

Principal's Message...



Dear Schweitzer Families:

Now that October is here and the beginning of the year procedures are set in place, all students are in full learning mode!

Our guiding reading groups have begun, and this year, we will be teaching our students the four strategies of reciprocal teaching. Those “Fab Four” are: questioning, predicting, clarifying, and summarizing. When using the strategies, each student takes a turn at being the “teacher”, and often the teacher and students take turns leading a discussion about sections of the text that they are reading. The aim is to help students actively bring meaning to the text, and help them to learn to monitor their own learning and thinking. This strategy was studied and was found to have a significant effect on student learning. If you would like to learn more about reciprocal teaching, please talk to your child’s teacher, or ask to speak to our reading specialist, Mrs. Nicole Mascione.

Our Barnes and Noble night is scheduled for October 23rd, from 6:00-7:30 PM. Our 4th and 5th grade chorus will be performing, and all students are welcome to join a parade around the store in their Halloween costumes. A percentage of the total Albert Schweitzer sales will be given back to the school. Please come out and support our 1st school fundraiser!

The High School “Roadies” will be performing, “Spooky Kooky”, for our students on October 31st, at 1:30 PM, in the Sandburg auditorium. We thank, Mrs. Gina Chiolan, director of the group, for always making sure that Schweitzer students see the show!

We are off to a great start of the school year, and look forward to the coming months of exciting learning experiences for your children.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathleen Brewster
Principal



ROADIES

The Roadies are coming,
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We will be entertained once again
by the High School drama
performer, "The Roadies."

They will perform,
"Spooky Kooky,"
on Thursday, October 31st
at 1:40 p.m. in the
Sandburg Auditorium.

It will be a *ghouling* afternoon!!



Principal's 200 Club Mystery Motivator

We have kicked-off our C.A.R.E.S. Behavior Program for the 2013-2014 school year !

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

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.

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



SCHWEITZER BAND INFO...

The first lesson for beginner Band Instruments will be

Friday, October 4th
(alto sax, trumpet, trombone and baritone)

Tuesday, Oct. 8th
(flute and clarinet)



If you already have an INSTRUMENT AT HOME, please bring it to school on the day you are scheduled and bring ALL ACCESSORIES along with the LESSON BOOK.

If you ordered your instrument from the music store or through school, YOU WILL RECEIVE IT AT THE FIRST LESSON.

EVERY BAND INSTRUMENT STUDENT MUST HAVE A LESSON BOOK and the NECESSARY ACCESSORIES!

If you have any questions about the materials or lessons, your parents may email Mr. O'Neill at soneill@neshaminy.k12.pa.us,

SCHWEITZER STRING INFO...

Schweitzer String Information

The first lesson for beginner **VIOLIN** and **VIOLA** students will be
Monday, October 7th

The first lesson for beginner **CELLO** and **BASS** students will be
Thursday, October 3rd

If you have an instrument at home please bring it, and your lesson book, on Monday or Thursday.

**Orchestra rehearsals for advanced players will begin on
Thursday, October 17th.**

Questions? Email Mrs. Kirsch at hkirsch@neshaminy.k12.pa.us



HELPING THOSE IN NEED ...

In an effort to help a homeless individual in our community, Schweitzer Elementary School held a special "Pajama day" on Friday, September 27th.



Students and staff who donated toward this worthy cause were allowed to wear their Pajamas to school on this day. Our school Ambassadors helped out by traveling throughout our building to collect cash and change from everyone!

A total in the amount of \$728.00 was collected and donated. A warm thank you is extended to all those who contributed.

Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm,
Albert Schweitzer will be holding a
Barnes & Noble Night in Fairless Hills, PA.

Students are encouraged to dress in their favorite costume for a Spooky Parade and listen to the beautiful voices of the Schweitzer Chorus!

BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKSELLERS

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble???
Visit BN.com/bookfairs to support our school!

From the Art Room...

ART NOTES.....



It has been an exciting start to the school year, with our redesigned art room, fun new supplies, and our new art teacher! We are looking forward to a great year full of creative projects in all different art forms. Please send in a smock with your son or daughter to wear on Art day. An old, loose fitting t-shirt seems to work best. Other than a smock, your child should bring an open mind, a desire to learn and try new things, to express themselves, and have fun! As always, thank you for your support!

Please encourage your child(ren) to be creative at home too! Autumn is a wonderful time to explore and create sculptures and artwork using leaves, branches, and pinecones! Have fun exploring!

Mrs. Loizos & Mrs. McGuigan

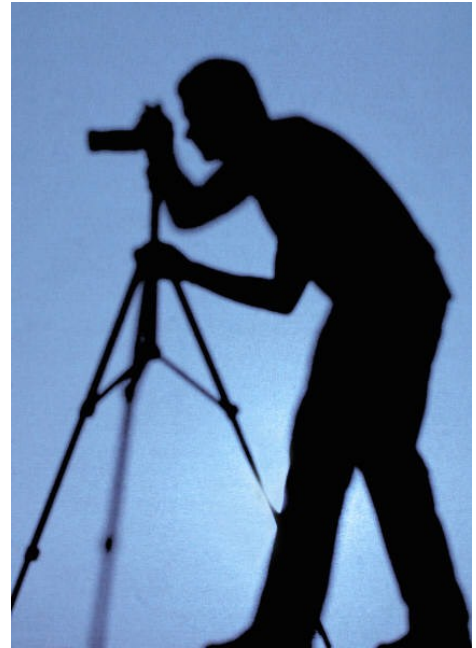
PICTURE DAY - OCTOBER 7, 2013

On Monday, October 7, 2013
Barksdale Photographers
will be coming to Albert Schweitzer School
To take school pictures
of our students and staff.

Please be sure to send in your child's
picture envelope, along with your payment,
on Picture Day!

You may also order ahead of time - Online. **Be sure
to use the password 16412 and write down
your confirmation number
www.barksdalephoto.com**

If you have any questions, you may call Barksdale
Photographers directly at 1-800-220-7667



Counselor's Corner Mrs. O'Driscoll

A FEW REMINDERS...

GROUPS: I will be running groups again this year. Topics include: social skills; friendship circles; anger management; relational aggression. Please contact me if you are interested in having your child participate in a group. Groups are run based on identified needs and the age of the children needing services. Groups are held during lunch and recess periods. No academic time is impacted.

ST. MARY'S PARENTING CENTER: St. Mary's has partnered with Neshaminy School District to provide a parenting program, free of charge, to our parents. Please contact me if you are interested in more information.

HOLIDAY HELP: The **DEADLINE** for requesting Holiday Help is October 31, 2013. The deadline is at the request of the Community Agencies involved in the program. Please contact me in the Guidance Office if you need more information.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES & WINTER COATS: If anyone is in need of school supplies or a winter coat for their child, please contact me in the Guidance Office.

PTO/SCHOOL EVENTS

10/2/13	PTO - MEETING - LIBRARY- 6:00 PM
10/4/13	PTO - CHUCK E CHEESE - EAT OUT NIGHT - 3:00—9:00 pm
10/7/13	PICTURE DAY!!!
10/8/13	FIRE TRUCK VISIT - Grades K, 1, 2
10/10/13	FIRST GRADE MATH NIGHT - (Gym)
10/15/13	MARKET DAY PICKUP - 5:30 pm (Schweitzer Lobby)
10/16/13	PTO - YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER KICKOFF
10/23/13	BARNES & NOBLE NIGHT - 6:00 PM (Oxford Valley)
10/25/13	PTO - MONSTER MASH/FALL FESTIVAL - 6:30 PM (Cafeteria)
10/25/12	SCHOOL STORE
10/31/12	HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - SPOOKY KOOKY ROADIES SHOW (students only) - 1:40 pm Carl Sandburg



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