

New Beginnings....

January 1, 2014



Dear Albert Schweitzer Families:

First and foremost, I want to wish all of you a joyous, healthy, and happy New Year! It is a time for making resolutions and goals, and in that vein, I want to remind everyone that your children have established learning goals for the school year, and now is the perfect time to talk to them about how they are doing, and what they need to do to reach them. We are here to support them so if you have any questions or concerns about your child's academic, social behavior, or emotional success at school, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher, guidance office or my office at 215-809-6380.

I will be holding a "Tea with the Principal" in February. Please look for the invitation in your child's folder. Please stop in to talk about whatever concerns you may have or ideas you may have to help make our already fabulous school, even better!

You have already received notification from Dr. Heble's office regarding the honor we received from the State of Pennsylvania. Our school received "high progress" status based on our PSSA scores and yearly progress. We are very proud of that accomplishment because it reflects the work of parents, students, and teachers working in concert for the success of our students....Congratulations!

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathleen Brewster



Winter Concert



A special thank you to Mrs. Kirsch, Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Stoverschlegel 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 !



PTO Holiday Wear



The students at Albert Schweitzer Elementary School donated dollars and coins to families in need in exchange to wear holiday attire. Students wore holiday hats, shirts, slippers, etc.

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.



“The Spirit of Giving”

A “Warm Thanks” to the Albert Schweitzer Staff and Retirees, Albert Schweitzer’s PTO, the Middletown Foundation, Queen of the Universe Church, the “Cheer Team” from Notre Dame High School and private families 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!

YOUNG POETS COLLECTION

Mrs. Deeny and Mrs. Sroba had students in Mrs. Deeny's class write poems for submission to the "Young Poets Collection" company located in Evanston, Wyoming.

The "Young Poets Collection" company publishes books that provide an opportunity for children to share their creative work with others and further the enjoyment that writing can bring into their own life.

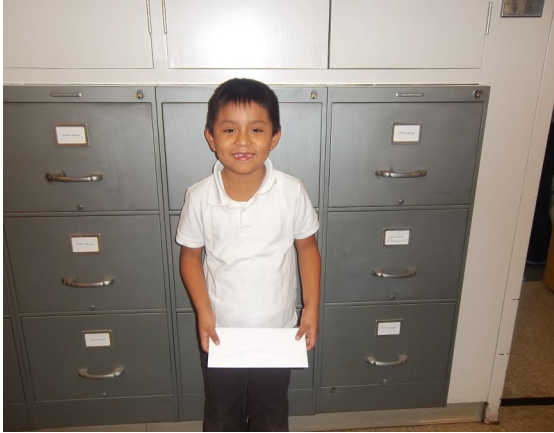
Poems are selected for their creativeness, use of language and the appearance of the poetry. Teachers receive a certificate of participation that they may reproduce for the students submitting poetry in their classrooms. This year, participating schools will receive a free copy of the collection for their library.

To that note, we are very pleased to announce that the following students have been selected for the 2013-2014 Young Poets Collection from Mrs. Deeny's class. Congratulations students! We are very, very proud of each and every one of you!

Kate Fetzer, Maggie Dick, Lana Jawawdeh, Aditya Patel, Shawn Fetzer, Gavin Joseph, Davis Zagorski, Timmy Saaybe, Nicholas Chenh, Andrew Kurtz, Dylan McManus, Jace Bennett, Destine Fallah, Gabriel Castillo, James Glessner, Ilayda Tat, Anthony Rivera and David Viola



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 recent winners were
Xavier Nivicela
Emma Olson,
Patrick Betker and
Prapti Patel**

**Dave & Busters gift cards,
Barnes and Noble gift cards,
and Chuck E Cheese gift cards
were awarded.**



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

SAFETIES OF THE MONTH



JASHLEE BLANCO

JULIANA EVANS

ELLA JACKSON

FIRAT KILIC

BRIAN LEE

JULIANA MORGAN

EVA QUICI

Bucks County Housing Group/ Penndel Community Food Pantry

The following letter was sent to Albert Schweitzer Elementary School in thanks for supporting families in the Lower Bucks County community.



2324 Second Street Pike, Suite 17, Wrightstown, PA 18940 * Phone 215-598-3566 * Fax 215-598-9812

December 16, 2013

Albert Schweitzer Elementary School
30 Harmony Road
Levittown, PA 19056

Dear Students, Staff and Parents,

On behalf of the Bucks County Housing group and the family that we serve at the Penndel Supportive Housing Program and Community Food Pantry, thank you for your generous donation of a huge load of non-perishable food. Currently we are seeing more than 200 families a week at our pantry. With help from the community we supplied Thanksgiving groceries to more than 380 families.

So many families in our Lower Bucks community are struggling to make ends meet and your generosity means so much to these families in need. Our mission is to strengthen families that are struggling and help them on the road to self-sufficiency through housing, food and other related social services.

It's only through community support that the Bucks County Housing Group can contribute to work on behalf of others in need. Thank you for truly making a difference in the lives of others.

We wish you much health and happiness in the New Year.

Best regards,

Denise M. Daniels
Penndel Community Food Pantry Coordinator
Bucks County Housing Group – Penndel
349 Durham Road
Langhorne, PA 19047
215-750-4344, ext. #102

**Mrs. Sroba treated the
office staff and
classroom teachers to a special treat
of caroling with some of her
students. "Jingle Bells" and
"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"
was enjoyed by all!**





It's a "Holly Jolly" holiday in Miss Supowitz's class!!!





It's A Gingerbread World in Miss Flynn's Class!!!



Gingerbread House making in Miss Marquis's Class



SECOND GRADE GINGERBREAD HOUSES





Albert Schweitzer School was the proud recipient of a cashiers check from the United Way in the amount of \$1,000.

This check was granted to the school with the highest participation during the 2013 United Way Campaign Drive.

A special thank you is also extended to Mrs. Pulak for serving as our school's United Way Representative and for promoting the importance of contributing to such a worthy organization.



Service Learning Club



The Service Learning Club has been active since mid-October. Since then we have made donations for the Women's Humane Society in the form of dog and cat toys and homemade dog treats.

In November, the students decorated Thanksgiving placemats and centerpieces for Statesman Nursing Home and the Knights of Columbus Annual Thanksgiving dinner. We also made and bagged cookies for Statesman Nursing Home. During that time, the students also decorated holiday cards for military men and women which were collected by the American Legion in Fallsington.

In December we decorated boxes, collected books and gathered coloring sheets and puzzle printables for the children at Children's Hospital. We also made cinnamon ornaments, cards, letters and candy cane decorations for Statesman Nursing Home.

In the future, we plan to make scarves, gather gloves for needy children and send care packages to the military.

We are very proud of all the students who are participating in the club.

Mrs. Crawford & Mrs. Hanley



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JANUARY SCHOOL EVENTS

Happy New Year!!!

JAN 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! - DISTRICT CLOSED
JAN 2	FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS
JAN 6-17	PTO SHOE DRIVE (ends 1/17/14)
JAN 8	PTO MEETING - LIBRARY 6:00 PM
JAN 11	Breakfast with the Superintendent 9:00 - 11:00 am
JAN 13	"DISTRICT" Band, Chorus and Orchestra Rehearsals begin at Maple Point - 7:15 am
JAN 14	HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALBERT SCHWEITZER!!
JAN 20	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
JAN 21	PTO MARKET DAY DELIVERY
JAN 22	DIBELS Testing - 2nd Grade
JAN 23	DIBELS Testing - 1st Grade
JAN 27	3rd Marking Period
JAN 27	PTO SPORTS SPECTACULAR (after school athletics)
JAN 28	DIBELS Testing - Kindergarten
JAN 28	PTO CHEERLEADING (after school athletics)
JAN 31	PTO SCHOOL STORE

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 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

REMINDERS

January, 2014

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 because your hands touch everything.
3. Wash your hands often with soap or an alcohol based sanitizer.
4. Keep frequently used surfaces clean, such as, tables, counters, desks and doorknobs.

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



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Valentine's Day Cookie Conversation Heart



Once again we will be selling Valentine's Day
Cookie Conversation Hearts
for parents to purchase for their child/children.

Parents can order a 5" heart-shaped cookie
containing a personalized message.

The cost of a cookie is \$3.50

The order deadline is NO LATER THAN
January 31, 2014