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Principal's Message...

Dear Albert Schweitzer Families:

We are now in our seventh month of school and it is time to reflect on the progress of our students. As I reviewed the progress reports that were given out on the 15th of February, I was pleased to see that many of our students are mastering their math facts. We cannot stress enough the importance of making sure your children are diligently studying all math facts required for their grade level. We have added an incentive of the "Math Fact Fluency" to demonstrate the importance of mastering the facts, and providing positive reinforcement to those who have done so. Once a student has mastered the facts, he/she has more room in the brain to work on problem-solving. Thank you for your support on this very important skill!

I have given out hundreds of "100 Book Challenge" medals! Thank you for signing the forms and encouraging your child to read every night. Our students are working hard to become critical thinkers and critical readers!

Our teachers in grades 3-5 have been working with your child on preparation for PSSA assessments. Fifth grade students will take the writing assessment this month, and third through fifth grade students will take the math and reading assessments in April. All fourth grade students will take the science PSSA in April, as well. Please encourage your child to do his/her personal best on the tests! Our PTO has graciously and generously agreed to fund our school incentive for doing your "personal best" on every PSSA assessment. Teachers will have "Schweitzer PSSA Movie Passes" to give to each child after the completion of each test. The passes will only be given to students who are demonstrating good testing behaviors! We expect all students in grades 3-5 to earn the movie ticket! We will be taking them to the movies during a school day in May or early June. I will send home more details as we know them!

Thank you to the PTO and our fabulous faculty for making the "Sweetheart Dance" such a success! The students were thrilled to have a "date" with their favorite adult, and the winners of the teacher raffle were so thrilled to get to spend time with them. I have to say that I thoroughly enjoyed working with Mr. Christopher Phillippe! Christopher was the winner of "Principal for the Day." He was an outstanding Principal~ he helped me all day long! Thank you, Christopher!!

I hope you have a fun spring break and enjoy the time with family and friends.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathleen Brewster



PSSA TESTING

All students in 5th grade will be taking the PSSA test for Writing during the week of **March 11th through March 15th.**

Testing will occur in the morning, so please do your best to have your children to school on time and well rested.

Make-ups will be given the week of March 18th through March 22nd for any child that is out sick during the testing window.



Kindergarten Registration Day

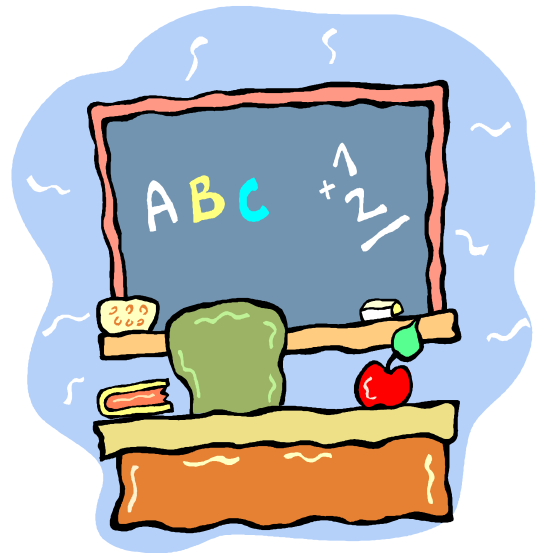
The Neshaminy School District will hold Kindergarten Registration Day on **Friday, March 8, 2013.**

You may register your student between 9:30 am - 11:30 am or 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Students are to be registered at the school they will attend in September, 2013.

Children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1, 2013.

You may also register on-line (at any time) at www.neshaminy.org. Click on the drop down bar and select Albert Schweitzer Elementary School. Follow the step-by-step directions on how to register on-line.

Please also be sure to check the website for all documentation that needs to be provided in order to complete your child's registration (i.e., birth certificate, proof of residency, immunizations, etc.)



PTO Sweetheart Dance

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Our Sweetheart Dance was a huge success! We had a sell out crowd and a fabulous time. Thank you to all parents and volunteers who pitched in and to all those who attended the event with their child. A BIG thank you as well goes out to the teachers who donated wonderful prizes to our raffle table, the kids were super excited!!! It was a great idea and extremely successful.

Below are some pictures already taken of our winners:

"Principal for the Day" - Christopher Phillippe and Ms. Brewster



"Color Me Mine" - Alyssa Loudan and Reagan Cloney with Miss Supowitz



**Mrs. Sroba's
Karate Class**



**Lucas Aykroyd
and
Gabriel Castillo**



Pizza & Dessert Lunch Winners sponsored by Mrs. O'Driscoll
Lucas Aykroyd, Burak Kilic, Landon Hait & Gabriel Castillo



Dr. Seuss's Birthday





Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss





Looking for Volunteers to hang Artwork...

We are looking for volunteers to help hang Artwork in our hallways for our upcoming Art Show that will be held during the evening of Thursday, May 16, 2012, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

If you are able to help out in decorating our hallways with student artwork, please email our art teacher,
Mrs. Warwick-Canning at
cwarwick-canning@neshaminy.k12.pa.us



Neshaminy “Takes Pride”

March’s **“TAKES PRIDE”** theme is “Respect.” “Respect” means an attitude of regard or esteem for another. It can be a polite expression of admiration for another in word or deed. “Respect” is courteous regard for the feelings and opinions of others. People who demonstrate “respect” treat everyone the same no matter their gender, race, religion, size or age.



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, aides, bus drivers and our custodians.

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

Our *Mystery Motivator* this month is Valerie Benson!!
Valerie will be our “Principal for the Day”!
Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Who will be the winner of the next
Mystery Motivator???



100th Day of School





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PTO MARCH EVENTS



- March 1 Yankee Candle Spring Fundraiser Kickoff . Orders due back March 22.
Delivery April 16
- March 5 Joe Corbi's Pizza Delivery
- March 8 Market Day Orders Due - Delivery Tuesday, March 19, 2013
(special selection of pies for Easter being offered)
- March 22 SCHOOL STORE
- March 24 Dave and Busters Spirit Day - 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Franklin Mills Mall

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 26th Pizza Bingo
- May 16th Talent Show & Art Show
- May 10 Mother's Day Flowers (Pre-Orders Only!!!)
- May 31 Field Day

IMPORTANT NOTE

The PTO is asking everyone to please read all fliers that are sent home carefully. Deadlines for all events are made earlier than the actual event so that enough coverage is arranged, food/event items are ordered and set-up is arranged with our custodial staff. All of these things take a great deal of time and effort.

We hope you will understand that we do not want to turn anyone away from an event, but due to the amount of things that need to be arranged prior to the event, there will be times that we may need to do so. Therefore, please kindly adhere to the cut-off dates, as they are in truly in place for a reason!

Thank you always for your support!!

Operation Helping Hand - Food Drive

The United Way of Bucks County will conduct their annual Operation Helping Hand 2013 Food Drive. **The Drive will take place on Wednesday, April 10th. Pick up will be on Thursday, April 11th.** Operation Helping Hand will be collecting non-perishable food items to distribute to area pantries and social service agencies, who then distribute the items to families in need. Donations should be placed in boxes located in the school lobby on those days.

We hope we can count on your participation in this worthy cause!



parents and guardians

► Online resources

Wiredsafety.org
NetSmartz.org
netsafekids.com
kidshealth.org
microsoft.com/protect/family/guidelines/faq.msp
bpl.org/KIDS/Evaluate.htm
Kids.getnetwise.org
netlingo.com/emailsh.cfm

- Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) requires websites to explain their privacy policies on the site and get parental consent before collecting or using a child's personal information. This law also prohibits a site from requiring a child to provide more personal information than necessary to play a game or participate in a contest.
- Be aware of your child's computer activities
- Educate your child about online risks
- Check parent-control options available from ISPs
- Software available:
 - Filtering programs
 - Monitor or track online activity
- Kids should have a screen name that protects their real identity

- ◆ Learn how to block objectionable material
- ◆ Keep the computer or laptop in a common area where you can monitor its use
- ◆ Share an email account with your child
- ◆ Bookmark your child's favorite kids' sites
- ◆ Together, spend time online so you can teach appropriate online behavior
- ◆ Tell your child that it is not safe to enter a private chat room
- ◆ Know that posting messages to chat rooms reveals the user's email address
- ◆ If you believe your child is at risk, you can use monitoring software that will automatically record what they're posting and when they are posting it. One monitoring site is Spectorsoft.com.
- ◆ Ask about online protection offered by:
 - your child's school
 - after-school center
 - friends' home
 - other places your child is online
- ◆ Tell your child he or she can always talk to you about any uncomfortable online exchange
- ◆ Forward copies of obscene or threatening messages to your Internet Safety Provider (ISP)
- ◆ Contact the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (800) 843-5678 if you are aware of the transmission, use, or viewing of online child pornography. Notify your local law enforcement agency and/or the FBI if your child has received child pornography via the Internet.

Excerpts from kidshealth.org

Our Mission

Network of Victim Assistance supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes and works to eliminate violence in Bucks County through advocacy, community education and prevention programs.



Network of Victim Assistance

1-800-675-6900

www.novabucks.org

Ask your child
"Who is on your friend's list?"

Don't just give anyone access to your world!
Think before you post anything
about yourself or others!



working together

families:

- Establish simple rules for everyone to follow
- Never reveal personal information:
 - address
 - phone number
 - birth date
 - school name or location
 - a mall near you
- Never post personal information about someone else
- Create and use a gender neutral screen name
- Never agree to meet anyone from a chat room in person
- Don't reply to a threatening e-mail
- Don't reply to any threatening message
- Always talk with your parent/ guardian about anything you find online that is confusing or scary
- Any "online friends" need to be "introduced online" to parents/ guardian



If someone sends you a message that makes you feel uncomfortable:

**Stop
Block
Tell**

Find Support!

surf safely

Your best online protection is you!

By talking with your children about potential online dangers and monitoring their computer use, you will help them surf safely.

Signs to look for:

- Spending long hours online, especially at night
- Phone calls from individuals you don't know
- Unsolicited gifts arriving in the mail
- Your child minimizes the computer screen as you approach the computer
- Your child turns the computer off when you walk into the room
- Reluctance to talk about online activities
- Withdrawal from family life

Do you really know
the person you are
chatting with?

Remember to...

Think
Before You Click!



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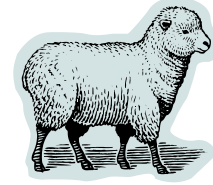
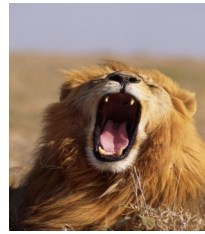
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**If March comes in like a lion,
will it go out like a lamb?**

With March being such a changeable month, in which we can see warm spring-like temperatures or late-season snowstorms, you can understand how this saying might hold true in some instances. We can only hope that if March starts off cold and stormy it will end warm and sunny, but the key word is hope! What do you think will happen?



Even in March, Snow and Ice Still a Concern

Since there is still a potential for snow and ice, please make sure you take a few minutes to review and discuss your "Emergency Dismissal Plan" with your child. On days of early dismissal, it is important for children in all grades to know what to do and where to go.

Also, please do not call the school for closing information. Closing information is posted on the District website and will be posted on the Schweitzer website as soon as it is made available to us.

In addition, as many of you already know, if school is in session and it is extremely cold outside or other weather issues present themselves, our children will have indoor recess. The district policy is to keep students inside when the temperature falls below 20 degrees or with a wind chill that makes it feel below 20 degrees. While it is important to get students outside for a break, keeping our children warm, safe, and healthy is even more important!

And don't forget to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. Even if you drop off and pick up your child, they will still go outside for recess on most days. Students without proper outside gear will stay inside.

Thanks again for your help!

