

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 distributed to you. Conferences have been completed 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. Poems were read by students, and classrooms were filled with parents and students celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please make sure in the upcoming winter months that your child is prepared for the cold weather. Students go outside whenever possible and we need to make sure they have hats, gloves, scarves and warm shoes.

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 Holiday Season!

Sincerely,
Clarke Stoneback
Acting Principal

2nd Grade Decorates Pumpkins



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

*Our students spent precious time picking out the perfect book from our Scholastic Book Fair held the week of November 17th - 21st. Reading at home or at school is an important part of learning and it sure helps when you have a new book to read with a parent, a friend or just by yourself. **Keep on Reading !!!***



SAFETY OF THE QUARTER



These students were treated to a breakfast together with Mrs. Pulk and Mr. Stoneback where they got to know each other better and shared stories of being a responsible student and safety.

Until next quarter when we will select another responsible group.

JESSICA DUNKOWSKI
LARISSA MAPP
CHRISTOPHER PHILLIPPE (PICTURED)
ALEX BALLANTYNE
MIRANDA MASON (PICTURED)
ALISON GRIPTON (PICTURED)
DONNY LITTLE (PICTURED)

FALL FESTIVAL

On Friday, November 21st our kindergarten students in Ms. Supowitz's class were treated to scarecrow cookies and other treats during their Fall Festival



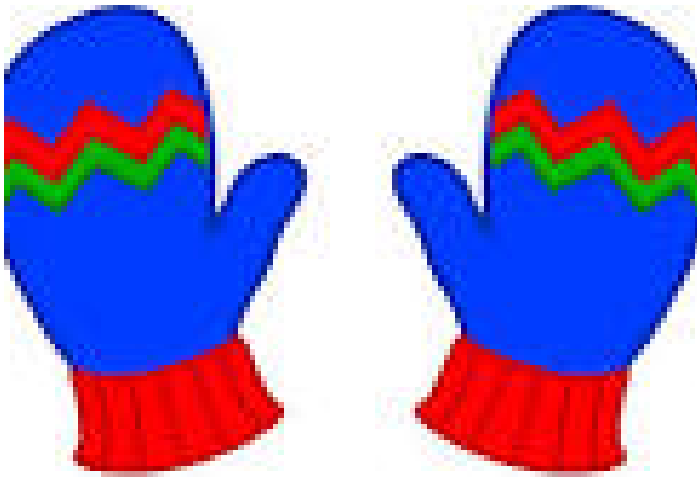
Holiday Feast

On Monday, November 24th Miss Flynn's class celebrated Thanksgiving by reciting poetry to family and friends and then enjoying holiday snacks with classmates..

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 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.

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.
3. Wash your hands often with soap or an alcohol-based sanitizer. Sanitizer dispensers are available throughout the school and in classrooms for convenience.
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!
Mr. Clarke Stoneback and Mrs. Beth O'Driscoll



Albert Schweitzer Community Service Club

Joe Corbi's Pizza fundraiser raised \$241.00 for the Albert Schweitzer Community Service Club.

The Community Service Club, founded by Mrs. Jen Hanley has helped organizations such as the Pennel Shelter and Food Pantry, The Knights of Columbus, and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The club will start in January of 2015.

Thank you to all of the families who raised money for this worthwhile cause.

Albert Schweitzer Crazy Slipper Day

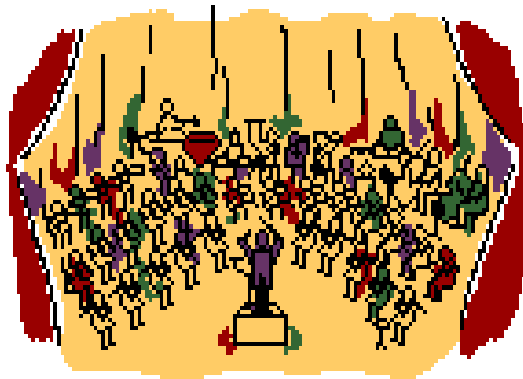


DECEMBER EVENTS 2014

DEC 1	EAGLES TICKET RAFFLE DRAWING
DEC 3	PTO MEETING 6:00 pm Library
DEC 4	FIVE BELOW FUNDRAISER ENDS
DEC 8	HOLIDAY CONCERT SANDBURG AUDITORIUM 7:30 PM
DEC 12	LIFE SKILLS HOLIDAY TRIP
DEC 16 - 18	HOLIDAY SHOP
DEC 19	HOLIDAY WEAR
DEC 21	FIRST DAY OF WINTER
DEC 24 - 26	HOLIDAY RECESS - DISTRICT CLOSED
DEC 29	HOLIDAY RECESS - SCHOOL CLOSED
DEC 30	HOLIDAY RECESS - SCHOOL CLOSED
DEC 31	HOLIDAY RECESS - DISTRICT CLOSED
JAN 2	HOLIDAY RECESS - SCHOOL CLOSED



HOLIDAY CONCERT



Our Annual Holiday Instrumental Concert will be held on
Monday, December 8, 2014 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 in the forms for your child, please do so as soon as possible.

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

Additional forms are available in the main office.

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