

Albert Schweitzer Gazette

Principal's Message...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your participation at our Barnes and Noble night on October 23rd. Our chorus performed and students came dressed in Halloween costumes for a parade around the upper floor of the store. Many children came to see "Kushka" the dog and to listen to "her" new story. It was a wonderful evening!

Thank you to the PTO and all the parent and teacher volunteers for making our Monster Mash such a huge success. We were sold-out with 250 tickets! The children had an amazing time in the haunted hallways, playing games, and dancing to the music provided by one of our parents, Mrs. Capaldi. Thank you, Mr. Capaldi!

The end of the 1st marking period is November 8th. Please review with your child their school goals and discuss whether they met them, and if they did not, what their plan is for meeting them over the next marking period. We have asked them to determine what they wanted to accomplish this year, and now is a good time to have those conversations at home, as well, as in school.

The school ambassadors will be holding a food drive to benefit the Penndel Food Bank. Thank you to Erika Chichilitti for creating the flyer that was sent home this week. We are trying to work with you to develop in our students a sense of service to the community. In that vein, two of our teachers, Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Hanley, have started a service learning club that meets once a week. I am proud to say that we already have over 40 students who volunteer their time to help various causes.

We will be holding a special Veteran's Day celebration on November 8th. Our students will have an opportunity to listen to former soldiers about serving our country. They will also have the opportunity to see vehicles used during wars and artifacts of true soldiers. We thank Mr. William Beadling for spearheading the program. We hope the program will leave the students with a sense of appreciation for all those who have served our great country!

We look forward to seeing you at conferences during the last two weeks of November and wish you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathleen Brewster
Principal



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Ongoing research shows that parental involvement in schools improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism and restores confidence among parents in their children's education. With that in mind, we invite you to attend American Education Week throughout our elementary schools on Wednesday, November 20 and Thursday, November 21. Due to the number of parents who attend, please RSVP if you will be attending on your given day. Refer to the suggested visitation dates for scheduling your visit.

Wednesday, November 20 last names beginning with A through M 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Thursday, November 21 last names beginning with N through Z 9:30 am to 11:30 am

When visiting, we ask that you abide by the following to ensure as little distraction as possible:

- Sign in upon arrival and obtain a visitor's badge
- Silence all cell phones when in the classrooms
- Refrain from video taping or taking pictures
- Leave pre-school children at home or in the care of others.

We look forward to your visit so that we can spotlight all the people involved and committed to making your child's education a great one!

Principal's 200 Club Mystery Motivator October Winner!

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 Mystery Motivator winner for
the month of October was Joseph McManus.
Joseph won two (2) tickets to Bounce You!*

Who will be the next Mystery Motivator????



Barksdale - Picture Retakes



Picture retake day is: Tuesday, November 19, 2013

If your child needs their picture taken because they missed the first picture day, please have your child come to the main office to receive a picture order form no later than Monday, November 18th OR

You may order pictures online at www.barksdalephoto.com

Our Picture Day ID = 16412

If your child is having their picture re-taken, please make sure that he/she returns their original picture packet to the main office on Picture Retake Day.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

One of our most important responsibilities is to monitor and evaluate your child's progress in school. Using classwork, homework, teacher observations, quizzes, lesson unit tests and standardized testing we continually monitor and assess your child's progress. This effort helps us to continue to provide appropriate instruction for your child.

It is always a good idea to prepare for a conference. Write down your thoughts, questions, concerns or points of interest that you would like to share and bring them with you. This not only provides a more effective and efficient conference but may help prevent you from forgetting any questions or making an important point.

NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten students ONLY - Monday, November 25
Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences

NO SCHOOL ALL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS - Tuesday, November 26 through Friday, November 29
Parent/Teacher Conferences

THANKSGIVING RECESS - Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29
(ALL OFFICES CLOSED)

Library Volunteers Needed

The Schweitzer Library is in need of volunteers to support for the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair. Volunteers are needed during school hours from November 18 through November 22.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Adamson at
215-809-6380 or
yadamson@neshaminy.k12.pa.us
Hope to see you there!

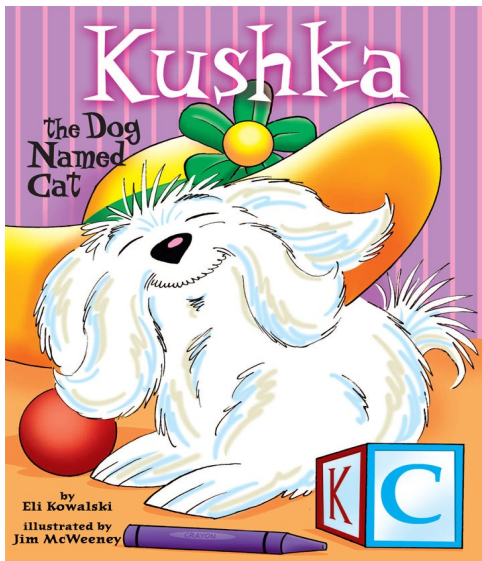


BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS

The Schweitzer Barnes & Noble Bookfair night was a huge success. Students came dressed up in their favorite costumes for the Spooky Parade and we listened to the beautiful voices of the Schweitzer Chorus with the help of Mr. Stoverschlegel.



A percentage of the proceeds from purchases will go to Albert Schweitzer School.



MEET KUSHKA

We were delighted to have Mr. Eli Kowalski visit Albert Schweitzer School. Mr. Kowalski is the author of Kushka, The Dog Named Cat

As a special treat, Mr. Kowalski brought along with him the main character of his book, "Kushka."

Kushka sat on his lap while he read the story to our Kindergarten, first and second grade classes.

Our budding writers had a wonderful time!



First Grade Math Night

On Thursday, October 10, 2013 approximately thirty (30) first grade students and their families joined their teachers for Math Night.

Each student filled a shoe box with materials that they can use at home to reinforce the math concepts that are being taught in schools. After a brief presentation by Mrs. Dyas, Ms. Flynn, Mrs. Roller and Ms. Marquis to explain the philosophy of the math program, the 1st graders divided into groups and rotated around to each teacher. The teachers demonstrated the use of number bonds, ten frames and the virtual manipulative on the Math in Focus website available through www.thinkcentral.com.

Throughout they year, items will be sent home to be added to the math boxes. Thank you to all of the parents that joined us to learn more about our math program!



Orchestra Rehearsals

Orchestra Rehearsals for 4th and 5th grade advanced string players are every Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

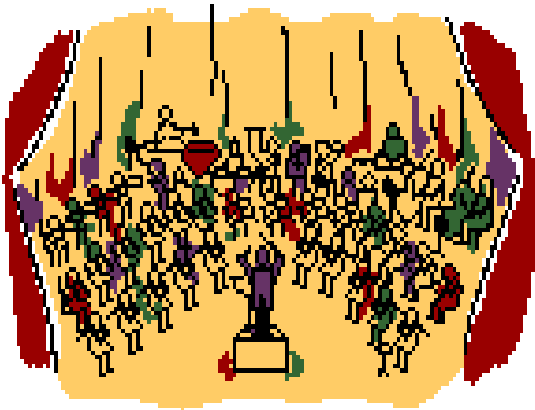
Band students are to report every Friday
no later than 7:50 a.m.

Our Holiday Concert is Wednesday, December 11th

Carl Sandburg Auditorium

In-school Concert for Students - 10:00 a.m.

Evening Performance for Families - 7:30 p.m.



Our fifth grade “Buddies” started off with a bang at Albert Schweitzer Elementary School. The children in Mrs. Mela’s class and Mrs. Rittler’s class volunteer their recess time to play with the children in the Primary Life Skills class. The fifth graders teach their buddies how to play different games, how to socialize, and how to make good choices.

It is amazing to see the kindness, gentleness, patience, and respect that the fifth graders have shown to children with special needs. They are to be commended! Thank you to all of the children and teachers that help out with this program!

Mrs. Exner, Primary Life Skills Teacher

Fifth Grade Buddies



Counselor’s Corner



If you or a Schweitzer family that you know are in need of holiday assistance this year, you have come to the right place!

Albert Schweitzer Elementary School, as well as outside organizations, will once again be participating in a Holiday Help Drive to assist families who are experiencing a hardship and/or struggling financially.

Please contact me, at 215-809-6380 regarding this matter no later than Thursday, October 31st. Please note all inquiries will be kept completely confidential!

Sincerely,
Mrs. O’Driscoll

OCTOBER SAFETIES OF THE MONTH



**CHRISTOPHER BLANCO
ERIKA CHICHILITTI
HANNA GERLACH
MUHAMMED KURUN
SAMEER RAVEL
SKYLAR SPAIN
ALYSSA WAMBOLD**



VETERAN'S DAY - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012

Whether it's peacetime or wartime, it's always important to teach our students that Veterans Day means more than just a day off from school.

Patriotism is a value that must be taught and modeled for our young students.

We hope you will join us in remembering all those who serve or have served in our Armed Forces on this honorable day.

**We will also be holding a special
Veterans Day Program on
Friday, November 8th from
9:30 - 11:00 am for all students. All
teachers will have their classroom doors
decorated in honor of this event!!!**



PTO/SCHOOL EVENTS

11/3	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (MOVE CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR)
11/4	PTO CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT - 5:00 - 9:00 pm
11/5	NO SCHOOL — ELECTION DAY
11/6	PTO MEETING - 6:00 pm - Library
11/6	DAVE AND BUSTERS GIFT CARD SALE
11/8	VETERANS DAY EVENT for ALL STUDENTS
11/11	NO SCHOOL — VETERAN'S DAY — DISTRICT CLOSED
11/15	AE FIELD TRIP—NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER Grades 4 & 5
11/18 - 11/22	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR — SCHOOL LIBRARY
11/19	PICTURE RETAKE DAY
11/20 & 11/21	AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK — PARENT VISITATION (see schedule inside newsletter)
11/22	PTO CRAZY SLIPPER DAY & SCHOOL STORE
11/25	KINDERGARTEN PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (No school for Kindergarten students ONLY)
11/26 & 11/29	PARENT/TEACHERS CONFERENCES GRADES K-5 (No school for all students)
11/27/13	HANUKKAH BEGINS AT SUNDOWN
11/28 & 11/29	Thanksgiving Recess — DISTRICT CLOSED

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