

Falcon News
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Family Math Night

Make sure to block out **Thursday, November 17th** on your family calendar for a fun math family night and ice-cream social. We will start at 6:30 with math games for children in the gym/commons. Also, starting at 6:30 to 7:15 in the library, we will have a math workshop for parents to learn innovative ways to help support your child in math, quick and easy math games to play at home that reinforce math skills and concepts and strategies to use to build confidence and enthusiasm for math in your child.

We will roll out the ice-cream at 7:15 to top off this great night, while we play more math games with parents and friends. This is a **FREE** event, so join us for a little fun. Remember, this is a family event for parents AND children.

Math Challenge

As a part of our math focus, we have a math challenge board in the main lobby where students can pick up a math problem, take it home and work on it either alone or with their family. Last month's challenge was a Bubble Tape mystery that more than 60 students attempted to solve. The secret to solving this question was to work backwards, a strategy used to solve many types of problems. From all the students that participated, we drew two names, the individual winner from K-2 was Jessica from Mrs. Brown's class, and the 3-6 winner was Nicole from Mr. Juarez's class. The classroom with the most participation was Mrs. Luce's 4th grade class. The November challenge is now posted.

Holiday Concert

Our Rachel Carson choir will be performing at the Holiday Pops Concert. Tickets are \$16 for adults, students/seniors are \$11 and children under 10 are free. Tickets are available at the door or online at Ticketweb.com. There are two shows, December 10th at 7:30 PM and December 11th at 2:00 PM.

Thank You

I'd like to give special thank you to Susan Maki and the Carson Beautification Committee for all their work on our front garden. They cleaned out all the dead vegetation at the last clean-up event and planted new plants and trees!

Science Fair

We are again hosting a science fair for students in grades 3-6. Due to MSP in May, staff decided to change the date to **Thursday, May 31st**. Please mark your calendars to attend.

Dates to Remember

November 11 – Veteran's Day – No School
November 23 – Half-Day – Students dismissed at 11:30
November 24-25 – Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
December 19- January 2 – Winter Break – No School