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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It is difficult to believe that the 1985-86 school year is nearly over! The success of the past year is measured in many ways, but I find the parent-teacher cooperation and a mutual concern for ‘our kids’ to be the factors which best speak to Laboratory School success. Without the help of caring, concerned parents, even the best teachers and programs for children cannot consistently succeed. The faculty and I take this opportunity to express our appreciation to each of you for helping us to make 1985-86 a productive learning year for our students. We hope that each of you will have a pleasant summer vacation, and look forward to working with most of you again next fall. For those children and families that will not return to Price Lab School next fall, we wish for you the best possible experiences in your new school and community.

Several faculty changes are announced for the 1986-87 school year:

1) Dr. Ross A. Nielsen, Head of the Department of Teaching and Director of Malcolm Price Laboratory School, is retiring after 39 years as a member of the faculty of the University of Northern Iowa. His dedication to the school and his exceptional leadership skills will be sorely missed. We wish Dr. Nielsen good health, happiness, and pleasedable travels in the years ahead!

2) Dr. James L. Doud, Elementary Principal, has been named Acting Head of the Department of Teaching and Director of Malcolm Price Laboratory School for the 1986-87 academic year.

3) Mrs. Judy Beckman, chair of the PLS Language Arts Department has been named as Administrative Assistant in charge of the Elementary School for the 1986-87 school year.

4) Four Laboratory School teachers have been named by D.C. Heath and Company, publishers of educational textbooks, as the writing team for their forthcoming elementary school science series. So that they might meet the publication deadlines for this series, Mrs. Joan Duea, Mrs. Betty Strub, Mr. David Christensen, and Dr. James Kelly (high school science department) have been granted one-year leaves of absence for the 1986-87 school year. While the selection of these excellent teachers leaves some big holes to fill, it is a tremendous opportunity for their con-
continuing professional growth and a distinct honor for Price Lab School to have the entire author team come from one school. The screening and interview for replacements will begin on May 19th, and we hope to have these positions filled by the middle of June.

5) Mrs. Michelle Link-Drey has resigned from her position as Nursery/Kindergarten teacher. She and her husband anticipate relocation in an area where her husband will have employment opportunities in the field of community recreation. Mrs. Drey has been an exceptionally productive and effective first-year teacher in our school, and we regret losing her from the faculty. The search for her replacement continues at the time of this printing.

6) Ms. Kim Klaseus, elementary resource room teacher during the current school year, has been selected to fill this position on a continuing basis starting with the coming school year. We are very pleased that Ms. Klaseus will continue to serve our school and students in this position.

Dr. James Doud

NURSERY/KINDERGARTEN

The nurserykindergarteners climaxed the school year with a family picnic on Thursday, May 22nd, on the school playground and front lawn. Over 200 family members attended.

We will conclude the school year with ‘Backwards Day’ (backwards clothing); ‘Farm Day’ (farm clothing); ‘Teddy Bear Day’ (favorite teddy bears), ‘Country/Western Day (country western clothing); ‘Beach Day’ (beach clothing); ‘Party Day’ (party clothing); and summer birthday celebrations. Sounds like lots of fun.

Our thanks to the parents and children for a great year!

Dr. Gloria Kirkland
Mrs. Michelle Link-Drey

GRADE 1

‘Ohio’, ‘Sayanora’ and ‘Mr. Kadamo’ are now a part of our first graders’ vocabulary. Our study of Japan has found us making getas (shoes), kimonos and furoshiki (bundles); eating a Japanese lunch (even trying chop sticks); participating in Japanese paper folding; writing messages using Japanese characters; and writing an in-depth report on one aspect of our Japanese Festival held for parents and friends.

Earlier this Spring, we traveled to the Sac-Fox Settlement School to visit our
Native American friends and participate in their Fun Run. The speedy, as well as the walkers, were given a navy blue T-shirt with BEST written across the front as a prize.

Our last few weeks together will be spent talking about vacations. We will investigate the weather’s effect on vacation choices and the influence water, air, land and transportation have on our vacation plans.

We close the year bidding goodbye to our two fine associate teachers, Barb Schmidt and Cathy LeVan, and commending the parents for supporting our program so whole-heartedly and providing us with children who are so ready and eager to learn.

Dr. Judy Finkelstein
Mrs. Lynn Moore

GRAD 2-3
During the month of April we completed a unit on American heritage. The students investigated the events leading to the writing of the Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

Creative Dramatics experiences, as well as poetry and art activities, supplemented the unit.

Science units during the spring included changes for second-graders where students set up experiments and predicted outcomes. Third-graders studied Mobiles. Concepts included symmetry, balance, and weight.

The final science unit of the year involved an investigation of weather. Students made simple weather instruments related to the measurement of humidity, wind direction, and air pressure. The unit was culminated by a trip to Hartman Reserve on May 23.

With summer approaching, the teachers of Unit III wish the Price Lab parents and students a restful and relaxing break. Don’t forget that the Lab School library continues to operate through the summer months and students are encouraged to check out books during the afternoons.

2- Mrs. Elizabeth Strub 3- Mrs. Joan Duea
Mrs. Janet McClain Dr. Lynn Nielsen

GRADE 4
After a year of diligent research, planning and hard work, students in Mrs. Hornby’s class put on THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH. We practiced numerous communication skills, but most importantly it was an experience in learning how to have fun while learning how to READ, WRITE and THINK. Many thanks for everyone who had a part in making this an extra special educational journey! We will remember it forever!
Miss Wolfe's students continue to be involved with visiting their friends at the Lutheran Home and enjoyed cooperative plays with both age levels participating. This activity was used to enhance the study of the 1896-1995 timeline. The class also worked with Gretta Berghammer, UNI Creative Dramatics instructor, to produce a dramatic review of history's most unusual moments. It was called 'Amazing Firsts, Feats, and Futures'.

It has been a good year for the fourth grade! We are confident that these outstanding learners will become an excellent fifth grade group.

Mrs. Joyce Hornby
Miss Joanne Wolfe

GRADE 5
DES MOINES-HERE WE COME! Those words appear to be the most popular words spoken by the fifth graders these past few weeks. This year, as part of the fifth grade Iowa History social studies curriculum, the students are traveling to the state capitol and to the Iowa Living History Farms. In order to finance the trip the students held a two-day bake sale. The proceeds from the sale will be used for their admission fee to the Living History Farms, a lunch at 'The Golden Arches', and spending money for souvenirs. The students were involved in advertising, baking, selling, clerking, and figuring the profit. It was a terrific experience for the students. Everyone appreciates the support, of not only the parents, but the folks who so generously purchased the goodies!

During the past nine weeks, students have been working diligently completing classroom units of study and end-of-year activities including: band, orchestra, and choral events, and elementary field day.

Mrs. Maribelle Betterton
Mr. David Christensen

GRADE 6
On April 23, the sixth graders became heart surgeons. Teams of three students dissected pork hearts as part of a health unit on the circulatory system. As part of the follow-up, the groups were asked to share their impressions of the experience by writing a cinquain. Some examples follow:

Chewy,
Sticky, smelly
Fat, ugly, big,
Squishy, squirmy, slippery, squiggly
Rubbery.

-Tim Bastion, Melody Parkes
Ryan Brandt

Fun!
Bloody, smelly
Careful steady hands
Working toward a goal
Educational!

-Amy Gephart, Darian Kimbrough
Scott Clausen

Awesome!
Slimy, stinky,
Bloody, disgusting, red,
Tough, strong, tiny, gooey,
Pump.

-Travis McCabe, Mark Nielsen
Tony Hoy

Dr. Marc Yoder
RESOURCES ROOM

Story writing is a vital part of our program. We have been working on 'spicing' up our writing so it's more interesting to read. Report writing is also included, and some students have been developing reports on the history of flight. They have progressed from the hot-air balloon to the space shuttle. Their last project will be to put together a model of the space shuttle. Specific punctuation and grammar has been taught and practiced throughout all of the writing experiences.

The students have selected books to read to the kindergarten and first grade. They've been practicing expression and other techniques to hold the listener's attention - their excitement and enthusiasm is building.

The end of the year brings feelings of accomplishment and anticipation for the summer. In order to maintain the accomplishments of the year we are going to run a summer school for the students that will be flexible enough for them to enjoy summer fun.

Ms Kim Klaseus

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The final weeks of the school year have been filled with a variety of activities for classroom groups, small groups and some individuals. These activities include:

1st grade - 'Springtime Safety'
2nd - 3rd grade - focused upon individual strengths-limitations, reflections on the current school year, and summer plans
4th grade - concentrated on problem solving and rational thinking skills
5th grade - developed a safety coloring book demonstrating important protection strategies to be shared with younger students.
6th grade - orientation to 7th grade

In April and May, the Family and Children's Council of Black Hawk County presented their sexual abuse prevention program to our parents, teachers, and N-8 students. The primary goal of this program is to empower children with strategies to protect themselves. This opportunity to teach and reinforce important personal safety strategies has received a positive response from parents, staff and students.

As we look forward to the summer months, I would like to share with you the tips for parents which the CBS Broadcast group recommends in order to help create a safe and healthy environment for children. Teach Your Children:

1) That they can always talk to you about their fears and concerns.
2) To Tell you immediately if any adult asks them to keep a secret, Offers to give them gifts or wants to photograph them.
3) That their bodies belong to them and they can resist uncomfortable touch even by relatives.
4) What to do and what not to do when home alone.
5) That they can say 'NO' to strangers.
6) To walk and play with friends rather
than alone.
7) To yell and run if someone tries to follow or grab them.
8) A family code word that can be used in all messages intended for your child.
9) A family action plan to be used if you should become separated away from home.
10) Full name, address, phone number (including area code, how to make a long distance call, and how to dial ‘0’)

Clare Struck, 273-2220

HEALTH OFFICE
As I reflect upon this past year, I remember the very heavy outbreak of influenza and the unusual outbreaks of head lice. However, there are pleasant reflections too!! I have been appreciative of the way in which families have responded in a quick way to control the spread of communicable diseases, by keeping sick children at home and by providing treatment as needed. Thank you!

It has been a joy in this past year to see many of our classrooms involved in various kinds of wellness promotion. It is my firm belief that lifetime patterns of 'healthy living habits' can be established at the kindergarten and first grade level. It is a wonderful experience to have a first grader run up and say 'Mrs. Flemr - you won't believe it, but my mother got all 4 food groups in my one sandwich!' They are excited about learning and about demonstrating their healthy habits.

Just a reminder to all parents of current 6th graders. A physical exam is required for entrance into 7th grade. These may be obtained any time during the summer. A form will be sent home with your 6th grade students.

Have a healthy summer - - may you find some time for relaxation.

Sue Flemr, RN

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
P.E. Classes in a Study
As part of a Master's Degree thesis study, third, fourth, and fifth graders in Mrs.Duea's, Ms. Wolfe's, and Mrs. Betterton's classes enjoyed being tested in various ways. A physical fitness test was run on each student that included sit-ups, sit-and-reach measurement, and a nine-minute run. Part of each class also received further testing to determine lung capacity and percentage of body fat.

The most interesting test was the body fat measurement. The students traveled to the West Gymnasium on the UNI campus where they were 'underwater weighed.' This test consisted of each student sitting on a seat suspended in a large tank of warm water. The seat was attached to a scale so that the students could be weighed while under the water. All truly enjoyed the experience. We are waiting for the test
Field Day A Success
Everyone enjoyed the annual 'Field Day' put on by the Price Laboratory physical education department. Activities for grades 1-3 arranged by Coaches Waack, Jackley, and Myers included soccer kick, tennis ball throw, standing long jump, 50-yard dash, 200-yard dash, and a timed distance run. Grades 4-6, under the direction of Coaches Aldrich, Grosso, and Lee, participated in the football punt, soccer kick, softball throw, running long jump, high jump, 50-yard dash, 220-yard dash, and 440-yard relay. The upper elementary students ended their competition with a spirited tug-of-war. At the end of the day, the students all enjoyed pop and popcorn provided by the P.E. Department. A big hand goes out to all the elementary teachers, student teachers, and other helpers who made the day go so smoothly.

ART DEPARTMENT
The art department was bustin' out all over with exotic space flowers which were paper sculpture projects displayed at the Spring Reading Conference. Some of these creative-like objects had dynamic personalities while others had people-eating characteristics. This project along with imaginary cityscapes, musks, and fantasy cars represented the three-dimensional program this semester. Student teachers, Bruce Tuthill and Tim McAninch, assisted with these projects.

In addition to classroom and hall exhibits, a special invitation went out to parents of first, fourth, and sixth grade students to view an exhibit of Spanish culture paintings and sculpture which was produced for Foreign Language Week. The traveling art exhibit returned to the Lab School from four area schools; Dike, Grundy Center, Hudson and LaPorte City. This exhibit will be on display until the end of the school year.

Dr. Annette Swann

SPEECH/LANGUAGE/HEARING DEPARTMENT
The Speech-Language-Hearing department at PLS has had a good year. A number of young children with special needs were identified early in the fall and significant progress has been noted. The addition of Nurse Flemr, an otoscope, and a new tympanometry test has contributed greater precision to the hearing screening program. Parents who have any concerns about their child's speech, language or hearing can contact the department early in the fall. Thanks to parents who cooperated on programs for their children. You've been special!

Dr. Lois Potter
273-2546 or 273-2220

SPANISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE
Sixth graders have now completed the unit on weather. Their accomplishments and command of vocabulary and structure needed in order to converse about this area were recognized on May 14, when they were formally admitted to the Pena del Bisonte (Club of the Bison). Parents were our honored guests, and were rewarded by being treated to a presentation of two folk
dances, the bambuco of Colombia and the tiro liro of Spain. Parents joined in the dancing of the latter.

Those who reached the highest rank of comendador or comendadora were: Jeff Chamberlin, Scott Clausen, Tony Hoy, Michelle King, Mark Nielsen, Forrest Roberts, Jason Schoneman, Danny Seufferlein, Sanjay Thakur and Neal Westin.

We thank the parents for their cooperation, and special thanks are expressed to Mrs. Shirley Nielsen, who made the ponchos for the dancers, and to Ms. Glenda Martin, Mrs. Pam King, Mrs. Judy Parks and Mrs. Heidi Bremer, who made the skirts and flowers. We are also very appreciative of the enthusiastic support and cooperation of Dr. Marc Yoder.

Senora Argelia Colon de Hawley

SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 29 - Fifth grade field trip to Des Moines (7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)
May 30 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL; CLASSES DISMISS AT 11:30 a.m.
June 17 - PLS Summer Session begins
July 4 - No School: Independence Day
July 25 - PLS Summer Session ends
Aug. 27 - 1986-87 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS
Sept. 1 - No School: Labor Day