

5A News
October IB Theme: **BALANCED**

Dear 5A Families,

We're looking forward to another full week ahead!

St. Luke-a-thon Prize Winners

You've likely heard the news that 5th grade won the school-wide prize at this year's St. Luke-a-thon! They showed such positive spirit through their costumes, their attitudes, and their wholehearted participation. They're looking forward to their root beer float treat on Thursday! Please remember that pledge payments can be made [online](#).

Math

Students reviewed their math assessments from our place value unit today in class. We'll be getting those in PowerSchool tomorrow afternoon. We'll be giving a pre-assessment for our next unit this week, to see what skills our students have already in multiplication, and how we can best meet their instructional needs. This unit includes prime factorization, powers and exponents, and multiplication patterns. Students should be completing at least 45 minutes of ALEKS practice at home each week.

ELA

Students are writing paragraphs on a variety of topics, including a partner interview and topics relation to our IB "Web of Life" unit and the Catholic Social Teaching, *Care for Creation*. We're reviewing topic sentences, concluding sentences, and robust sentences with supporting details, as well as editing for correct conventions. Students should be reading at least 25 minutes each evening.

We're continuing to read non-fiction articles, looking for text evidence to support answers to comprehension questions.

IB Unit - Organic Matter Cycles Through Our Living World in Systems of Interdependent Parts

Our upcoming explorations will focus on plant life and the many ways in which plants play a role in the web of life.

Religion - We're beginning our big fifth grade study of the sacraments with an overview, and then a focus on Sacraments of Initiation. Tomorrow, the 5th graders will gather in the church with the MYP students for a presentation about the parish mission.

Our **Second Step** lesson for the week will focus on *Predicting Feelings*. The students will complete an in-class activity on Tuesday. There will be a Home Link worksheet to complete with an adult at home and turn in by Friday. (Last week's Home Link is due tomorrow.)

Important Dates THIS week:

- 10/3 (Wednesday) - One Church begins
- 10/4 (Thursday) - Blessing of the Pets
- 10/6 - 10/7 (Saturday - Sunday) - Bake Sale
- 10/6 (Saturday) - Chili Cook-Off
- 10/11 (Thursday) - Regional High School Information Night
- 10/12 (Friday) - No School (Teacher In-service)
- 10/13 (Saturday) - Robotics League Event @ Seattle Prep
- **10/16 (Tuesday) - Mental Health Presentation for Parents (date correction!)**
- 10/17 (Wednesday) - Photo Retakes
- 10/18 (Thursday) - Feast of St. Luke, Parents' Club Meeting
- **10/23 - 10/26 (Tuesday - Friday) - 5th grade Camp Seymour**
- 10/27 (Saturday) - Bingo Bash!