

Albert Schweitzer Gazette

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Dec. 10
PTO Eat out Night
Buffalo Wild Wings

Dec. 11
Yankee Candle
Delivery

Dec. 12
Holiday Concert
7:30 pm
Sandburg Auditorium

Dec. 14
Life Skills Classes
Field Trip to
Oxford Valley Mall

Dec. 18, 19, 20
Holiday Shop
for Students only!

Dec. 21
Mrs. D'Intino's
Polar Bear Express
Extravaganza

Dec. 21
PTO Crazy Hat and
Slipper Day

Dec. 24 - Jan. 1
SCHOOL CLOSED
Winter Recess

January 2
Students return
to school

Principal's Message...



Dear Albert Schweitzer Families:

The month of November was truly a time for giving thanks for our health and safety. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraiser to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Our school community raised over \$1,000.00! Our school is still collecting money through the Student Ambassador's Fundraiser. The students will be collecting coins until January. Thank you again for your generosity.

We have started a new system for challenging our students to master their math facts! Each quarter, students will be challenged to master the math facts that are listed on the progress reports. When they master the facts, their name is called over the speaker and they get the privilege of signing the "I've Mastered My Math Facts" wall. I love watching them sign the wall—they all add a little bit of math flair with their signatures.

Progress reports were distributed on Friday, November 30th. I reviewed every student report and was pleased with how hard our students are working to be successful. Thank you for working with them at home. We all know that when families and schools work together, children are more likely to reach their potential!

This December will be a busy month with the school concert, another visit from Dr. Hinson on playground fun and safety, and the PTO sponsored "Crazy Hat and Slipper Day" December 21. Also, the PTO is sponsoring an eat-out fundraiser on Monday, December 10th at *Buffalo Wild Wings*. Please come out to support our school and fabulous PTO!

I wish you and your families a joyful holiday season. We are blessed to work in such a caring, supportive community. Thank you for your support, generosity, and kindness.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathleen Brewster
Principal



Principal's 200 Club Mystery Motivator - Winners!

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

Our winners this month won certificates for free Miniature Golf at the Oxford Valley Mall !!!

Charlie Weik
Sam Schatzan

Joe Garvey
Lukas Smolskas

Danielle Monaco

Who will be the next Mystery Motivator Winner????



VETERANS WALL

In memory of Veterans Day, Monday, November 12, 2012, student's honored family members who either served, or are currently serving in the United States Military.

Students wrote on paper bricks their family member's name and their branch of service.

This Memorial Wall was a wonderful tribute to all our Veterans.



SCHWEITZER FIRE PREVENTION

We have been faithfully and annually keeping our students well-informed regarding the importance of Fire Prevention and Safety. Mr. Harris, a Volunteer Fire Fighter for the Penndel Community and a Paramedic for the Penndel-Middletown Emergency Squad, first brought a fire truck during the month of October to Albert Schweitzer School. During that time Mr. Harris gave our students detailed information in fire safety and the importance of a Fire Fighters' job.

During the month of November, we then had a visit from Sandy Morgan, the Code Enforcement Officer for Middletown Township, who came to our school and demonstrated for our Kindergarten through 3rd grade students the importance of knowing "What's Hot and What's Not." Ms. Morgan also provided a Window Escape Unit for our students to climb through if in a house fire.

We will also have Ms. Morgan return to our school and provide a Poison Awareness Unit Program in March 2013.



American Education Week & Parent Conferences

We would like to thank everyone for attending American Education Week. It was wonderful to see so many family members visit our classrooms!

Our Parent/Teacher Conferences were also held over the past few weeks. Parents and Guardians had a chance to discuss their child/children's progress with their teachers. Thank you all for your support.

We ask that all students do their personal best every day and that they work hard to meet that expectation.

Keep up the good work!
Ms. Brewster
Principal



Life Skill students enjoy “Bobbing for Apples” and swimming in Carl Sandburg’s Pool !!



Albert Schweitzer PTO sponsored

Pajama Day

Our Schweitzer students did their part by helping to give back to our community! On Friday, November 9th students who wore pajamas to school made a donation to the Red Cross for the Hurricane Sandy victims. Thank you all for your support!!!



5th Graders display “Empathy” for Residents at Attleboro Nursing Home

On December 21st, our fifth grade students will be making placemats to brighten holiday meals at the Attleboro Nursing Home. This activity represents the culture of our C.A.R.E.S. behavior that has become part of our everyday behavior. Students have been learning about Empathy and will put this ideal into good practice through this effort.



Knights of Columbus Luncheon



A former Fifth Grade Buddy, Payton Kelly, invited two students from Schweitzer’s Life Skills classes to attend (with their families) a Christmas celebration hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Families with special needs children in Bucks County engaged in a luncheon filled with holiday festivities. This event is held annually by the Knights of Columbus.

Payton attends Sandburg Middle School as a seventh grade student. She continues to volunteer in the Primary Life Skills class since fifth grade. Her dedication as a volunteer is truly appreciated and should be commended.

Mrs. Exner, Primary Life Skills Teacher

First Grade Poetry Feast

During the month of November first grade students celebrated Thanksgiving poetry with family and friends. The students have been working hard to develop fluency when they are reading. The celebration highlighted all of the work that they have been doing to develop fluency and expression skills.



Being Prepared for Winter Weather



EMERGENCY DISMISSALS: If school closes early for any unforeseen reason (especially weather), you will receive a district phone call from our Superintendent's office with specific information.

School closings will also be announced on the following stations/networks: WBCB 1490 AM, KYW 1060 AM, WPST 94.5 FM. Our school number is 752. School closings and emergencies are on the Neshaminy Network Television (NNTV). Comcast Cable—Channel 28 and Verizon FiOS Channel 43. Urgent information is also listed on the Neshaminy webpage at www.neshaminy.org.

Please make sure your child knows where to go when dismissed in the event of an emergency, especially if no one will be at home.

DAY ROTATIONS:

Please note that day rotations are subject to change if school is closed unexpectedly.

PROPER DRESS ATTIRE:

Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for school, as they will be going outside for recess in the colder weather. Hats, gloves, jackets will all help keep your child warm.

COLD AND FLU SEASON

Cold and Flu season is approaching. In order to help keep everyone healthy here are guidelines to follow:

1. If your child is sick, **DO NOT** send them to school.
2. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or your sleeve. **DO NOT** use your hand. Your hands touch everything.
3. Wash your hands often with soap or an alcohol-based sanitizer.
4. Keep frequently used surfaces clean—tables, counters, desks and doorknobs.

If we all practice these few points, everyone will have a healthier winter season!



HOLIDAY CONCERT

Our Annual Holiday Instrumental Concert will be held on
Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7:30 pm
in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium.

The Concert will consist of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students
who participate in
Beginner Strings, Orchestra,
Band and Chorus.

We hope you will come out to enjoy
this special performance.

Neshaminy “Takes Pride”- EMPATHY

December’s **“TAKES PRIDE”** theme is “Empathy.”

“Empathy” means identifying with and understanding another’s situation or feelings.

People who are empathetic show compassion for others. They are able to share, as examples, the sadness or happiness of others.



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