

Principal's Message...



Dear Schweitzer Families:

Now that October is here and the beginning of the year procedures are set in place, all students are in full learning mode!

Our guided reading groups have begun, and this year, we will be continuing in-teaching our students the four strategies of reciprocal teaching. Those “Fab Four” are: questioning, predicting, clarifying, and summarizing. When using the strategies, each student takes a turn at being the “teacher,” and often the teacher and students take turns leading a discussion about sections of the text that they are reading. The aim is to help students actively bring meaning to the text, and help them to learn to monitor their own learning and thinking. This strategy was studied and was found to have a significant effect on student learning. If you would like to learn more about reciprocal teaching, please talk to your child’s teacher, or ask to speak to our reading specialist, Mrs. Nicole Mascione.

Our Barnes and Noble night is scheduled for October 22nd, from 6:00-7:30 PM. Our 4th and 5th grade chorus will be performing, and all students are welcome to join a parade around the store in their Halloween costumes. A percentage of the total Albert Schweitzer sales will be given back to the school. Please come out and support our 1st school fundraiser!

The High School “Roadies” will be performing, “Spooky Kooky,” for our students on October 31st at 1:45 PM in the Sandburg auditorium. We thank, Mrs. Gina Chiolan, director of the group, for always making sure that Schweitzer students see the show!

We are off to a great start of the school year and look forward to the coming months of exciting learning experiences for your children.

Sincerely,
Clarke Stoneback
Acting Principal



ROADIES

The Roadies are coming,
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We will be entertained once again
by the High School drama
performer, "The Roadies."

They will perform,
"Spooky Kooky,"
on Friday, October 31st
at 1:45 p.m. in the
Sandburg Auditorium.

It will be a *ghouling* afternoon!!



Principal's 200 Club Mystery Motivator

We have kicked-off our C.A.R.E.S. Behavior Program for the 2014-2015 school year !

We expect every member of our Schweitzer community to
be Cooperative,
have a positive Attitude,
be Respectful,
show Empathy
and always be Safe!

Congratulations to all students who are exhibiting C.A.R.E.S. behavior!

Many of you have been given C.A.R.E.S. stickers by teachers, bus drivers, custodians, and our aides.

Who will be the winner of the next **Mystery Motivator**???



SCHWEITZER BAND INFO...

The first lesson for beginner Band Instruments will be

Tuesday, October 7th
(flutes, clarinets and alto saxophones)
Friday, October 10th
(trumpets, trombones, and drums)



If you already have an INSTRUMENT AT HOME, please bring it to school on the day you are scheduled and bring ALL ACCESSORIES along with the LESSON BOOK.

If you ordered your instrument from the music store or through school, YOU WILL RECEIVE IT AT THE FIRST LESSON.

EVERY BAND INSTRUMENT STUDENT MUST HAVE A LESSON BOOK and the NECESSARY ACCESSORIES!

If you have any questions about the materials or lessons, your parents may email Mr. O'Neill at soneill@neshaminy.k12.pa.us, call at 215-809-6380, or send in a note.

SCHWEITZER STRING INFO...

Schweitzer String Information

The first lesson for beginner **VIOLIN** students will be
Monday, October 6th

The first lesson for beginner **VIOLA**,
CELLO and **BASS** students will be
Thursday, October 9th

If you have an instrument at home please bring it and your lesson book, on Monday or Thursday.

**Orchestra rehearsals for advanced players will begin on
Thursday, October 16th.**

Questions? Email Mrs. Kirsch at kirsch@neshaminy.k12.pa.us



HELPING THOSE IN NEED ...



In an effort to help needy families in our community, Schweitzer Elementary School will hold a special "Crazy Slipper Day" on Friday, November 21st.

Students and staff who donate toward this worthy cause are allowed to wear their Crazy Slippers to school on this day. Our school Ambassadors will help out by traveling throughout our building to collect cash and change from everyone!

Wednesday, October 22nd from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm,
Albert Schweitzer will be holding a
Barnes & Noble Night in Fairless Hills, PA.

Students are encouraged to dress in their favorite costume for a Spooky Parade and listen to the beautiful voices of the Schweitzer Chorus!

BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKSELLERS

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble???
Visit BN.com/bookfairs to support our school!

From the Art Room...

ART NOTES.....



It has been an exciting start to the school year, with our redesigned art room, fun new supplies, and our new art teacher! We are looking forward to a great year full of creative projects in all different art forms. Please send in a smock with your son or daughter to wear on Art day. An old, loose fitting t-shirt seems to work best. Other than a smock, your child should bring an open mind, a desire to learn and try new things, to express themselves, and have fun! As always, thank you for your support!

Please encourage your child(ren) to be creative at home too! Autumn is a wonderful time to explore and create sculptures and artwork using leaves, branches, and pinecones! Have fun exploring!

Ms. Troxell & Mrs. McGuigan

PTO "EAT OUT NIGHT" - OCTOBER 28th

On **Tuesday, October 28, 2014**
The Albert Schweitzer PTO will be
holding their



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Christmas Food Basket and Santa's Toy Shop Distributors: Assist with distribution of food baskets, toys, and clothes to those in need. **(Must be able to walk, lift, and assist in carrying food baskets and heavy/large bags of toys and clothes. Being strong and fit is especially helpful for toy distribution).** Thursday, December 18, 2014 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Friday, December 19, 2014 - 10 AM - 3:00 PM — BE SANTA FOR A DAY! If interested, please contact Kim Fulper at 215-945-0717, extension 13 or Kim.Fulper@use.salvationarmy.org.



Counselor's Corner Mrs. O'Driscoll

A FEW REMINDERS...

GROUPS: I will be running groups again this year. Topics include: social skills; friendship circles; anger management; relational aggression. Please contact me if you are interested in having your child participate in a group. Groups are run based on identified needs and the age of the children needing services. Groups are held during lunch and recess periods. No academic time is impacted.

ST. MARY'S PARENTING CENTER: St. Mary's has partnered with Neshaminy School District to provide a parenting program, free of charge, to our parents. Please contact me if you are interested in more information.

HOLIDAY HELP: The **DEADLINE** for requesting Holiday Help is October 31, 2013. The deadline is at the request of the Community Agencies involved in the program. Please contact me in the Guidance Office if you need more information.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES & WINTER COATS: If anyone is in need of school supplies or a winter coat for their child, please contact me in the Guidance Office.

PTO/SCHOOL EVENTS

- 10/1/14 PTO - MEETING - LIBRARY- 6:00 PM
- 10/2/14 PICTURE DAY!!! (Make-up Day Thurs. 11/13)
- 10/9/14 FIRST GRADE MATH NIGHT - (Gym)
6:45—8:00 pm
- 10/20/14 YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER KICKOFF
- 10/22/14 BARNES & NOBLE NIGHT - 6:00 pm (Oxford Valley)
(Halloween Theme)
- 10/24/14 WHAT'S HOT; WHAT'S NOT—Kindergarten Only
Middletown Fire Department
- 10/24/14 MONSTER MASH/FALL FESTIVAL 6:30 pm (SMS Cafeteria)
- 10/28/14 "EAT OUT NIGHT" California Tortilla
- 10/31/14 SCHOOL STORE (during lunch)
- 10/31/14 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - SPOOKY KOOKY
ROADIES SHOW (students only) - 1:45 pm Carl Sandburg



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