

The Principal's Page

Immanuel Lutheran School - Silo

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NINE GRADUATE

June 2012

On Sunday, June 3, nine eighth grade students graduated from Immanuel Lutheran School - Silo. This year's graduates are: Michael Bjork, Collin Ellinghuysen, Ethan Ellinghuysen, Bryce Haag, A. J. Hines, Courtney Jacob, Jacob Kenyon, Elizabeth Prigge, and Shawn Wegman.

Five of these students have distinguished themselves by receiving the Outstanding Academic Excellence Award from the President of the United States. Those students are: Michael Bjork, Ethan Ellinghuysen, A.J. Hines, Courtney Jacob, and Jacob Kenyon.

CLASSES TAKE EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

As the school year ended all the classes took a day away from the classroom for a day-long field trip. These field trips are intended to be educational and reinforce curriculum that has been studied during the course of the school year. And of course the students also enjoy themselves.

Grades kindergarten through four spent Wednesday, May 23, at the Minnesota Zoo. The students were divided into small groups with a parent or teacher assigned to each group. The day was spent watching many animals in replicas of their natural habitats.

Grades five through eight spent Thursday, May 24, at two locations. The first was the Minnesota Science Museum. After spending time studying the many displays in the museum, all students and chaperons were treated to a movie in the omnitheater.

Following the Science Museum the group toured historic Fort Snelling before returning home.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, May 12, our softball teams participated in the conference softball tournament hosted at RCLS in Rochester. In order to have an even number of teams to make the tournament bracket work more smoothly, one school each year supplies a second team. This was Silo's year to supply the second team. It was agreed that the second team from Silo this year would be the fifth and sixth grade boys.

The second Silo team of fifth and sixth grade

boys suffered two losses, both at the hands of St. John's Lutheran School - Wykoff. They also handed Wykoff their only loss of the season. This team took second place in the tournament.

The Silo 1 team placed third in the same tournament. This team's only losses came at the hands of Wykoff and Silo 2.

ALL-LUTHERAN FIELD DAY

On Friday, May 18, grades three through eight students joined their counterparts from area Lutheran schools for a Track and Field day sponsored by St. Martin's Lutheran School in Winona. The day was a sun-drenched, beautiful day. The students conducted themselves very well and gave a very positive witness to both Christ and Silo. They enjoyed themselves immensely as they participated in a myriad of both running and field events.

TEACHING STAFF FOR NEXT YEAR

The current year's teaching staff is also in place for next school year. Because of an enrollment bubble in grades 1-4 the congregation has decided to add another teacher for next school year. The identity of this additional teacher is not firmly known as of this writing, but the congregation met on May 27 to extend a call for that position.

PRINCIPAL FOR NEXT YEAR

At this point the Call Committee has put the calling of a principal on hold until next fall. The congregation was able to send out two calls for the position with no success. The current plan is for Mr. Pfeiffer to continue as Interim Principal for another year.

LOOKING AHEAD

- The Board of Education is committed to resuming the search for a principal next fall.
- We anticipate opening the school year with a slightly higher enrollment than the 2011-2012 ending enrollment of 90 K-8 and 14 preschool students.
- School starts after Labor Day, September 4.
- See a skeleton calendar for 2012-2013 posted on the website under *Calendars*.