

## Principal's Message...



**Dear Schweitzer Families:**

**The month of March typically marks the beginning of spring, and we begin to experience warmer weather.**

**Hopefully, spring flowers will replace the snow in the coming weeks. Spring does however bring state assessments to schools. Our students in grades 3-5 will be participating in the PSSA assessments beginning in April. Please take note of the specific dates for each assessment indicated in this newsletter.**

**The reading assessments are given to test students' ability to read and interpret fiction and non-fiction text. The skills that are necessary to do so are vast and require a good deal of expertise.**

**The math assessments require students to demonstrate understanding of mathematical concepts, as well as explain their thinking through written open-ended responses. This requires higher level thinking as well as organizational thinking.**

**Writing assessments are devised to determine to what degree, students can articulate a response to a prompt.**

**As you can see, the assessments are a good measurement of what your child(ren) have learned in school. The content of all assessments are based on standards that are common to all students in the State of Pennsylvania. Please encourage your child(ren) to go to bed early, eat a healthy breakfast, and utilize the strategies that they have been taught to demonstrate what they have learned this year.**

**Students are encouraged to participate in our Reading Olympics program and will compete at the High School in Room J-9 on March 25th. Please continue to read with or to your children.**

**Also, our Kindergarten students will be learning about Poison Awareness presented by Middletown Township on March 27. Please ask questions of them following the very informative presentation.**

**Thank you for your continued support,**

*Clarke Stoneback*  
*Acting Principal*

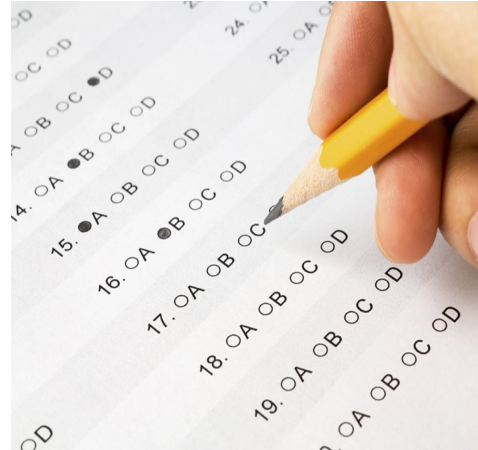
# PSSA TESTING

Students in grades 3-4-5 will be taking the PSSA tests for Reading and Language Arts during the week of **April 13th through April 16th.**

Grade 3-4-5 will take the Mathematics PSSA tests from **April 20th through April 22nd.**

Grade 4 will take the Science PSSA tests on **April 27th and 28th .**

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



# Kindergarten Registration Day

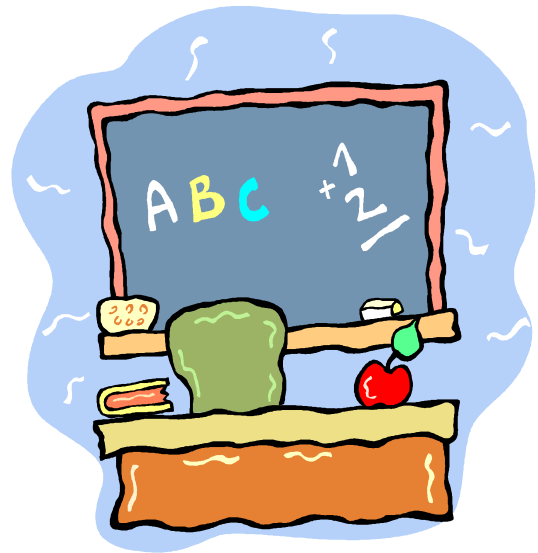
The Neshaminy School District will hold Kindergarten Registration Day on **Friday, March 6, 2014.**

You may register your student between 9:00 and 11:30 am or 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm on that day. Students are to be registered at the school they will attend in September, 2015.

Children entering kindergarten must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2015.

We encourage all parents to register on-line (at any time) at [www.neshaminy.org](http://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 need to be provided in order to complete your child's registration (i.e., birth certificate, proof of residency, immunizations, etc.) These documents are needed to complete the reg. process.



# PTO Sweetheart Dance

Our Sweetheart Dance was a huge success! We had a fabulous time. Thank you to all parents and volunteers who pitched in and to all those who attended the event with their child. The PTO and Mr. Stoneback both would like to express their greatest appreciation! They also had a wonderful time.

## "PRIZES WON"

Baking Cookies

Laura Miller, Gavin Hartman and Chris Loadwick

Dan Toner

Donny Little

Barnes & Noble

Madeline Bak and Madison Pecara

Breakfast with Mrs. Mancini

Megan Smith

Movie Trip

Jante Bazadough

Cupcake Decorating

Sydney Schultz

Pizza with Mrs. O'Driscoll

Josh Souder

Lunch with the Principal

Alana Kass

Skyzone

Evan Hy

Dinner with Mrs. Flynn and Mrs. Dyas

Sophia Raczynski

Candy Guess

Sofia Morales

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the teachers and staff who donated wonderful prizes to our raffle table !!





# SERVICE LEARNING CLUB COAT DRIVE



## COAT COLLECTION FROM FEBRUARY 25 thru MARCH 11

The Albert Schweitzer Service Learning Club is holding a coat drive . We would appreciate any donations of men's, women's and children's coats. All donations will benefit the area homeless shelter.

Students worked hard preparing signs for our building walls and boxes for collection.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!



# FIRST IN MATH CLASSROOM WINNER!!!



Each week, your child's classroom has the opportunity to win the First In Math  
"Class of the Week" trophy!

Encourage your child to play online each night and earn as many points as they can. This trophy is  
awarded to the class who has earned the most points in the previous week.

Mrs. Eastwood's students were our next winners of the classroom trophy.  
Congratulations!!



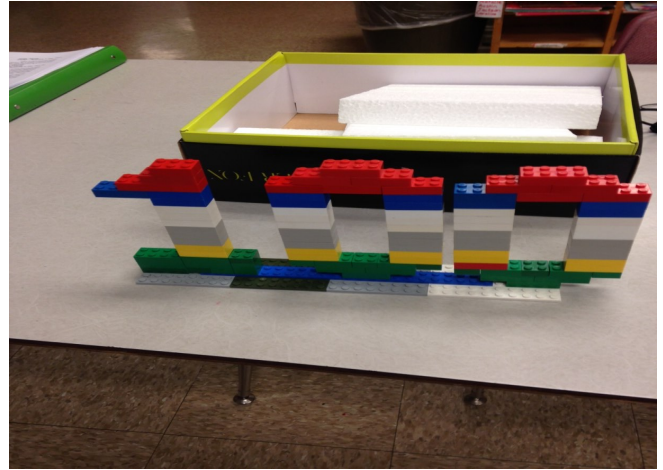
# SCHWEITZER SERVICE LEARNING CLUB



**Albert Schweitzer's Service Learning Club held a Crazy Hair Day fundraiser on February 6, 2015. The club raised over \$140.00. The students bought toys for children who have multiple disabilities with the money that they raised. The Service Learning Club members researched the type of toys needed for this population and selected cost efficient toys that would be most beneficial for children with these special needs.**



# 100th Day of School







Robert L. Copeland  
Superintendent of Schools

## *Neshaminy School District*

*2001 Old Lincoln Highway • Langhorne, Pennsylvania 19047-3295*

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March 2015

### **Notification Letter for Parents or Guardians**

The Neshaminy School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building, office, and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM contractor who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use pesticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to manage a pest problem. A pesticide will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When a pesticide is necessary, the school will try to use the least toxic product that is effective. Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. The Schedule for all Neshaminy School District monthly IPM services will be posted in all Main Office sites throughout the year.

Staff and parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please send a letter to the Neshaminy School District Facilities Department, 2001 Old Lincoln Highway, Langhorne, PA 19047

If a pesticide application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided via the Neshaminy School District web site and postings in the site's Main Office. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids; and swimming pool maintenance chemicals.

If you have any questions, please contact the Facilities Office at 215-809-6250.

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# MARCH EVENTS



- March 4 PTO Meeting - Library - 6:00 pm
- March 6 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DAY  
9:00 to 11:30 am and 1:00—3:00 pm
- March 11 FOOD DRIVE—Food collection
- March 12 FOOD DRIVE PICK-UP
- March 20 First Day of SPRING
- March 20 PTO Bingo Night
- March 25 Reading Olympics at NHS—Room J-9
- March 27 Kindergarten Students Only —Poison Awareness Presentation
- March 27 SCHOOL STORE
- March 30 NO SCHOOL—EASTER RECESS
- March 31 NO SCHOOL—EASTER RECESS (Through April 5th)

## CRAZY HAIR DAY

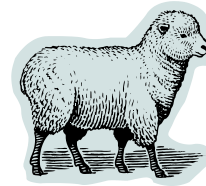
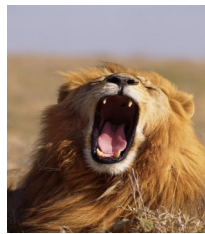


Albert Schweitzer students raised over \$140.00 for their Service Learning Club by coming to school with Crazy Colored and Crazy Styled Hair.

We had sooooo much fun for a great cause !!!



Albert Schweitzer Elementary School  
30 Harmony Road  
Levittown, PA 19056  
215-809-6380



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?

We're on the Web!  
[www.neshaminy.k12.pa.us](http://www.neshaminy.k12.pa.us)

## HOME & SCHOOL CONNECTION

### "Standardized tests"

#### CHOOSE TO DO WELL

**True or false:** standardized tests are tough. The answer depends on how prepared your youngster is. Here are four ways to help him handle test week:

1. Explain that the tests will show how much he has learned. Encourage him to try his best, but don't put so much emphasis on them that he feels stressed.
2. Practice the test format. For example, your child might have to read a paragraph and answer questions. Using one of his textbooks, have him look at the questions at the end of a section first and then read the passage. That will help him know what to read for and how to find the answers.
3. Limit activities the night before tests. You may want to avoid having guests for dinner or skip his brother's baseball game if it means being out late. Be sure your child gets to bed on time and sets an alarm for the next morning.
4. On test day, give him an energy-boosting breakfast. Try to include both protein (eggs, yogurt, milk) and carbohydrates (fruit, oatmeal, toast).