

# Albert Schweitzer Gazette

## Principal's Message...



April, 2014

Dear Schweitzer Families:

Spring is finally here and with warm weather comes more time outdoors. We are so happy that our students will have the opportunity to spend recess outside in warm, fresh air. They certainly have earned time to relax and enjoy themselves after the tremendous effort they have put forth on the state assessments. I want to take this time to formally commend them, and all of those who helped them perform their best each and every day.

We continue to practice reciprocal teaching strategies with all students, K-5. Every student in the building knows and understands what the Fab 4 strategies are, and how they can access them while they read to strengthen reading comprehension. The strategies are: making predictions, clarifying words they do not know, questioning what is going on in the story or informational text, and summarizing. Needless to say, our K-2 students are only at the beginning stages of learning how to summarize text. Please ask your children how they use these strategies to help them become stronger readers of fiction and non-fiction text. As always, please contact your child's teacher or me if you would like more information on reciprocal teaching and how we have taught it at our school.

The second major professional development theme for the staff at our school is "Effective Feedback." Our teachers choose their language carefully when providing feedback to your children in regard to their work in class, as well as their work habits. For example, instead of saying, "this problem is incorrect," when a student solves a math problem incorrectly, the teacher is more likely to say, "It looks like you are struggling on this one, which strategies have you tried, show me what you do understand, and I will help you with what you still are trying to work out." That way, the teachers will see what is going on as your child is thinking through the problem.

Thank you for sending your children to school on time and ready to work! We appreciate your commitment to excellence. School attendance clearly matters! We are excited to begin the last marking period of the school year refreshed and ready to do great things!

Warm regards,

Ms. Kathleen Brewster  
Principal

# District Elementary Music Festival

On **Monday, April 7th**, the Neshaminy School District will hold its annual District Elementary Music Festival at **Maple Point Middle School** at 7:00 pm. 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:**

Hannah Gerlach  
Sophia Hullings  
Evan Kelly  
Ryleigh McGinty  
Emma Olson  
Sameer Raval  
Alyssa Wambold  
Jenna Wandling

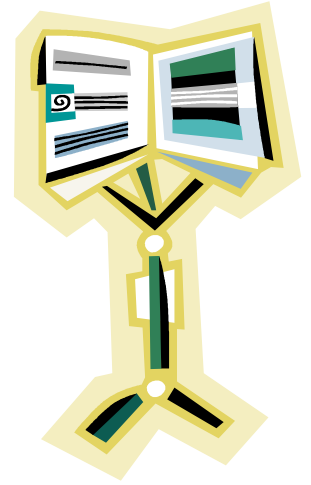
## **ORCHESTRA:**

Patrick Drennen  
Julianna Morgan

## **BAND:**

Michael Albarran  
Breanna Barcay  
Isabelle Brady  
Ashley Carnivale  
Gavin D'Amico

Dameon Fochtman  
Brian Lee  
Danielle Monaco  
Eva Quici  
Serena Ronquillo  
Robby Sassaman  
Satoria Zagorski



## **SCHEDULED WALKS:**

9:15 am - 10:00 am  
(Kindergarten & 1st grade)

10:00 am - 10:45 am  
(2nd & 3rd grades)

10:45 am - 11:30 pm  
(4th & 5th grades)

**It's time for the 2nd Annual  
Albert Schweitzer Elementary  
"Tech Trot"**

**WHEN: April 28, 2014  
9:15 AM - 11:30 PM  
(Rain or Shine)**

**(Details coming home soon about  
pledge sheets and getting sponsors  
to help raise money  
for our school!)**

# Albert Schweitzer School “Art Show”

**When: Tuesday, May 6th**

**Time: 6:00 to 7:00 pm**

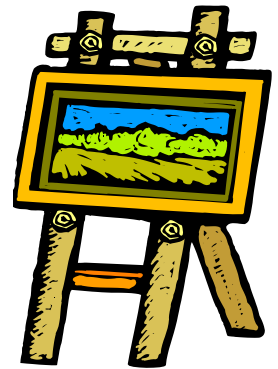
**Where: Throughout the entire school!!**

“The arts give us the opportunity to educate the whole child.....to allow every child a chance to raise his or her self-esteem and become a lifelong lover of creativity.”

This Spring Art Show is organized to showcase your child’s artistic talents as they have progressed throughout the year!

We are very proud of the accomplishments our students have made and look forward to sharing these with you. See you there!!

Mrs. Loizos & Mrs. McGuigan



## Mother’s Day Flower Sale

On **Friday, May 9th**, the Albert Schweitzer PTO will be holding its annual Mother’s Day Flower sale.



4” potted plants, assorted varieties, \$1.50 each  
Hanging Baskets, assorted varieties, \$10.00 each

Payment Methods:

CASH

Checks: Made payable to Albert Schweitzer PTO

Credit Card: VISA/Mastercard/AMEX/Diners Club/Paypal

## 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. **Report time is 7:50 am.** Please make sure students are dropped off promptly at the back door by the Gym.



### CONCERT

**The Schweitzer SPRING CONCERT will be held on Monday, May 12th at 7:30 pm in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium.**

# LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION...



We are excited to announce that Albert Schweitzer Elementary School will be holding its Fourth Annual "Talent Show" on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Schweitzer Gym.

Rehearsals are as follows: 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/21, 4/28, 5/4, 5/12 and 5/19. Dress rehearsal is 5/22 at Carl Sandburg School.

If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Phillippe, President of the PTO via email at [claudiaphillippe@gmail.com](mailto:claudiaphillippe@gmail.com)

## Operation Helping Hand - FOOD DRIVE

A BIG thank you is extended to all students who brought in food donations to help support members in our Bucks County community.

These donations are critical in helping provide emergency food for more than 95,000 Bucks County people in need.

Thank you again for your support in helping stock the cupboards!

Donations are organized through the United Way of Bucks County in Fairless Hills, PA.



## Fritz's Bakery

The PTO is currently holding a fundraiser with Fritz's Bakery!

Vouchers may be purchased through the PTO for a HALF DOZEN sticky buns (plain, nut, raisin, mixed or cream cheese). The cost of a voucher is \$6.95. Vouchers are valid at both the Langhorne and Bensalem bakeries and expire in June.

We hope you will support the PTO and at least purchase one (1) Voucher. We guarantee you won't regret it!!!!



## **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 Motivator* for this month was  
Cameron Moore  
Cameron was our “Principal for the Day!”

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



# April School Events



April 1	PSSA (Reading & Math ) Grades 3, 4, 5
April 2	PTO Meeting - 6:00 pm - Library
April 4	SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS DUE
April 5-12	Five Below Fundraiser (details coming)
April 7	District Elementary Music Festival - Maple Point - 7:00 pm
April 8	Claire's Gourmet Pickup - 5:30 pm
April 9,10,11	PSSA Writing - Grade 5
April 9	Mrs. Exner's Field Trip - Howell Living Farm
April 9	Reading Olympics - NHS - Grade 5
April 11	Kindergarten Field Trip - Please Touch Museum
April 11	PTO - Ice Cream Social/Tile Party - 6:30 - 8:00 pm
April 14, 15, 16	SCHOOL IN SESSION
April 17-18	SPRING RECESS - SCHOOL CLOSED
April 22	TECH TROT - EARTH DAY
April 22	Market Day Pickup
April 23	5th Grade Field Trip - Neshaminy High School - Music Concert
April 24	Take Your Child to Work Day
April 25	SCHOOL STORE
April 29, 30	PSSA Science - Grade 4
April 29	California Tortilla Eat Out Night (next to HongKong Pearl) 5:00 pm
April 29	4th Grade Field Trip - Howell Living Farm
April 30	PSSA Science - Grade 4

**\*\*Fritz's Bakery Vouchers available for purchase\*\***

**OVERTIME ATHLETICS: 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.:**

Lax-Tastic Lacrosse - Program starts 3/25 Ends: 5/13(\$90.00 per child)

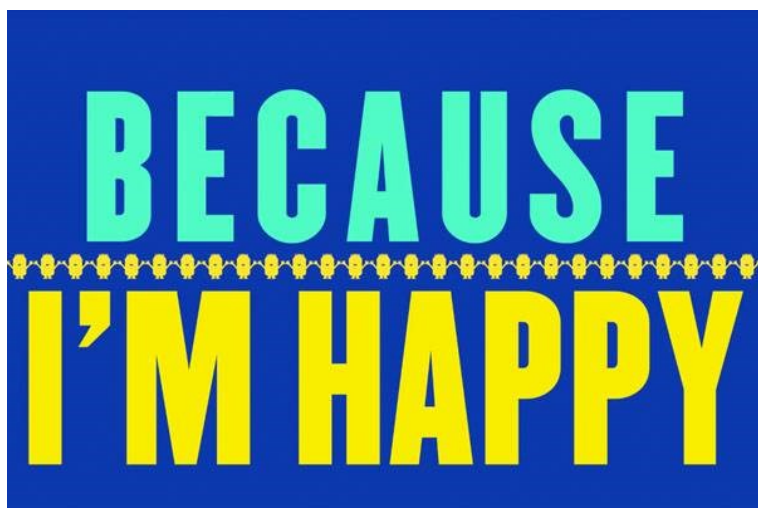
Yoga Class for Kids - April 14, 21, 28 - May 5, 12, 19 - June 2, 9 (\$88.00 per child)



# SPRING RECESS

As a reminder, due to snow closings throughout the winter season, school will now be in session on Monday, April 14, Tuesday, April 15 and Wednesday, April 16.

SPRING RECESS is  
Thursday, April 17 and Friday, April 18



## PSSA TESTING

Our PSSA testing kicked off on  
Tuesday, March 25th for  
Grades 3, 4 & 5  
in Reading and Math

Please be sure to get your child to  
school on time so that they can  
have a "happy start" to their day  
and be successful in their testing!





**OUR FIELD DAY  
LION T-SHIRT  
CONTEST WINNER IS.....  
JASHLEE BLANCO  
Mrs. Rittler's Class - Gr 5**



*By: Jashlee Blanco  
Mrs. Rittler  
F-9*



# **PTO 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 Claudia Phillippe at [claudiaphillippe@gmail.com](mailto:claudiaphillippe@gmail.com)

**The Contest will run from**  
**Tuesday, April 1 through Monday, April 21st**



# 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.**

## **SPECIAL NOTE:**

After our PTO Earth Day Drive is conducted  
(between April 1st and April 21st),  
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 or USED CLOTHING!!!

Albert Schweitzer School is continually conducting a "Shoe Drive" and will soon be holding another clothing drive. The shoes and clothing are 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. More details to follow about our upcoming clothing drive.

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Celebrate  
**EARTH DAY**  
**APRIL 22, 2013**



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