

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **JANUARY 1**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
New Year's Day
- **JANUARY 2**  
All students return to school
- **JANUARY 15**  
Barnes and Noble Night
- **JANUARY 21**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **FEBRUARY 1**  
End of Second  
Marking Period

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# Albert Schweitzer Gazette

JANUARY 2013

## New Beginnings....



Dear Albert Schweitzer Families:

The month of December was filled with fun and exciting activities for our students. Our winter concert was wonderful, as usual! A special thanks to Mrs. Kirsch, Mr. O'Neill and Ms. Gabage for their preparation and production of the concert. A very special thanks to our talented and dedicated students and to all the families who continue to support the Arts in Education!

Our fifth grade students wanted to do something to give back to the community during the holiday season. They hand-crafted holiday placemats for the residents of Attleboro Nursing Home in Langhorne. I am proud of our fifth grade teachers and students for their kindness, empathy and generosity of spirit.

It wouldn't be an Albert Schweitzer holiday season without students creating gingerbread houses! They were especially creative this year. Our second and third grade students engaged in creative artistry as they ambitiously created the gingerbread home of their dreams—a very fun time was had by all!

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who helped our kindergarten and first graders create various arts and crafts at their holiday celebrations. It's always heart-warming to see so many parents and grandparents come to the school to enjoy working with our students!

With the New Year comes new beginnings and we are looking forward to Barnes and Noble Night on January 15. Please bring your children out to support our school and lifelong literacy! Please watch for the PTO events scheduled for the next couple of months. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated PTO who plan fun events for our students!

From the staff at Albert Schweitzer, we wish you a healthy and happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Brewster, Principal

## “The Spirit of Giving”

A “Warm Thanks” to the Albert Schweitzer Staff and Retirees,  
the Carl Sandburg Staff, Albert Schweitzer's PTO,  
Carl Sandburg's National Junior Honor Society and Band Members,  
the Middletown Foundation and Queen of the Universe Church  
who graciously showed their generosity, compassion and empathy  
for others this holiday season. Gift cards and toys were available to  
families as a result of everyone's care and concern for others.  
Thank you for making the holidays a happier time for everyone!





# Winter Concert



A special thank you to Mrs. Kirsch, Mr. O'Neill and Mrs. Waterson for all of their assistance in preparing our Orchestra, Band and Chorus for the Winter Concert. The student body, family and friends were treated to beautiful music from our very talented students! The Orchestra, Beginner String Ensemble, Advanced Band Members and Chorus played and sang seasonal tunes to get everyone in the holiday spirit !



## Neshaminy "Takes Pride"

January's "TAKES PRIDE" theme is "SERVICE"

"Service" is an act of helpful activity.

People who give "service"  
take action to help someone or to  
do them a favor.



## Principal's 200 Club

## "Mystery Motivator"

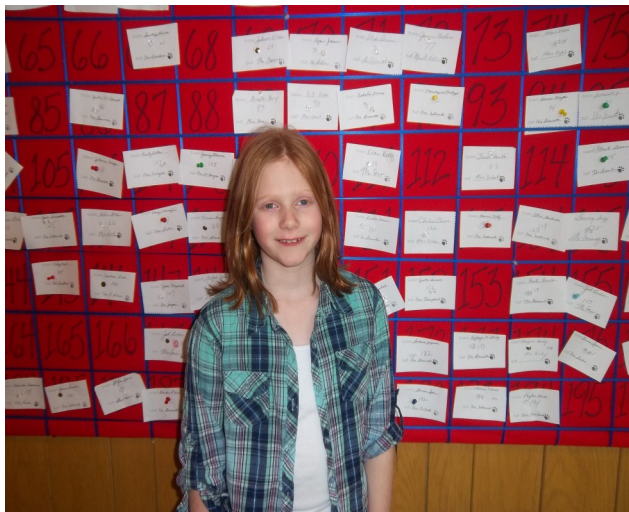
Congratulations to all students who are exhibiting C.A.R.E.S. behavior!

Many of you have been given C.A.R.E.S. stickers by 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 Lauren McManus. Lauren won tickets to the Shady Brook Light Show.

Who will be the next Mystery Motivator Winner??



## Hurricane Sandy Coin Collection and

### PTO Crazy Hat/Slipper Day



The students and families of Albert Schweitzer Elementary School, led by the School Ambassadors and Safety Patrol Officers, kicked off a coin drive in December for the Hurricane Sandy Victims. This special fundraising effort was held during the month of December and ends January 4. This donation will be given to the Red Cross for those affected by the storm.

Our PTO also held a Crazy Hat and Slipper Day coin drive on December 22nd to raise money for families in need at our school. This collection totaled \$185.00.

These fundraising efforts not only teach our students the importance of giving and helping others; it also shows them how group efforts can make a huge difference in our world today.

## HERE COMES THE POLAR EXPRESS!!!

Mrs. D'Intino's class hosted their annual Polar Express Pajama Party.

The class prepared by makin cookies for their friends and painting a winter scene.

Everyone dressed in their favorite pajamas to watch the movie!

Students enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies during the movie and rant Magical Bells.





# Academy of Natural Sciences

## “Bugs to Butterflies”







# It's A Gingerbread World!!!





# The Stockings Were Hung...



**Mrs. Crawford's class made stockings for children at Bethany Home. The students sewed the mesh stockings with yarn and filled them with activity books, pencils, erasers, small games and candies for the holidays.**

# Mrs. Exner's class enjoying activities with their "Fifth Grade Buddies"





All three fifth grade classrooms visited all of our Kindergarten through 2nd grade classrooms to deliver candy canes and sing Christmas Carols before the holiday break.



## JANUARY SCHOOL EVENTS

# Happy New Year!!!

JAN 1	SCHOOL CLOSED - NEW YEAR RECESS
JAN 2	FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS
JAN 8 - JAN 23	BARNES AND NOBLE NIGHT (more details to follow)
JAN 21	SCHOOL CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
JAN 22	MARKET DAY DELIVERY
JAN 23	PTO MEETING - LIBRARY 7:00 PM
JAN 25	SCHOOL STORE
JAN 28	JOE CORBI'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER BEGINS
JAN 31	PSSA PARENT WORKSHOP - 6:30 pm
FEB 1	END OF SECOND MARKING PERIOD

**\*\*Remember to order your  
Valentine Cookie Gram!  
FINAL DEADLINE FEB 1, 2013**



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

**EMERGENCY DISMISSALS:** If school closes early for an 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 FIOR Channel 43. Urgent information is also listed on the Neshaminy webpage at [www.neshaminy.org](http://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 REMINDERS

January, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Cold and Flu Season is now upon us. In order to help keep everyone healthy here are guidelines to follow:

1. If your child is sick or has a fever, DO NOT send them to school.
2. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or your sleeve, DO NOT use your hands. 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!



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