



## *Ms. Lantvit's Column*

*Words from the Principal of Mark DeLay  
Elementary School, Grades K - 2*

As November arrives and the first quarter wraps up, we're all very aware of time flying by. Report cards will be sent home soon and Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Parents who attended Curriculum Night in September took the opportunity to sign up for a date and time for their conference. If you were unable to attend Curriculum Night and have not signed up for a conference, your child's teacher will be assigning you a date and a time for your conference and sending the information home soon. Please take advantage of this valuable time to meet with your child's teacher and work together to ensure his/her success at school. Due to Parent Teacher Conferences and the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no school the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup> through November 27<sup>th</sup>.

During November, we also celebrate American Education Week (November 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>), which is a week set aside each year to recognize and celebrate the importance of education in our society. We'd like to take this opportunity to invite all parents, grandparents, and other special adults in our students' lives into school. Please come to share one of your favorite children's books with your child's class. This is an excellent way to show our students how much we all value reading and good books! Look in your child's backpack during the next couple of weeks for more information.

In November, the students of Mark DeLay will begin participating in our Intervention Block. We will use the scores from various assessments, as well as classroom performance, to help group our students to meet many of their individual needs during this 30 minute block of time. We are all very excited to begin this new initiative. The goal of our Intervention Block is to provide an additional time when we can deliver differentiated instruction for our core curriculum.

Once again Mark DeLay staff, students, and their families will be invited to participate in the Toys for Tots Campaign beginning in the month of November and extending into the first week in December. We will be working with the United States Marine Corp to bring this life lesson into our school. Students can help choose, purchase, and donate a new toy to the collection for children who may not otherwise receive gifts during this holiday season. This is just one of many ways our students can experience joy by helping others.

We count our blessings on a daily basis, but during this time a year we pay particular attention to the many things we are thankful for in our lives. I find myself thinking about how lucky I am to be working in a school and district as supportive and caring as District #61 is of our school children and community. The staff here at Mark DeLay would like to wish all of our families a very Happy Thanksgiving! We are all truly thankful to be working with your children!

Sincerely,  
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