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Blues News

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SCHOOL NEWS

Flu Update: To date, Salem has been blessed to be free of the new strain of influenza (Swine flu). I am sure parents are concerned since there have been isolated reports of numerous cases at local institutions and schools. The Department of Health does not want anyone to panic about the Swine flu but does encourage us to take precautions in order to help keep the virus away.

I have talked with the students and explained that the swine flu is very similar to the flu that has been around for years with similar symptoms (headache, fever, etc.) and that we should not be drinking or eating after one another. Since this virus is passed mainly by contact with hands and common areas of touching, we have also suggested that they do try to avoid using water fountains as much as possible and bring their own bottled water from home (3rd-8th only) as well as wash hands thoroughly several times a day. Since it is difficult for our younger students (PK-2nd) to keep bottles with them at school, we are cleaning our water fountains daily so that these students can continue to drink from the fountains safely. Please do not send water with students in PK-2nd grade.

I have ordered a school education kit that Clorox has put together for schools. It will include some cleaning agents (above and beyond what we use each week already), literature and steps schools can take to reduce the risk the flu being spread. In addition, we have ordered hand sanitizer dispensers that will be posted around the building and in classrooms. As you know, our school policy is that sick students may not return to school until they have been fever or symptom free for 24 hours which all families will be required to follow. Should one of our students contract the swine flu virus, he/she will be required to stay home for one full week as suggested by the CDC.

Fund Raiser: The candy sale fundraiser begins today. Two boxes of assorted chocolate will be sent home with each child. Since it will be difficult for students to carry two boxes home along with their school bags, the candy will be sent home in phases. Older students will receive their candy today and younger students will receive their candy tomorrow. Directions for selling and/or returning money or product back to school are included with the boxes.

Geography Question of the Week:

New Orleans is at or near sea level. What is the lowest point on earth? (Not counting oceans)

Last Week's Answer: 30,000 miles

Riddle Me This?

Mickey turns off the light in his bedroom. The light switch is 20 feet from the bed, but he still manages to get into his bed before it is dark. How does he do this?

Last Week's Answer: \$.05

Words of the Day:

- Sketch
- Tint
- Batik
- Dye
- Foreground

Important Dates:

- September 3rd: Salem day at Sicily's Pizza
- September 7th: Labor Day Holiday, No school

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Knights!**

