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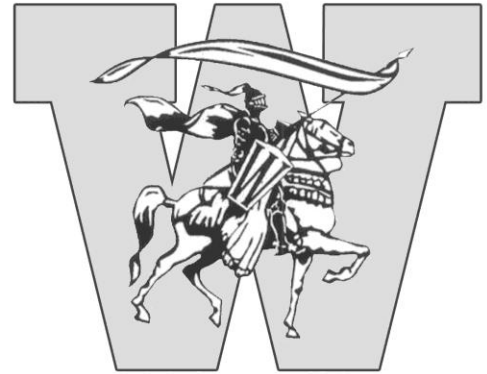
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Greetings to all our Palmer families,

In contrast to the theme of last month's newsletter which was all about reviewing procedures, I am happy to announce that my theme for this month's newsletter is sharing success! My first bit of good news is a follow-up to our Student Council's recent Hearts for Haiti campaign. As you probably know the Palmer Student Council, with help from Mrs. Jurusic's class, embarked on a fund-raising effort in order to raise money for earthquake victims in Haiti. In a nut-shell our students sold heart-shaped lollipops here at school during the lunch hour for .50 cents apiece. Amazingly our students were able to raise over \$800.00 and this money will be presented to representatives of the American Red Cross at our April all-school Morning Program. It was a terrific team effort that took lots of time and commitment and I couldn't be prouder of the students who took the lead on this building-wide effort. Of course, Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Jurusic are certainly deserving of some credit as well. Nice job ladies.

My next sharing of success is the 2nd Place award that our Odyssey of the Mind team earned at the regional competition held locally on February 27th. Competing in the Nature Trail'r Division 1 event Palmer's team out performed 12 other schools and earned the right to move to the state level competition to be held at Binghamton University's East gym on Saturday, March 27. The team will perform at 11:10 and, on behalf of Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Cappello, I would like to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to join us at this event to cheer our Palmer team on! Again, the time and commitment that these students put forth as they prepared for this event was outstanding and we are all so proud of their accomplishment!

In closing, I just have a couple of quick thank- yous to send out to all of you. First thank you for taking the time to return the emergency update forms that I sent out last month. The response was overwhelming and I am most appreciative. Please know that we are still accepting these forms so it's never too late to turn them in! Next, thank you for supporting your child during this month's PARP (Pick a Partner and Read) celebration entitled Discover the Hidden Treasure in Books! Reading with your child and completing the reading log takes some time on your part, yet again, the response from home has been outstanding. Finally, a big thank you for taking the time to visit Palmer's website! With over 425 hits last month it is clear that you are taking the time to stay connected to our daily happenings here at school. As always, if you ever have any suggestions for the website please feel free to send them my way. I welcome and value your input.

Until next month,

Jamie Bernard

The mission of A.F. Palmer Elementary School is to provide a child-centered environment where every individual feels safe, nurtured and valued and the students, staff, families and community work together to inspire each learner to reach his or her full potential.