

## CHAPEL T-SHIRTS

Great job on ordering chapel T-Shirts! They should be in by the end of September.



## **OUR TEACHERS**

### **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

The Sixth Grade is starting off well. After settling into their routines, all of my students have shown enthusiasm in learning and participating in class.

In Social Studies, they have worked very hard studying Mesopotamia, Babylon, Judaism and Egypt as they start their tour of World History. They should be proud of how much they have studied the Cradle of Civilization as they learn the importance of agriculture and how it led to the development of specialization of job and the start of civilization.

In English, they have studied Nouns and Verbs, and are now ready to take their first test on what they have learned. I am proud of how quickly they have learned these parts of speech as they continue learning about how to properly use them.

In Fine Arts, they have learned about the color wheel and different types of painting and other types of art. After learning about shadow and the effect of light on two dimensional objects to make them look three dimensional, they had an opportunity to practice this by creating their own still life drawing.

In Spelling, they have already taken three tests over their words, with an opportunity to practice on worksheets which allow them to use their words in sentences and connect them to other similar words.

In Vocabulary, after

discovering the meaning of their words by guessing their meaning, and practicing their words through various activities in their Vocabulary book, they have taken their first test over the spelling and definitions of their words.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with the bright and eager young minds of my Sixth Grade class, and I look forward to continuing to work with them in their various subjects as they continue to grow and learn.

One thing to note - on September 26 at 7 pm, there will be a meeting about the 6th grade camp that is on Thursday, October 24 and 25. Look for more information to come from Ms. Pena.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Laleman

### **7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

I can't believe it is already half way through the first quarter. It has gone by so quickly that I think it has taken all of us off guard. Some of the students have been working hard on their AR goals, but others have a long way to go. They should be at 50% of their goal by Mid-Quarter, which is this Friday, September 13. Students should be reading at least 10-15 minutes a night. Please make this a priority at home. Studies have shown that students that read regularly score 20% higher on IQ tests, as well as have a greater understanding of how to interact with one another and fluid intelligence.

A new part of the 7th grade

curriculum is a STEM class. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Students have liked this new addition to their schedules and quite often ask if they can do a STEM project today. Students are put in groups, given a problem and supplies, and are asked to come up with a way to solve the problem. They have to work together, using each other's talents to come up with a solution on paper and then actually create the solution. They go back and evaluate what they have done and make any changes that need to be made. Then they present them to the class. We have done only a few of these projects so far since we only get class twice a week and each project usually takes at least 2 class periods, usually closer to 3. The next project we are starting goes with what we are studying in Science, Plant and Animal Cells. Students will have to create a model of one of the cells. STEM careers are increasing at a high rate. Since 1990, STEM employment has increased by 79%. This is the future for our children, and I am glad that we have this opportunity to give to our students.

In Science, we are learning about cells, cell theory, and microscopes. The students had a wonderful time using the microscopes. First, we learned how to use the microscopes by looking at some already prepared slides. Then, we learned how to make our own wet mount slides. We made slides of pond water from one of our city parks and looked at them under the

microscope. The students were amazed, and a little grossed out, by all the organisms that were swimming around in the water. It was so cool to see them get so excited about seeing the different organisms. In fact, we hooked up a camera to the promethean board so the other Science classes could see them as well.

In Fine Arts, we have been having class discussion over money management, credit, banking, loans, etc. The students have several questions. We are using a program called Banzai that is put out by a local credit union, and I am working on them coming in to talk with the students as well. I am also hoping to set up a field trip to the Economy Museum downtown. We will need drivers for that, and I will send out more information when I talk to them more.

In Art, students made portraits of themselves with poems attached to the picture. Now, they are working on Sunset Silhouettes using watercolor paints, tempera paint, and black paper. We have been challenged to make something from recycled material. I think we will be making sculptures with plastic water bottles, so send in your empty water bottles instead of trashing them.

Yours in Christ,  
Ms. Pena

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Potter's Publication

I am happy to be back in the school routine. I missed the students over break and it is nice to have my school family back in my daily life. We are looking forward to our field trip to the City Museum on September 30th. Also, please help us, if you are able to, to fill the shoe boxes sent home for Operation Christmas Child. Please continue to send in your bottle caps for our Fine Arts projects as well.

I can't believe mid-quarter is already here. All sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students need to make sure they are completing X-tra math four times per week. X-tra math goes into the grade book each week as a 20 point homework assignment. The X-tra math week runs Monday through Sunday and only one session

counts per day. Your child must complete the program until in states, "You are done!" in order for it to count. This should not take any longer than five to seven minutes per day. Also, mid-quarter snuck up on us and some of us are a bit behind on our AR goals. Please see to it that your child is reading nightly. It is helpful to make it a weekly habit to check your child's grades here on Fast Direct as well. This way any missing assignments can be submitted for a grade.

Currently, the sixth grade math students are multiplying decimals, the seventh graders are learning exponent rules and order of operations, and the eighth graders are working on two-step equations involving the distributive property. All math students have had one major test recorded. In Literature, both the seventh and

eighth graders are working on summarizing, reading for a deeper understanding, and building vocabulary skills. During computer classes, students are learning to type with faster speed and accuracy.

I am looking forward to another amazing year here at Salem. As always, please feel free to contact me on Fast Direct or stop in before or after school with any questions / concerns you may have.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Potter

