

Albert Schweitzer Gazette

Principal's Message...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your participation at our Barnes and Noble night on October 22nd. Our chorus performed and students came dressed in Halloween costumes for a parade around the upper floor of the store. Many children took part in our Frappacino Flavor Contest. 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. The children had an amazing time in the haunted hallways, playing games, and dancing to the music provided by our DJ. Thank you PTO.

The end of the 1st marking period was October 31st. 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.

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

Sincerely,
Mr. Clarke Stoneback
Acting 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 19 and Thursday, November 20. 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 19 last names beginning with A through M 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Thursday, November 20 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 Anthony Fischer in Mrs. Roller's class.

Anthony won passes to The Camden Aquarium!

Who will be the next Mystery Motivator????



Barksdale - Picture Retakes



Picture retake day is: Friday, November 21, 2014

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 Wednesday, November 19th 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 24
Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences

NO SCHOOL ALL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS - Tuesday, November 25 through Friday, November 28
Parent/Teacher Conferences

THANKSGIVING RECESS - Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28
(DISTRICT CLOSED)

Library BOOK FAIR

The Schweitzer Library will be holding our Scholastic Book Fair during school hours from November 17 through November 21.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Adamson at 215-809-6380 or

yadamson@neshaminy.k12.pa.us or follow the link to Sign-up Genius volunteer to help.
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.

The winner of our Frappacino Flavor Contest was Landon Mitchell in Mrs. Mancini's class. The winning flavor was **Carmel Pumpkin Party**



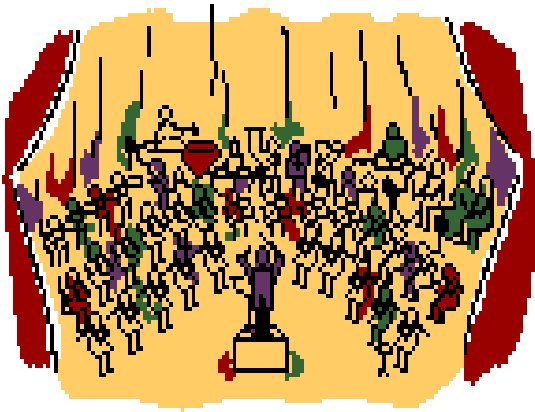
MONSTER MASH

OUR MONSTER MASH HALLOWEEN PARTY WAS
GREAT FUN.

STUDENTS CAME DRESSED UP IN THEIR
FAVORITE COSTUMES FOR FUN WITH CRAFTS, GAMES AND
PLENTY OF GREAT FOOD. THE HAUNTED HALLWAY AND
PHOTOBOOTH WERE HUGE HITS.



Orchestra Rehearsals



Orchestra Rehearsals for 4th and 5th grade Advanced
Orchestra are every Thursday

No rehearsal on Nov 27 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

Dress Rehearsal at Sandburg December 8

**Our Holiday Concert is Monday, December 8th
at 7:30 pm**

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

Counselor's Corner Mrs. O'Driscoll

I am excited to welcome everyone back to a new school year. I am available to meet with you regarding any concerns you might have about your child. I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you, any issues your child might be experiencing in the areas of academics, social, emotional or behavioral health. If you are seeking reading information or general information about a particular issue, please visit the Guidance web page.

I will again be providing skill development groups focusing on various topics, such as relational aggression, social skills, anger management and self esteem building. It is important for children to have a set of skills to assist them in dealing with issues that arise on a daily basis. Please contact me if you are interested in having your child participate in one of these groups.

St. Mary's has partnered with Neshaminy School District to provide a parenting program, free of charge, to our parents. .

If you need assistance with the Holidays, please contact the Guidance Office in early November. Applications for help will not be accepted after November 7, 2014.

I am, once again, looking forward to working with you, as you travel on your journey of parenting your children. I can be reached at 215-809-6385 or bodriscoll@neshaminy.k12.pa.us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. O'Driscoll

BOX TOPS CONTEST



OUR TOP WINNERS FOR THIS CONTEST ARE:

TOMMY GREENAGE
from Mrs. Bowman's class

ALEXA PARISIAN
from Ms. Marquis's class

CONGRATULATIONS !!

WHAT'S HOT; WHAT'S NOT PRESENTATION

Our Kindergarten students were treated to a presentation by our own Middletown Township Fire Marshall about what is safe to touch and approach if it's HOT or NOT

Lots of information and serious learning along with a little fun for all.



PTO/SCHOOL EVENTS

11/1	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (MOVE CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR)
11/4	NO SCHOOL — ELECTION DAY
11/5	PTO MEETING - 6:00 pm - Library
11/7	YANKEE CANDLE ORDERS DUE
11/11	NO SCHOOL — VETERAN'S DAY — DISTRICT CLOSED
11/17 - 11/21	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR — SCHOOL LIBRARY
11/17 - 11/21	AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK — PARENT VISITATION (see schedule inside newsletter)
11/18	MARKET DAY ORDER PICK-UP
11/21	CRAZY SLIPPER DAY & SCHOOL STORE
11/21	SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS DUE
11/21	PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY (am only)
11/24	KINDERGARTEN PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (No school for Kindergarten students ONLY)
11/25 & 11/26	PARENT/TEACHERS CONFERENCES GRADES K-5 (No school for all students)
11/27 & 11/28	Thanksgiving Recess — DISTRICT CLOSED
11/28	PTO FIVE BELOW FUNDRAISER

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