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Principal's Message...



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Happy Spring to all of you! I am sure that the weather will catch up with the calendar very soon, and we will all be feeling renewed and refreshed to help our last quarter of the school year be a productive and exciting one!

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Mascione and our 5th grade Reading Olympics team for earning a Blue Ribbon at the competition held at Council Rock South last week. Our children read close to 150 books and displayed superb knowledge of the stories read, as well exemplary sportsmanship. Our school motto: "We love to learn at Albert Schweitzer School", was in top form that evening. I am very proud of all of the students who participated!

Our 1st graders went to the zoo last week and 2nd graders went to The Academy of Natural Sciences. All students were excited upon their return and enthusiastically told me fascinating stories about gorillas and dinosaurs! Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to chaperone the children on the field trips. We always appreciate your support!

Our students in grades 3-5 have been preparing for PSSA testing, and I am confident that they will perform well. Please make sure that they all get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast every morning to ensure they do their very best on the test! Our fabulous PTO will also be providing healthy snacks for the students.

Finally, I want to thank you for taking the time to call me when you have a question or concern. I am always willing to listen and work with you to seek solutions to problems. I feel privileged to work with such an incredibly cooperative community!

On a final note, I want to reiterate to you how special your children are to all of us at Albert Schweitzer. They are bright, kind, curious, and hard-working. We love teaching them and helping them to grow into adults who not only strive to achieve excellence in academics, but also in kindness, empathy, and attitude. They are on their way to happy, successful lives in the community!

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathleen Brewster
Principal

The School Doctor and Dentist are coming!!!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have not handed in your child's state mandated physical and/or dental forms, your child will be scheduled to see the doctor or dentist here at school. I

If you need additional forms, they are available in the health office or on-line at the following address:

<http://www.neshaminy.org/Page/275>

5th Grade Reading Olympics



On Thursday, March 21, 2012 fourteen of our 5th grade students participated in the county-wide Reading Olympics competition at Council Rock South. After reading close to 150 books as a team, our participants took home a Blue Ribbon, scoring 58 points in 3 rounds!!!

Congratulations to the following students:

Sarah McManus - captain
Sydney Drake -captain
Natalie Weaver - captain
William Culp
Delaney Young- t-shirt designer
Julia Gripton
Shaelee Powell

Dylan Souders
Amanda Camillo
Matthew Allen
Rachel Krane
Payton Lascala
Gabrielle DiSantis
Riya Patel

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

District Elementary Music Festival

On Tuesday, March 19th, the Neshaminy School District held its annual District Elementary Music Festival at Maple Point Middle School. Students were nominated by their respective music teachers from all 8 elementary schools to participate in the Chorus, Orchestra or Band. The following students represented Albert Schweitzer School:

CHORUS:

Delaney Young
Emilie Murphy
Sarah McManus
Dylan Souders
Alex Dampman
Louis MacDonald
Kyle O'Brien

ORCHESTRA:

Kevin Loncosky
Matthew Allen
Sydney Drake

BAND:

Hailey Cirino
William Culp
Alex Dampman
Jordyn Souder
Gabriella DiSantis

Rachel Krane
Austin Arnold
Jesse Marshall
Emilie Murphy
Alyssa Carter
Anthony Cassell
Louis MacDonald
Kyle O'Brien
Mathew Philip
Dylan Souders
Delaney Young



Rehearsals & Concert Reminders

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for ORCHESTRA are held every Thursday morning and BAND rehearsals are held every Friday Morning.

Rehearsals are held in the Schweitzer Gym. They are scheduled from 7:50 am to 8:50 am.

Please make sure students are dropped off promptly by the back door gym.

CONCERT

The Schweitzer SPRING CONCERT will be held on Thursday, May 9th at 7:30 pm in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium.



April Showers bring May Flowers....



Upcoming Mother's Day Flower Sale

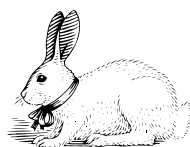
On Friday, May 10th, the Albert Schweitzer PTO will be holding its annual Mother's Day Flower sale.

Please note **ALL FLOWERS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED AHEAD OF TIME!!!**

Be sure to look for the PTO 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!



Hippity Hop....it's time for the 1st annual
"Albert Schweitzer Elementary Tech Trot"

WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 (Look for details coming home soon with your child!!)

April School Events

April 9-11	PSSA—Grades 3-5 Reading & Math
April 12	End of the 3rd Marking Period
April 12	Kindergarten Field Trip—Please Touch Museum
April 16-18	PSSA—Grades 3-5 Reading & Math
April 22	EARTH DAY - PTO Paper Drive (win a pizza party for your class!)
April 23	Market Day Pickup
April 24 & 25	PSSA—Grade 4 Science
April 25	Take Your Child to Work Day
April 26	PTO Basket Bingo Night—Sandburg Cafeteria
April 26	SCHOOL STORE
April 29—May 3	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

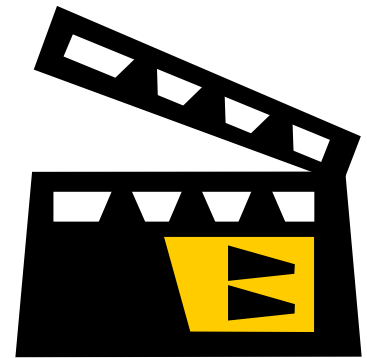
Lights, Camera, Action....

Do you have talent???

We are excited to announce that Albert Schweitzer Elementary School will be holding its Third Annual "Talent Show" on Thursday, May 16, 2013 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 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 **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, APRIL 3, 2013.**

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" - INITIATIVE



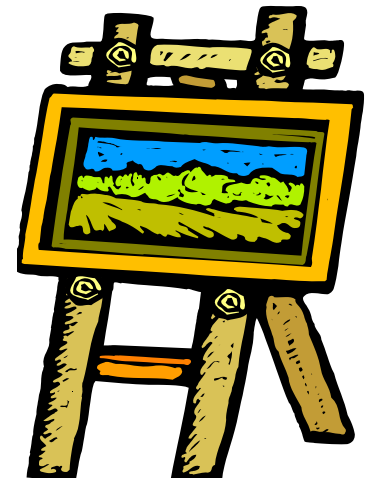
March's **"TAKES PRIDE"** theme is "Initiative." "Initiative" means making decisions and taking action on your own without the advice or help from others. People who demonstrate "initiative" take steps to make things happen. They design a strategy to solve a problem or make a plan to achieve something 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"

Our annual ART SHOW is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Come tour and view the many beautiful works of art created by our Schweitzer students from grades Kindergarten through 5th.

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 Sydney Drake, Patrick Drennan and Jamie Swisher

All three students won a \$10.00 "Power Card" to Dave & Busters in recognition of their accomplishment.

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



Upcoming Scholastic Book Fair (April 29-May 3)

Our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair this year will run from Monday, April 29 through Friday, May 3rd.

VOLUNTEERS are needed!!!

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the Volunteer Request Form that will be sent home with your child/children by our school Librarian, Mrs. Adamson.

You may also contact Mrs. Adamson at yadamson@neshaminy.k12.pa.us or our school office at 215-809-6380.



PSSA TESTING

Student “cheers” from Miss Supowitz’s class to support our 5th grade Students upon completion of the PSSA Writing test that took place in March.

Our upcoming PSSA’s for Reading and Math (grades 3-5) are scheduled for:
April 9, 10, 11 and April 16, 17 18

Our upcoming PSSA’s for Science (grade 4) are scheduled for
April 24 & 25

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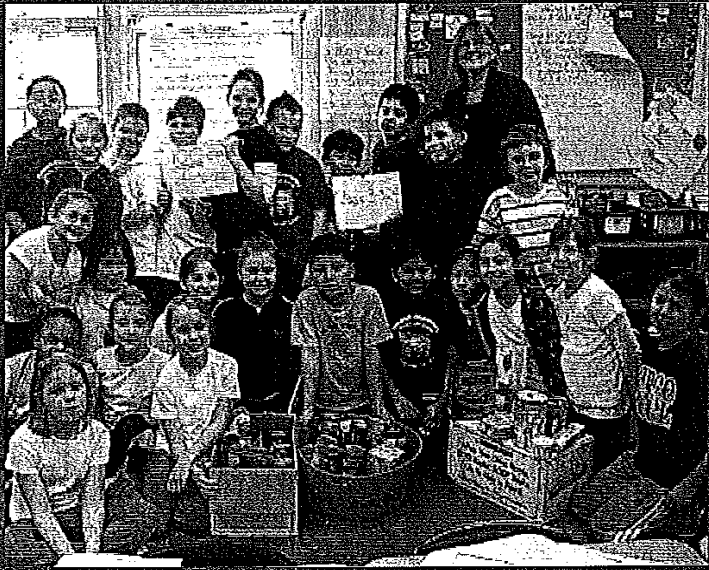


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FOOD DRIVE

OPERATION HELPING HAND

STUDENTS: You CAN make a difference in Bucks County. Bring a donation to school on Wednesday, April 10, and help your community be a stronger, happier, healthier place.



Bring your donations in on April 10, 2013

Food Guide (Please check expiration date before donation.):

Preschool	Canned Soup, Macaroni & Cheese	6th Grade	Tuna, Canned Meat, Stew, Rice
Kindergarten	Canned Vegetables, Cereal	7th Grade	Soup, Rice, Macaroni, Cereal
1st Grade	Cereal, Nonperishable Milk Products	8th Grade	Canned Meat, Tuna, Pasta & Sauce
2nd Grade	Canned Fruit, Tomato Products	9th Grade	Powdered Milk, Canned Fruit, Juice
3rd Grade	Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meat	10th Grade	Soup, Canned Meat, Pasta
4th Grade	Canned Fruit, Juice, Cereal	11th Grade	Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly
5th Grade	Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Tomatoes	12th Grade	Cereal, Nonperishable Milk Products

Any non-perishable food items you can donate are appreciated.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OTHER NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ARE WELCOME

A \$10 donation can feed a family of four. How many people can you help?

Checks should be made payable to: United Way of Bucks County, memo Operation Helping Hand/School Name

Operation Helping Hand is a volunteer coalition of agencies, organizations and food pantries. United Way of Bucks County serves as sponsor and fiscal agent. No administrative fees are taken. 100% of OHH gifts get to those who need it most.



NEED HELP? Call United Way of Bucks County's First Call for Help at 215.949.1660 ext. 7 or visit www.uwbucks.org

EARTH DAY **RECYCLE PAPER CONTEST**

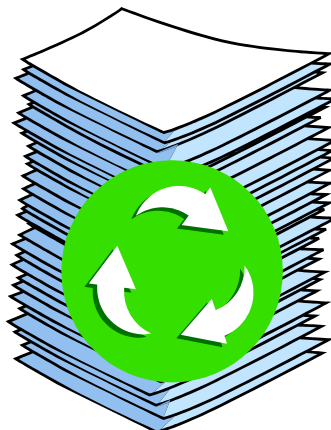
To kick off our Recycling Paper Drive, we are holding a "Paper Contest" to see which class can collect the most paper and win a PTO sponsored Pizza Party!
(please refer to the "Recycle Paper Drive" notice for acceptable papers)

During the contest, students should bring in papers directly to their classroom. Our teachers will be calculating daily how many feet of paper are collected throughout the contest.

Once the contest is over, papers should be dropped off in the Recycle Bin located in the back of the school.

If you should happen to have an "extra" large amount of paper please contact Kim Kebert at kimmitrebek@hotmail.com for assistance.

The Contest will run from
Monday, April 22nd through Monday, May 6th



What can be recycled???



Tired of all of the "paper" clutter around the house or in the home office?

We have the perfect solution - recycle them!

Gather all of your magazines, newspapers, catalogs, folders, TV guides, junk mail, weekly circulars, envelopes, construction paper, old calendars, paperback books and spiral notebooks (you don't even have to take the spiral ring off of the notebook – it will be discarded during the recycling process!)

Please DO NOT send in: Cardboard, phonebooks, cereal boxes, plastic, aluminum or trash.

Any questions please email Kim Kebert:
kimmitrebek@hotmail.com

SPECIAL NOTE:

After our school's Earth Day Drive is conducted (between April 22nd and May 6th), please continue to recycle by placing your paper in the Recycling Bin located in the back of our school.

Paper collected and recycled always earns money for our school !!!

Poison Control Presentation to Kindergarten



Our local Code Enforcement Officer, Ms. Sandy Morgan, from the Middletown Township Fire Marshal's office, presented a Poison Prevention Program to our kindergarten classes.

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 Ms. Morgan for helping our young children better understand the dangers of everyday poisons.



SPRING CLEANING???

Don't throw away your used SHOES!!!

Albert Schweitzer School is continually 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. Feel free to drop off your shoes in the "Shoe Box" located in our front lobby.

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Celebrate
EARTH DAY
APRIL 22, 2013



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