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Schweitzer Newsletter March 2023



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This month truly has been March Madness! Teachers continue to receive staff development in the areas of Differentiated Instruction for WIN, Guided Reading & Guided Math small groups, and interventions aligned with our tiered MTSS framework in the areas of academics, behavioral, and social/emotional learning.

We are in year three of our Ready Math program, and we are consistently analyzing data to review student progress and monitor and adjust instruction as appropriate. Curriculum & Instruction also just announced our new program for English Language Arts for the 2023-2024 school year. The decision was based on extensive time staff spent piloting two programs throughout the year and sharing out

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resources and feedback. Thank you to all staff that were involved in this process! [HMH: Into Reading](#) will be our new ELA program for students beginning in the fall! We have a great deal of learning taking place behind the scenes to better empower our teachers and staff with comprehensive programs that align with the standards, and we're looking forward to implementation.

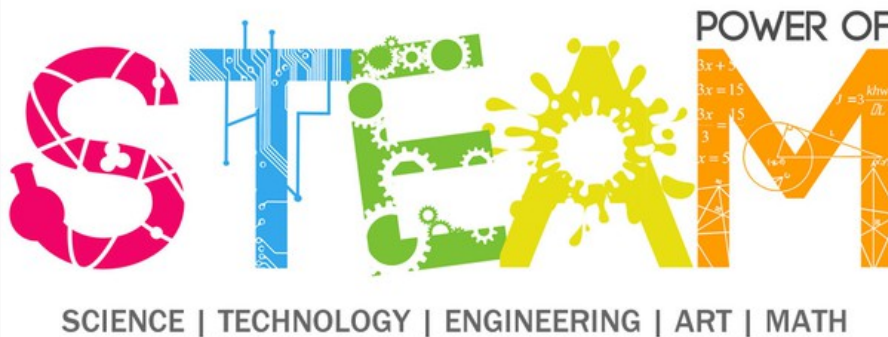
Safety is always our number one priority. We continue to be diligent about ensuring our buildings are safe at all times. Please remember to bring your license when you come to the building. All visitors are required to check in at the front kiosk before entering. You must scan your driver's license, and then you will be permitted into the building once office staff buzz you in. We appreciate your partnership to ensure that our building is secure at all times.

I wish everyone a relaxing Spring Break with friends and family. For those that celebrate Easter, I wish you loads of Easter egg hunts, visits from friends and family, and lots of delicious candy and chocolate!

Take care,
Dr. Amy Orlando
Principal
Albert Schweitzer Elementary School

Schweitzer Safety Drills

We practice Safety Drills monthly at Albert Schweitzer. Our hope is that we never need to utilize these in a real emergency, but our students and staff do practice Fire Drill and Lockdown Drills regularly. I also encourage you to read the district email sent on 3/31/23 from Jason Bowman, Substitute Superintendent. The email outlines specifics of the many supports and resources in place related to safety and security in the Neshaminy School District.











The STEAM Expo was well attended as always at Neshaminy High School on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. We had great representation from both students and staff at Albert Schweitzer. Congratulations to the following STEAM Expo presenters:

1. Mrs. McHugh & Mrs. Kurley (K Teachers)-Bee Pollination
2. Henry Allen (Grade 3)-Turtles
3. Rachel Nichols & Julianna Fulbright (Grade 3)-Gravity & Space
4. Alice Oliveira (Grade 2)-Birds
5. Emily Tavares (Grade 4)-Machu Picchu
6. Robert Portland (Grade 4)-Piston & 4-Stroke Engines
7. Spencer Almond (Grade 4)-Green Screen Interviews Highlighting STEAM Expo

Title I News


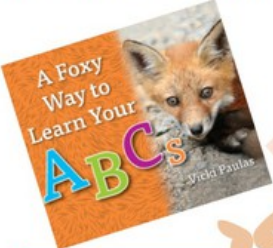
We are in need of parent and community member stakeholders for our Title 1 schoolwide planning for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in participating and offering your valuable feedback in how to better serve our K-4 students at Schweitzer, please reach out to Kristen Casile, Title 1 Reading Specialist: kcasile@neshaminy.org.

Parent & Family Engagement News is published to keep you up to date and informed about what is happening in our Title I program. This issue provides families with strategies and resources to

support learners in both math and reading. The buttons throughout the newsletter are links to articles, activities, and pa

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Virtual Family LITERACY NIGHT!





Join us for a fun family literacy night with educator, photographer, habitat restoration specialist, and children's book author **Vicki Paulas!**

Vicki joins Neshaminy School District families in a virtual evening to talk about her struggles with dyslexia as a child, her career path journey and being a children's book author. Her personal story is a "picture" of overcoming obstacles, pursuing your dreams, and making the world a better place. A night with Vicki is nothing less than inspirational!

Tuesday, April 18th
6:00PM - 7:30PM

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Attendees will receive:

- A copy of Vicki's book (1 per registered family household).
- 1 Bonus gift per K-4 child.
- A chance to participate in the Foxy Readers and Writers Book Contest and win Kiyak Passes to the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center in Grasonville, MD (2 hrs from PA).

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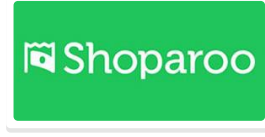
Albert Schweitzer PTO

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- President-Ashley Smith
- Vice President-Katie Doherty
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- Recording Secretary-Amy Kaminski
- Corresponding Secretary-Victoria Barnes Brown
- Parliamentarian-Melanie Jackson-Panichelle

April Events:

- Dine Out Night-Wednesday April 19th at Chick-fil-A (6 am-10 pm)
- Spirit day-April 14th and is Tie Dye!



How to Volunteer at Our School

Trimester 2 Progress Reports Available

Trimester 2 Progress Reports are available online. If you haven't already done so, please make sure you've logged into the Home Access Center to review your child's progress and talk with your child about how they are doing at school. Direct any specific questions about your child's Progress Report to their teacher(s). Thank you for continuing to work together to support your child at school.

Girls On The Run Off to a Great Start!



Girls on the Run is a program for girls in Grades 3-4 to help them recognize their individual strengths, build healthy habits, complete a Community Impact Project, and learn about teamwork! Girls work with trained volunteer coaches who inspire girls to build confidence and other important life skills through dynamic, interactive lessons and physical activity.

Confidence through Accomplishment:

Our 3rd and 4th grade Girls On The Run girls are working hard to train for their 5K. The girls have been training every Tuesday and Wednesday after school since the beginning of March. Their season will end with a celebratory 5K. This closing event gives program participants of all abilities a tangible sense of accomplishment. Crossing the finish line instills confidence through completion and is a joyful moment program participants always remember! Everyone in our program receives a commemorative medal to celebrate this incredible achievement.

The Girls on the Run 5k celebration will be on May 13, 2023!

Our Albert Schweitzer 2023 GOTR Coaches include:

Mrs. Dupoldt
Mrs. Moyer
Ms. Hanley
Ms. Supowitz
Ms. McMahon
Mrs. Sroba



Mrs. Roller
Mrs. Pulak
Mrs. Tavares (Parent)
Mrs. Panichelle (Parent)
Mrs. Marseglia (Parent)



Girl Empowerment | ...

www.girlsontherun.org

Girls on the Run is a life-changing program for 8- to 13-year-old girls that promotes girl empowerment by teaching life skills through lessons and running.



Mrs. Moyer's School Counselor Website
<https://www.neshaminy.org/domain/1464>

Click the flyer below to learn about a FREE 'Family Service Community Festival' on May 3rd. It is hosted the the Bucks County Family Center of Family Service and Bucks County Children & Youth Social Services Agency.

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Upcoming PSSA Schedule

Grade	Date	Subject
Grades 3 & 4	4/24, 4/25, 4/26	ELA
	5/1, 5/2	Math
Grade 4 Only	5/3, 5/4	Science

The PSSA's are coming soon! PSSA stands for Pennsylvania System of School Assessment. The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment is a standardized test administered in public schools in the state of Pennsylvania. Students in grades 3-8 are assessed in English language arts skills and mathematics. The PSSA is a standards-based, criterion-referenced assessment which provides students, parents, educators and the community with an understanding of student and school performance related to the attainment of proficiency of the academic standards.

The PSSA testing window for students in third and fourth grades is above for planning purposes. Please keep these dates in mind when traveling and scheduling activities. Please also support your child by reviewing sample questions in each content area below.



English Language Arts Sample Questions:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Assessment%20and%20Accountability/PSSA/Pages/ELAs.aspx>

Mathematics Sample Questions:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Assessment%20and%20Accountability/PSSA/Pages/Mathematics.aspx>

Science Sample Questions:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/Assessment%20and%20Accountability/PSSA/Pages/Science.aspx>

Literacy Week & Celebration of Reading







One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish! Schweitzer students and staff had an amazing time celebrating Literacy Week by having spirit days through the week of Dr. Seuss's birthday. From Wacky Wednesday to Crazy Sock Day to dressing up like our favorite story character, Schweitzer has a LOVE for books! The fun is continuing through a March Madness 'Tournament of Books' where students read and vote on their favorite books each week during the month of March to find out their top loved books in grades K-2 and Grades 3-4.

Family Paint Night







On March 7th, Schweitzer students participated in Family Paint Night to raise funds for the 4th Grade committee and the Art Department. Mrs. Todd led students and their families in painting their own rendition of Van Gogh's, *Starry Night*. Students were equipped with easels, paints, and paintbrushes and followed the guidance of Mrs. Todd to complete their personalized work of art. The 4th Grade Committee also had snacks and raffle baskets to support the event and give back to the Schweitzer community.

Schweitzer C.A.R.E.S. Spiritwear Sale!



In conjunction with Rooney Family Printing, the CARES team has designed and are selling "Schweitzer C.A.R.E.S." shirts. The shirts are available in different cuts and sizes. All orders will be placed online using the link below. \$1 from each shirt will be donated to our C.A.R.E.S. program to continue to support our students at Schweitzer. Orders will be delivered to the school and distributed to homerooms; be sure to include homeroom on your order. The store is NOW open and will close Wednesday, April 12, 2023. Any questions can be directed to Danielle Dyas (ddyas@neshaminy.org). Thank you for your support and school spirit!

[Click Here to Purchase Schweitzer C.A.R.E.S. Spiritwear](#)

Career Day-Parent Videos Needed



During April, we will celebrate career day at all six elementary schools. Each student will be able to explore careers and be empowered to choose a meaningful career and education pathway to continue developing as a lifelong learner.

We are looking for parent volunteers to record a short video about their job and the path they took to secure their current position. Videos should be 3-5 minutes long and will be **shared among all elementary schools**.

Click below to view the parent letter explaining the project in more detail as well as example parent videos submitted previously from Tawanka Elementary.

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Sweetheart Dance Raffle Winners!



Wizards Assembly at Schweitzer





Building Maglev Trains in Fourth Grade





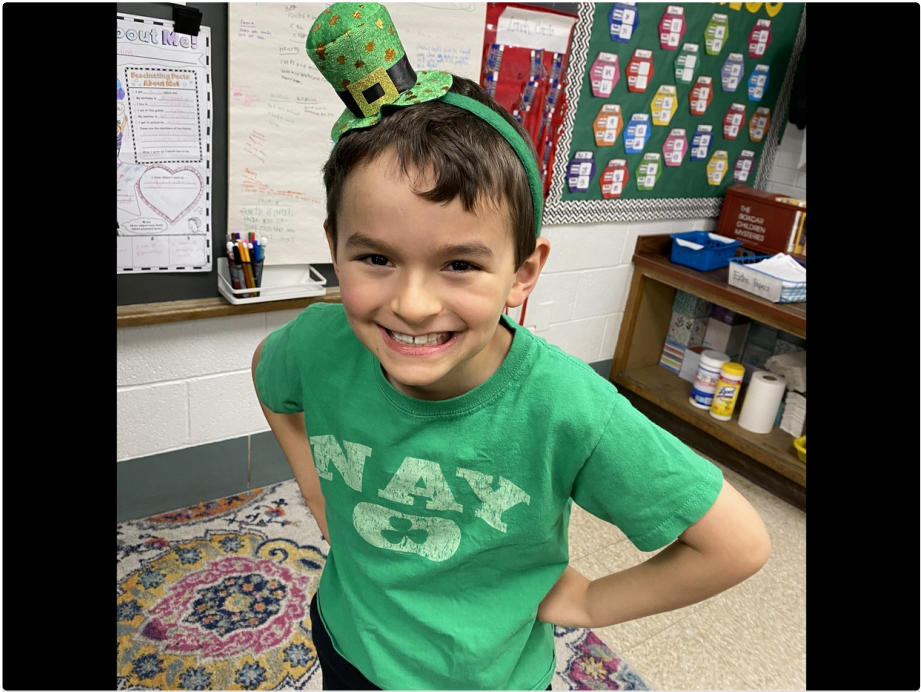


Students in Mrs. Dupoldt's 4th grade class apply their engineering skills by building Maglev Trains together. The activity follows a Magnetism and Electricity unit they completed in Science.

St. Patrick's Day Fun!









Celebrating SEL Day!

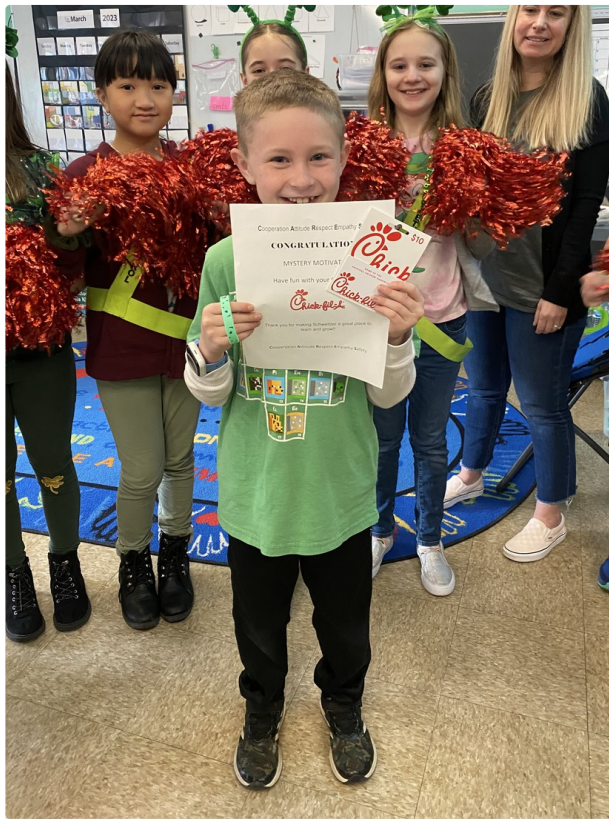


Mrs. Exner's Garden Club





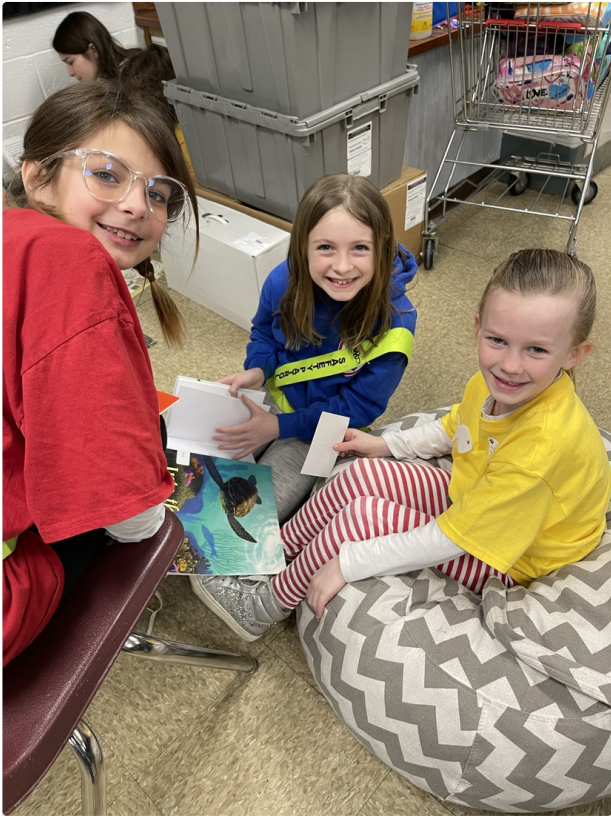
Mystery Motivator



Everett Mebs in Mrs. Cridland's 2nd grade class was the most recent Mystery Motivator. He was given a C.A.R.E.S. sticker by Mrs. Casile, Title I Reading Specialist.

Buddy Classes Read Together-Mrs. Dupoldt (4th) & Mr. Wells (1st)







Important Dates

April 3rd- NO SCHOOL/Act 80 Day
 April 4th thru April 6th-NO SCHOOL/Spring Break
 April 18th-Virtual Literacy Night w/ author Vicki Paulas 6:00-7:30
 (Registration Required)
 April 20th-Schweitzer Spring Concert
 May 12th-Sunset Challenge 5K at Maple Point (Encouraging
 Schweitzer students and families to register!)

Elementary PSSA Schedule:

ELA-April 24, 25, & 26 (Grades 3 & 4)
 Math-May 1 & 2 (Grades 3 & 4)
 Science-May 3 & 4 (Grade 4)

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We are working hard to keep our Albert Schweitzer Facebook page updated with lots of photos from school events. Please be sure to visit our site often and 'Like' our page!

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