

CUB NEWS

READ ACROSS AMERICA

The students at St Albans Consolidated School are taking part in a reading challenge this month. When students fill their reading logs, they are able to come down to the front office and choose a state to draw a picture on. Our goal is to fill the entire map of the United States with the student's art and signatures. The map is located on the bulletin board in the main hallway. When you come in the building, check out the progress that has already been made! In addition to reading enough books to fill that map, students are reading for the *Bikes for Books* raffle tickets. Every book read earns a student a ticket to place in class buckets for boys and girls. On April 12th, the Masonic Temple will draw two winners from each grade. These students will receive a bicycle and helmet.

PRINCIPAL'S CAFE

On Tuesday, March 13th, the Principal's Café will open in St Albans Consolidated. Students who won the cub awards will be invited to the café for lunch to reinforce safe, responsible, and respectful behavior in our school. The Principal's Café has been open in Corinna Elementary for three years. Students love the additional attention, social opportunities, and conversation they get to take part in during this small group opportunity. It also gives the principal an awesome opportunity to get to know each student a little better. When students have lunch in the office, they will bring home a little card to tell you they have had lunch in the Principal's Café. Ask them all about it!

The TRAFFIC CIRCLE

Please **do not park your cars** in the driveway in front of the school from **7:30-8:15 and 2:30-3:00**. The busses are having difficulty getting around the bend with the cars in the way. Thankfully, it's getting a little warmer and the walk from the parking lot isn't too bad.

UPCOMING EVENTS PTF

The next PTF meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 13th @ 6:00 in the Somerset Valley Consolidated School Cafeteria.** This will be a meeting for PK-4th grade parents, teachers, and 2 friends.

EARLY RELEASE AND NO SCHOOL

Thursday, March 15th will be an early release day. Students being picked up will be dismissed at 11:30. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, March 16th.

CONFERENCES

Due to the snow storm, conferences scheduled for March 8th have been rescheduled for March 22nd. Teachers are also hosting student led conferences on Tuesday, March 13th from 3:00-6:30.

BIRTHDAY LUNCH and POPCORN DAY

The PTF sponsored lunch, for students celebrating birthdays in March, will be held on Friday, March 30th. Popcorn will also be served on this day.

READING WITH YOUR CHILD

A book is a wonderful conversation starter. The story is just the beginning. After reading the book try some of these conversation starters:

- What was your favorite part?
- What did you notice about the story?
- Does this book remind you of anything?
- Does this book make you think of anything else you have read?
- What did you wonder as we were reading?
- Were there any parts that surprised you?
- What is one thing you would ask the author if you could talk to him or her?
- Which characters would you like to meet in real life?
- If you could give the book another title, what would it be?
- Was there one big lesson you took away from this book?
 - What are you going to read next?

Adapted from Johnson and Keier, "Catching Readers Before They Fall"

The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
 you will **KNOW**.
 The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
 you'll **GO**.

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Thank you to everyone who collected donations for this year's *Jump Rope For Heart* event. St. Albans Consolidated students raised \$1,579.06 to benefit the American Heart Association! That's amazing!! Thank you gifts have been ordered and should arrive in 4-6 weeks. As soon as they get to school, Mrs. McCullough will pass them out during your child's P.E. class.



Why READ Together?

One reason to read with your child is to develop LANGUAGE. Reading aloud grows your child's vocabulary and introduces many words and concepts that might not come up in everyday conversations.

Another reason to read with your child is to develop LITERACY SKILLS. Reading aloud is the best way to build literacy skills such as vocabulary, phonics, and comprehension.

A third reason for reading with your child is to foster a LOVE of READING. Parents who read aloud with their children demonstrate that reading is important, pleasurable, and valued.

Is there anything better than sharing a good book with your child on your lap?