

Albert Schweitzer Gazette

Principal's Message...



Dear Parents and Guardians:

The first marking period has swiftly come to a close and student progress reports have been, or will be distributed to you by the end of the month. Conferences have been scheduled and our school is busy with parents and teachers discussing student progress. As I reviewed progress reports, I noted that many students have not mastered math facts. Please continue to impress upon your children the importance of mastering math facts. This is essential in order for the brain to be able to think about problem-solving rather than simple facts. Our goal is to have every student master the math facts identified on the progress reports, by grade, per marking period. We honor each student who reaches this goal by announcing their names over the PA system, and giving them the privilege of signing the "Math Fact Fluency Wall"!

Have your children been talking to you about books they read in school? I love talking to them about their favorite books; they get so excited about the characters and stories. The best way to support your children in reading is to read to, or with, them. Enjoy the great books they are choosing to read and take a few minutes to ask questions you may have about the book. Modeling what you are thinking will help them develop good comprehension skills!

The month of November was a time to reflect on all of which we are thankful. On November 8th, we were fortunate to show our thanks and appreciation to the veterans of this great country. We held a small celebration at school that included speeches from veterans who have served our country, patriotic poems read by students, and classroom doors displaying decorative homage to the men and women who have risked their lives to ensure our freedom. Your children had an opportunity to view soldier's artifacts and ask the veterans questions. The veterans were impressed with their curiosity and thoughtful questions. We are grateful to Mr. Bill Beadling, Mrs. Barr's brother, for organizing the event. We would also like to thank the veterans who took part of the presentation: Mr. French, Mr. Jarlsberg, Mr. Simon, Mr. Remer, Mr. Oliver, and Mr. Scheid. They are fine examples of good citizenship and patriotism.

Thank you to all who contributed to the PTO fundraiser, "Slipper Day", to help families in need. The money raised will help members of our community enjoy a wonderful holiday!

We are grateful for your support, and wish all of you a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Ms. 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 winner this month is Gavin Joseph! Gavin won two (2) tickets to Laser Zone.

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



ALBERT SCHWEITZER SCHOOL C.A.R.E.S.



2nd Grade Decorates Pumpkins



FIRE TRUCK & FIRE PREVENTION



We have been faithfully keeping our students well-informed regarding the importance of Fire Prevention and Fire Safety.

Mr. Harris, one of our dedicated Schweitzer parents, serves as a Volunteer Fire Fighter for the Penndel community and is also a paramedic for the Penndel-Middletown Emergency Squad. Mr. Harris, once again, made arrangements for the fire truck to come to our school for our Kindergarten, first and second grade students to tour. Mr. Harris also went to the classrooms to give a brief presentation regarding the importance of a fire fighter's job and fire safety.

We also had a visit from Sandy Morgan, the Code Enforcement Officer for Middletown Township, who demonstrated for our Kindergarten students the importance of knowing "What's Hot and What's Not." Ms. Morgan also provided a Window Escape Unit for our 1st through 3rd grade students to climb through if in a house fire.

Ms. Morgan will be returning to our school in March to provide a Poison Awareness Unit Program as well.

HONORING OUR VETERANS



On Friday, November 8, Mrs. Barr's third grade class, with the assistance of her brother, Bill Beadling, presented a program to honor local veterans.

The veterans in attendance were::

Neil French	World War II, U.S.Army
Ken Jarlsberg	World War II, US Army Air Corps
Sam Simon	Korean War, US Army
Jim Remer	Vietnam War, U.S.Air Force
Joe Scheid	US Air National Guard
Richard Oliver	Operation Iraqi Freedom, U.S.Air Force

The program consisted of Mrs. Barr's students reading poems honoring the veterans for their service. Jim Remer spoke on what it means to serve his country and to be a veteran. Joe Scheid and Richard Oliver also spoke on their service to our country.

The following Patriotic poems were read:

No, Freedom Isn't Free, Kelly Strong
Face the Flag, John Wayne
Proud Family, John Wayne
Who Am I, Bill Beadling

The program concluded with the students viewing memorabilia which included uniforms, equipment, flags, photos and personal items from the Civil War to the Persian Gulf Wars. The students were able to meet with the veterans and ask questions.

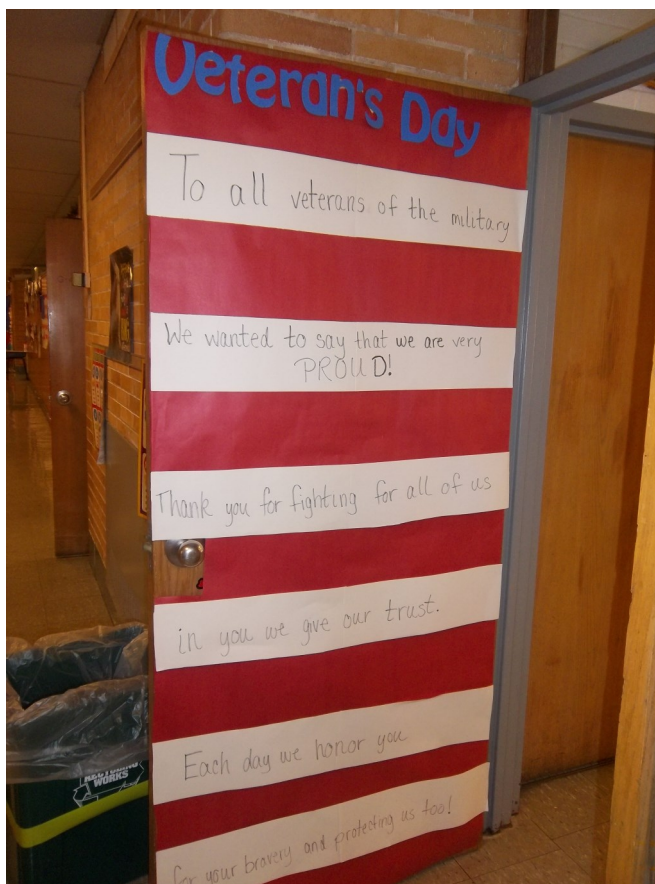
A Korean War vintage truck was provided for the students to view by Sam Simon.

The veterans commented that they received many questions from the students making this an excellent educational experience.















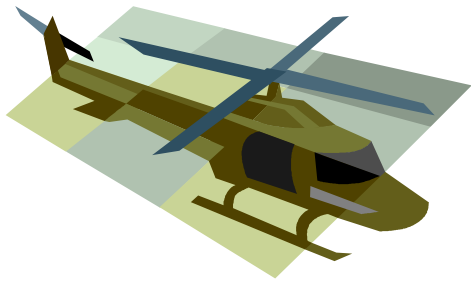


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Holiday Mail for Heroes

Our third grade students participated in the American Red Cross' "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program. Each student created a holiday card for members of the United States military. Cards were colorfully decorated and filled with messages of appreciation and thanks.



Service Learning Club

The Service Learning Club has been busy filling our community with kindness! Our many projects include:

- creating dog-pull toys, cat-nip toys and baked dog treats for the Humane Society
- designing beautiful centerpieces, placemats and cookie bags for Statesman Nursing Home and the Knights of Columbus for the Thanksgiving holiday
- creating bookmarks to donate to the Bucks County Free Library and also for our military heroes
- made holiday cards to send our military servicemen and women serving overseas
- putting together activity boxes to donate to children's hospitals

Currently, we are asking for donations of adult novels to send to the military (with our lovely bookmarks) and soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and Shriner's Hospital. All donations can be brought to Mrs. Hanley's room F-8 or Mrs. Crawford's room F-14.

Thank you to all who have already donated supplies and items—it is greatly appreciated! We applaud all of the kind and caring students who have worked so hard to bring a smile to someone else's face—your kindness makes a difference!

First Grade Poetry Feast

On Monday, November 25th Miss Flynn's class celebrated Thanksgiving by reciting poetry to families and friends and then eating pumpkin pie that the students made earlier that day.

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!

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



Thanksgiving Food Drive



Our Student Ambassadors held a food drive for families in need in our local community. All food donated was given to the PennDel Food Bank. Our wonderful Schweitzer custodians volunteered to load up their trucks and deliver twenty five (25) large boxes filled with canned and dry goods. A big thank you is extended to everyone for their generous donations and assistance!!



Albert Schweitzer Crazy Slipper Day



Approximately twenty-seven fifth grade students have volunteered to donate time in helping out our school.

Through this volunteerism, the following committees have been formed:

FIFTH GRADE VOLUNTEERS

- Day 1 **SIGNAGE** - Updating the front school sign with upcoming events
- Day 2 **ABITIBI** - Collecting recycled paper from classrooms
- Day 3 **GYM** - Give assistance with Kindergarten students
- Day 4 **BEAUTIFICATION** - Making sure all posters and children's work is hanging properly in the hallways and organize book rack in the lobby.
- Day 5 **GARDENING** - Landscape/yard work in the court yard and on school grounds.



NOVEMBER SAFETIES OF THE MONTH



JASHLEE BLANCO
JULIANA EVANS
FIRAT KILIC
BRIAN LEE
JULIANA MORGAN
EVA QUICI

DECEMBER EVENTS 2013

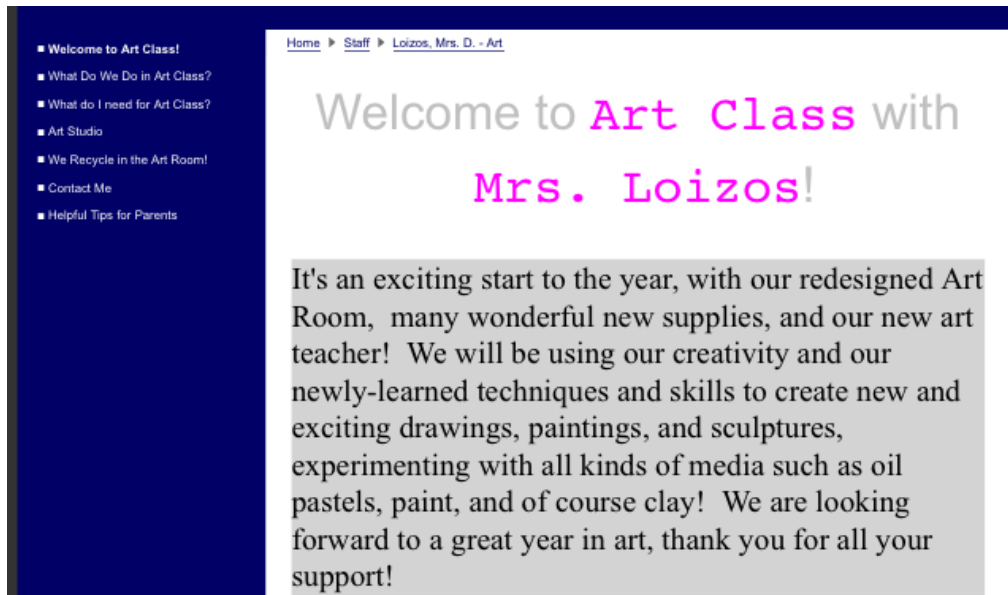
DEC 6	LIFE SKILLS FIELD TRIP
DEC 7	SPIRIT DAY (DAVE & BUSTERS) FRANKLIN MILLS MALL 12:00 - 3:00 PM
DEC 9	YANKEE CANDLE DELIVERY
DEC 10	MARKET DAY PICK UP
DEC 11	HOLIDAY CONCERT SANDBURG AUDITORIUM 7:30 PM
DEC 17 - 19	HOLIDAY SHOP
DEC 21	FIRST DAY OF WINTER
DEC 24 - 26	HOLIDAY RECESS - DISTRICT CLOSED
DEC 27	HOLIDAY RECESS - SCHOOL CLOSED
DEC 30	HOLIDAY RECESS - SCHOOL CLOSED
DEC 31	HOLIDAY RECESS - DISTRICT CLOSED
JAN 1	HOLIDAY RECESS - DISTRICT CLOSED



ART NEWS

From Mrs. Loizos

My website is up and running! There you will find information on what we do in art class, projects we are working on, and things you can try at home! Please check back often for updates, including photo galleries of fun student artwork! Thank you for visiting!



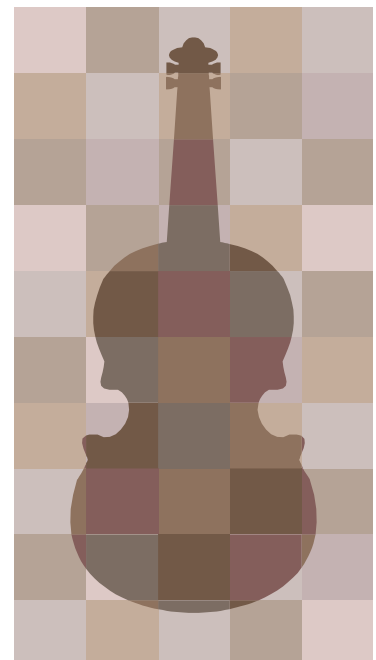
GREAT IDEA!

Art supplies make wonderful gifts for the holidays! Consider giving your child a sketchbook, drawing pencils, or even an art kit so they can practice their skills and create artwork at home too!

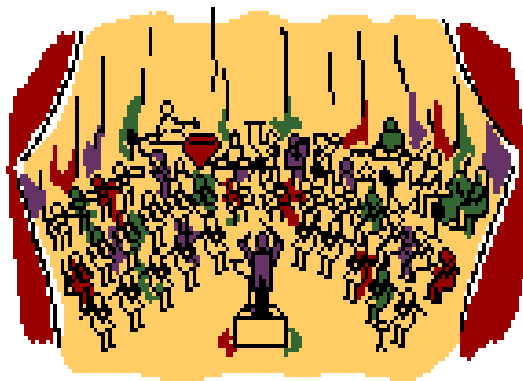
STRING DAY

On Saturday, November 2, 2013 the Bucks County Music Educators Association held their 26th Annual String Day Sight Reading Festival. Over 150 students from grades 5-9 from seven school districts in Bucks County were selected by their teachers to attend this one day festival.

The students received their music when they arrived in the morning and after practicing for three hours under a guest conductor gave an afternoon performance for teachers, parents and family members. This year Schweitzer was represented by Julianna Morgan. Congratulations Julianna!



HOLIDAY CONCERT



Our Annual Holiday Instrumental Concert will be held on
Wednesday, December 11, 2013 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.

REMINDER FROM THE NURSE

All Kindergarten students need a state mandated dental and physical report. If you have not handed your student's in, please do so as soon as possible.

All third grade students need a state mandated dental report. If you have not handed your student's in, please do so as soon as possible.

Additional forms are available in the nurse's office.

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