

Principal's Report

October 5, 2021

I. Enrollment updates

- PreK 3 – 49
- PreK 4 - 60
- K – 61
- Total Students 481

II. News About School

- We started the month of September with practicing an Intruder drill with the local law enforcement team. It went smoothly.
- The principals met by Zoom with the Sangamon County Dept of Public Health to discuss getting more help with contact tracing and questions regarding COVID-19 quarantines.
- We celebrated with Maddie Johnston sending her to state for golf with an outdoor Pep rally after Mass. She represented CTK well. She tied for 11th place!! So awesome.
- We had the School Bus “Student First” company give us a safety presentation, so students will know what to do while riding a bus if one is used for a field trip. This is part of our safety drills.
- Students in 8th grade went to Mission to Mars in Bloomington. They were one of the first classes back on the mission. Students and their teachers enjoyed the experience.
- A new Infant of Prague statue was delivered to CTK and rests in the front hallway of the school.
- We are participating in the 5th Annual Super Food Drive Challenge through Catholic Charities. The Girl Scouts in 1st, 2nd and 6th grades are also collecting food.
- Teachers enjoyed a two day in-house Math training day with presenter, Kristin Hilty. Her workshop gave the teachers great ideas to bring back to their classrooms. She met with K-2; 3-4; 5-8th; and preschool teachers and discussed calendar/games; basic concepts with hands-on manipulatives; place value; basic facts; multiplication; division; word problems-language and process; math games; fractions/decimals; and algebra tiles. She is a great consultant who we have used in the past.
- We practiced a fire drill to be sure students were aware of what the bell sounded like and where to go. We discussed doors being closed and not using the elevator. We also talked about how it is urgent to listen closely in case an area is closed due to a fire and we need to detour to another exit. Good drill for safety!
- Bonus Raffle Ticket sales will kick off on October 25th.
- This year we are able to award 12 students with \$37,485.33 in Empower Illinois scholarship awards. It is not too late to donate and get a tax benefit.
- MAGIC match sponsors are coming in. We were at \$10,000, and now \$23,250. We went from 19 to now 37 donors. Jessica is working on awarding these to the designated classrooms.

III. Curriculum Updates

- To supplement our curriculum and take full advantage of our new technology devices in the primary grades, we added IXL learning to our K-8 subscriptions. This is a supplement to

address skills in English Language Arts, Math, Science and History. We will enjoy a 2nd training to use this application on Tuesday, Oct. 5th at 2:00PM.

IV. Upcoming Events

- School Pictures
- Safety drills for students. (Fire and Earthquake)
- Living Rosary in October 4th at 2:00pm.
- Modified Grandparents day in October. Virtual prayer service, then afternoon activities to do with Grandparents at home. Interview and enter into a drawing. Grandparent video, and a virtual tour challenge found on the school website.
- Trunk or Treat, October 24th from 1:00-3:00pm.
- Flu Shots for staff members from Walgreens.
- Vision and Hearing Screening in K-8.

V. Staffing

- Eliie Washko has joined our staff as a preschool aide. Amanda Workman resigned.

VI. Building Needs/Conditions

- Windows need replacing.
- Preschool Boiler aging out.