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SCHOOL NOTES

The Green
and Gold

UPPER I AND II—Hugh Skidmore

The seventh and eighth grades are busy this month with many things. Seventh Graders took the Lorge-Thorn-dike I.Q. tests January 30-31 and their second N.E.D.T. test during the second week of January.

Eighth graders took their High School entrance exams at a number of prospective high schools. Science Fair projects are being planned and undertaken.

LENT

Cyndi Woods

Lent is a religious season observed by the Catholic Church which takes place in the spring. It begins 40 days before Easter and ends on Easter Sunday. The term Lent comes from the old English word leneten, which means springtime. Lent is part of the regular church year in the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox and Protestant Episcopal churches.

Lent is observed in many ways such as fasting, performing penance, giving alms, and abstaining from amusements. The season began as a spiritual preparation for Easter in remembrance of the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. At first it was a 36-day period but was changed to remind us of the 40 days that Christ fasted in the wilderness.

INTERMEDIATE—Denise Espinosa
Mrs. Rice, Room 101

January was a very interesting month for the math students in fourth grade. They became acquainted with the basic terms used in the metric system, and discovered some of the differences between metrics and our English system of measures. Fractions and mixed numbers completed the math schedule for January.

The fourth graders kept busy during the many indoor recess periods with a yarn art project.

Mrs. Arasim, Room 102

The fifth grade has been busy decorating their classroom with a bulletin board on the civil war and show men with distinctive characteristics. They have also been demonstrating their creative abilities with string art designs.

Mrs. Neal, Room 203

In Social Studies the 6th graders are studying Northern Europe. Booklets are being made with maps, flags, drawings and reports about the various countries.

Art work this month has included scribble designs, names cut out of letters they designed, and a valentine heart project.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY—John Denzer

Saint Valentine's day was originated by Saint Valentine who died a martyr for his faith. When Valentine was imprisoned, he sent a farewell letter to his friends and signed it from your Valentine. Since then, Valentine's Day has been celebrated by giving valentines. An old custom has it that on the eve of Saint Valentine's Day young people of both sexes used to get together and the men drew ladies names and whomever they drew, they had to stay with all through Valentine Day. It is also believed that birds begin to mate on this day.

K. C. Science Museum—Eileen Dujakovich

The 8th grade class toured the Kansas City Science Museum on Thursday, January 26.

Viewing the universe in the planetarium, crawling into an Eskimo's igloo and observing animals indigenous to Missouri were only a few of the many exhibits seen.

All students considered their trip a plus. In addition, the eighth graders appreciated the PTA's help in providing half of their bus fare.

Campbells' Soup Labels—Brad Stark

The dead line for Campbell's Soup Labels is March 1st. Please continue to save them and bring them to school before this deadline. These labels help us gain audio-visual equipment for the school and are an easy way to help our school add to its equipment for the benefit of all students.

PRIMARY—Joan Magerl & Sue Stamm

The kindergarten children have studied all the consonant sounds. They are enjoying being able to pick out the sounds in the beginning, middle and ending of words.

The first grade children have been making lots of snowflakes for windows and walls of their room. The children are learning their math facts through ten. They have also been talking about Jesus choosing His apostles.

The second grade is learning how to write in cursive.

They studied about how we depend on our families and our families depend on us. Now they are talking about what they think a friend is and what they could do to be a better friend to others.

They have learned about suffixes in Phonics—how to add them and how they change the meaning of the word.

The high group has finished their reader and the average group is finishing theirs this month.

GEORGE WASHINGTON—Jean Kostusik

George Washington, born on February 22, 1732, was our first president and commander in chief in the Revolutionary War.

ASH WEDNESDAY—Jim Cordry

This year Ash Wednesday is celebrated on February 8. It is the first day, or the beginning of the Lenten fast. It is the day on which Catholics receive the sign of the cross in ashes on their forehead. It symbolizes our need for contrition and penance during Lent. The ashes are obtained from the burned palms on Palm Sunday.

This practice dates back to the Old Testament which notes that a penitent sinner, wearing a penitential garb of sackcloth, a sign of humility and sorrow for sins, sprinkled himself with ashes.

Events in February

Lisa Dowd

February 9 - President Harrison - born 1773

February 12 - President Lincoln - born 1809

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 20 - All President's Day

February 22 - Boy Scout Founder, Robert

Baden-Powell - 1857

February 22 - President Washington - born 1732

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