

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- April 5 & 6 SPRING RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED
- April 16 District Elementary Music Festival - Carl Sandburg Auditorium 7:30 pm
- April 17, 18, 19, 20 PSSA Writing Grade 5
- April 20 - Progress Reports Distributed
- April 24 & 25 PSSA Science Grade 4
- April 26 - Take Your Child to Work Day
- April 27 Pizza/Bingo Night Sandburg Cafeteria and SCHOOL STORE

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Principal's Message...



Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the start of the 4th marking period, our attention turns to closing out one school year and planning for the next regarding student placements. This is a process that is determined and reviewed by a team consisting of your child's present homeroom teacher, Reading Specialist, Guidance Counselor, Special Area teacher, and myself. As a team, we make every effort to create classes which reflect a balance of gender, learning styles, behavioral characteristics, academic ability levels, as well as peer relations. As you can well imagine, this is no small task in a school of close to 400 students, and one that the Schweitzer staff takes quite seriously.

As has been past practice here at Albert Schweitzer, in light of this very comprehensive process, I ask that you please do not request special placements to have a particular classroom teacher for next year or for specific friends to be placed together in the same homeroom. In addition, parents are asked to not make requests based on experiences they may have heard about from others regarding a specific teacher. Placements that are based on such requests may not be in the best interest of your child. Just as each child is unique, so are the experiences that each teacher has with the students that they teach from year to year. This policy is made in order to be fair to all Albert Schweitzer families and will allow us as a team to make the decisions which are in the best interest of every student.

Your child's current homeroom teacher has a great deal of input with the class groupings, and will make recommendations for the grouping of the students, but will not identify a specific homeroom teacher for next year for reasons mentioned above. However, if your child should have special or unique needs, such as particular learning environment characteristics, that you feel your child's current homeroom teacher may not be aware of when we create the class lists, please write a letter to me stating those areas that should be taken into account when we make placement decisions for the next year. Parent information about learning needs is considered as part of the classing process, but not the sole factor in deciding placements for next year. Those letters need to be submitted to me by no later than Monday, May 7, 2012. There are a variety of reasons why specific teacher requests may not be granted such as there could be last minute staffing changes over the summer due to retirements, scheduled leave of absences, transfers, classes being added or reduced, etc., which may create openings within our building, as well as in the district that may impact our staffing. Classroom assignments are mailed home on or about August 27th, and we need the flexibility up to that date, as students may withdraw or register prior to the opening of school, which is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday September 4, 2012.

On behalf of the entire Albert Schweitzer staff, we appreciate your cooperation, trust and support with this process of making the appropriate placement decisions concerning your child for the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Brewster



COIN RUSH FUNDRAISER

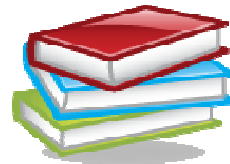
Our School Ambassadors and Safety Officers organized a coin drive to raise money to purchase picnic tables for our recess yard.

The grand total raised was \$666.63!!!

Thank you everyone for your generosity and support for our great school!



5th Grade Reading Olympics



On Thursday, March 29, 2012 twelve of our 5th grade students participated in the county wide Reading Olympics competition at Bucks County Technical High School. After reading a countless number of books for the night of the competition, Schweitzer's team took home a blue ribbon!

Congratulations to the following students:

Sam Bley
Natalie Raven
Makenzie Young
Kobe Wilcox

Wyatt Mellus
Brandon DeBolt
Emily Buttry
Kais Jawawdeh

Erica Schweitzer
Liam Scully
Julisa Lopez
Anusha Hiremath

We are very proud of your hard work and excellent reading!
Mrs. Mascione, Reading Specialist

District Elementary Music Festival

On Monday, April 16th, the Neshaminy School District will hold its annual District Elementary Music Festival in the Carl Sandburg Middle School Auditorium. Students were nominated by their respective music teachers from all 8 elementary schools to participate in the band, chorus or orchestra. Albert Schweitzer is proud to host the District Elementary Music Festival from January to April.

The following students will represent Albert Schweitzer School:

Ashley Alexander
Emily Buttry
Caleb D'Amico
Brandon DeBolt
Anusha Hiremath
Sean Jackson

Riley Jacob
Jaime Lee
Julisa Lopez
Wyatt Mellus
Jane Mitchell
Brett Nelson
Palak Patel

Natalie Raven
Kelly Sassaman
Erica Schweizer
Liam Scully
Kobe Wilcox
Christopher Wright
MaKenzie Young



Rehearsals & Concert Reminders



As a reminder,...

DISTRICT CONCERT REHEARSALS are held every Monday morning (for band, chorus and orchestra) in (3) locations, the Sandburg Auditorium, Schweitzer Gym and Schweitzer Music Room. The District Concert will be held on Monday, April 16th at 7:30 pm in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium

SCHWEITZER SPRING CONCERT REHEARSALS are held every Wednesday morning (for band, chorus and orchestra) in the Schweitzer Gym and Music Room. Orchestra rehearsals are scheduled from 7:50 am to 8:50 am. The Schweitzer Spring Concert will be held on Monday, May 15th at 7:30 pm in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium.

April Showers bring May Flowers....



Schweitzer Students perform the National Anthem at the Trenton Titans Game



On Friday, March 30th, students from Albert Schweitzer School sang the National Anthem during the opening ceremony at the Trenton Titans Hockey Game held in the Sun National Bank Center.

Students in grades 4 and 5 enjoyed singing the National Anthem (while signing the words).

Families enjoyed watching their child/children sing followed by watching an exciting and fun game of hockey.

All students who participated received a free water bottle from Sun National Bank.



Upcoming Mother's Day Flower Sale

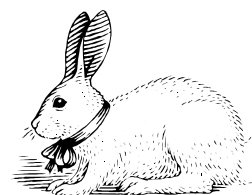
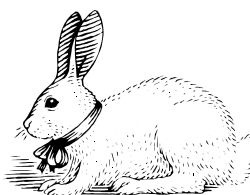
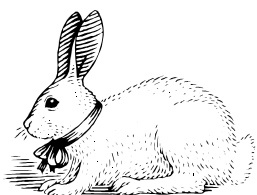
On Friday, May 11th, the Albert Schweitzer PTO will be holding its annual Mother's Day Flower sale.

Please note that ALL FLOWERS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED AHEAD OF TIME.

Be sure to look for the PTO flier/order form that will be sent home with your child within the next few weeks.

If you are ordering flowers, be sure to send in your payment along with your order form. Checks may be made payable to the Albert Schweitzer PTO.

Thank you!



April School Events

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| April 4 | End of 3rd Marking Period |
| April 5 & 6 | SPRING RECESS - SCHOOL CLOSED |
| April 16 | District Elementary Music Festival - Carl Sandburg Auditorium - 7:30 pm |
| April 17-20 | PSSA Writing - Grade 5 |
| April 19 | Kindergarten Physicals |
| April 20 | 2nd Grade Field Trip - Academy of Natural Sciences |
| April 20 | Progress Reports Distributed |
| April 24 & 25 | PSSA Science - Grade 4 |
| April 26 | Take Your Child to Work Day |
| April 27 | Student Appreciation Day for PSSA's (Ritas water ice provided by the PTO) |
| April 27 | Pizza Bingo Night - Carl Sandburg Cafeteria |
| April 27 | SCHOOL STORE |

Lights, Camera, Action....

Do you have talent???

We are excited to announce that Albert Schweitzer Elementary School will be holding its Second Annual "Talent Show" on Thursday, May 3, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Schweitzer Gym. If your child has an interest in performing at the Talent Show, please be sure to send in the required permission slip as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Phillippe on our PTO at 215-870-3242 or via email at claudiaphillippe@gmail.com



Neshaminy "Takes Pride"



March's **"TAKES PRIDE"** theme is "Initiative." "Initiative" means making decisions and taking action on your own without the advice or help from others. People who demonstrate "initiative" take steps to make things happen. They design a strategy to solve a problem or make a plan to achieve something they desire. This month, take time to practice "initiative". Some ways you can do this include: helping someone in need even before the person asks; inviting a bullying victim to join in a game with you and your friends; doing what is right without waiting to be told and using time wisely to solve problems and accomplish goals. "Initiative" is one of the top qualities today's employers are seeking. Those who demonstrate "initiative" will be the ones most likely to be hired and promoted. At school and at work, those with "initiative" will be those most likely to achieve success!

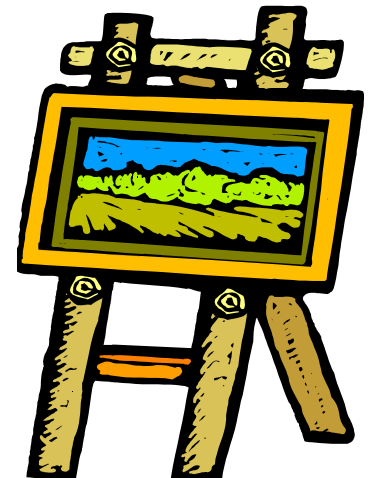
Upcoming Schweitzer "Art Show"

Spring Concert Reminders

Our annual ART SHOW is scheduled for Thursday, May 10th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Come tour and view the many beautiful works of art created by our Schweitzer students from K-5th grade.

Check out the threatened and endangered species, flying dragons & butterflies, landscapes, masks and prints, as well as many other incredible creations! We hope to see you there!!!



Principal's 200 Club

Mystery Motivator

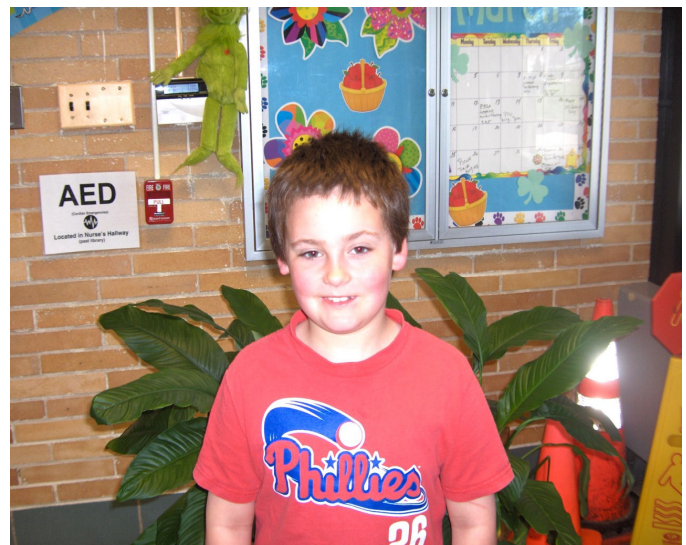
Congratulations to all students who are exhibiting C.A.R.E.S. behavior! Many of you have been given C.A.R.E.S. stickers by our teachers, aides, bus drivers and custodians.

We expect every member of our Schweitzer community to be cooperative, have a positive attitude, be respectful, show empathy and always be safe!

Our *Mystery Motivators* for this month are
Olivia Giberson and Joey Garvey!

Both students won a gift certificate to the
Olive Garden Restaurant
in recognition of their accomplishment.

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



Summer Adventure and Summer Stock are back!

	<h3>Summer @ Neshaminy</h3> <p><i>There are a diverse offering of enrichment programs offered through Neshaminy School District every summer!</i></p> <p><i>Come Join the Fun!</i></p> <p>Starting July 2, 2012</p> <p>Times are based on program selected</p> <p><i>For more information or to receive a registration form please contact us through the Curriculum & Instruction Office.</i></p> <div><i>Make New Friends!</i><i>challenge yourself</i></div> <p>Nicole Dinkins, Art, Music & Theater Programs Jan King, Adventure Program Phone: 215-809-6554 E-mail: summer@neshaminy.k12.pa.us</p>
	
	
	

Programs start July 2nd

Information and registration coming
soon!

**SAVE THE DATE
AND SECURE YOUR SPOT**

Poison Control Presentation to Kindergarten

Poison Control Program comes to Kindergarten!



The Poison Prevention Program, sponsored by Bucks County SAFE Kids Coalition, brought their safety program to our kindergarten class last week. The children met **Spike**, the poison prevention porcupine. **Spike** talked about what poisons are; the different type of poisons, how to stay safe in and outside of home; and also talked about **Mr. Yuk!**

The children received **Mr. Yuk** stickers, which can be placed on any poisonous materials in the home. They also received a **Mr. Yuk** magnet with the number to Poison Control and a special coloring book.

Thank you to Bucks County SAFE Kids Coalition for helping our young children better understand the dangers of everyday poisons.

SPRING CLEANING???

Don't throw away your used SHOES!!!



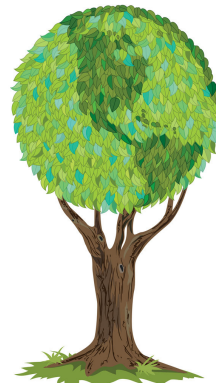
Albert Schweitzer School will be conducting a "Shoe Drive" consisting of your donated used shoes. The shoes will be recycled and then sent to less fortunate families in both our country and foreign countries. Our Drive will begin on Monday, April 2nd through Monday, May 4th. More information to follow...



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**Celebrate
EARTH DAY
APRIL 22, 2012**

**ABITIBI is back!
Be sure to drop off your old
newspapers in our ABITIBI bin! More
information to follow...**



**We're on the Web!
www.neshaminy.org**