

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Feb. 1**
End of Marking Period
Grades 1-5
- **Feb 14**
Valentine Day Cookies
Delivered
- **Feb. 15**
Sweetheart Dance
6:00 - 8:30 pm
- **Feb. 15**
Progress Reports
Distributed Grades 1-5
- **Feb. 18**
SCHOOL CLOSED
President's Day
- **Feb. 20**
PTO MEETING
7:00 pm Library
- **Feb. 22**
SCHOOL STORE

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Principal's Message...

Dear Schweitzer Families:

I hope you are staying warm and healthy during this flu season. So many of our students have been ill, but I hope that will soon be behind us!

The end of the second marking period is February 1, 2013. Progress Reports will be distributed on Friday, February 15, 2013. This is the perfect time of year to get a good understanding of how well your children are progressing in all academic, social, and emotional areas of learning. Even though we do not have scheduled conferences for this report period, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress. I am proud of the effort on the part of all of our students who are performing at their "personal best" every day!

With PSSA assessments approaching in March and April, we are working on preparing our students to be strategic test takers. We held a parent workshop night on January 31, 2013 with Mrs. Sroba, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Mascione and our Special Education Supervisor, Mrs. Burkholder, to teach parents strategies they can use at home to help their children be successful readers and reading test takers! If you would like information regarding the work that we sent home with this group of parents, please contact me or your child's teacher. All students have practice tests sent home for homework; please look over their work and ask them questions about how they solved the math problems, or how they responded to the reading questions; that is probably the best way of understanding what the state tests are requiring our students to know and be able to do.

We are looking forward to our 2nd annual Sweetheart Dance that will be held on February 15, 2013, from 6:30-8:00. Please remember that this is a dance for our students and a significant adult in their lives. It can be a Dad or Mom, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, or a good friend! I hope to see all of you there!

In closing, I send you appreciation from myself and the entire staff for your support and commitment to excellence in education at Albert Schweitzer Elementary School.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Brewster, Principal

Safeties of the Month (December & January)

Congratulation to the following safeties for being named "Safeties of the month." Our Safeties will join Ms. Brewster and Mrs. Pulak for lunch on Friday, February 1, 2013.



Thank you for keeping our students safe!

Jesse Marshall
Rachel Krane
Delaney Young
Asilyn Widmer

Merve Kurun
Tyler Horvath
Julia Gripton



5th Grade Ambassadors Hurricane Sandy Coin Drive Update

Our fifth grade Ambassadors faithfully went to all classrooms every morning to collect coins for the Hurricane Sandy victims. The final amount collected was \$275.96. A check will be submitted to the American Red Cross through our PTO committee.

Mrs. Bowman's 4th Grade Student Readers

Over the holiday break, six (6) fourth grade students in Mrs. Bowman's class rose to the challenge when they read six hours or more during their vacation. Those students were Valerie Benson, Ashley Carnivale, Selena Ronquillo, Justin McDermott, Jason Jiang and Michael Albarran. They celebrated with a pizza lunch in the classroom!



Valentine's Day Cookie Gram



Once again we will be holding a
Cookie Conversation Heart
Valentine Fundraiser for our students.

Parents can order a 5" heart-shaped cookie containing a
personalized message.

The cost of a cookie is \$3.50

Our order deadline is
February 1, 2013

Delivery is February 14, 2013

All proceeds benefit
Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure.

Bethany Home News

As an ongoing service project, Mrs. Crawford's class made Valentine bags with goodies for the children at Bethany Home. They are looking forward to the possibility now of adopting a cabin in an effort to continue with the project.



Neshaminy "Takes Pride"



The "TAKES PRIDE" theme for the month of February is **"PERSEVERANCE."** "Perseverance" is continued effort, usually over a long period of time, in spite of any setbacks, discouragement or defeats. People who demonstrate "perseverance" persist in reaching a goal no matter how long it takes or how many failures they encounter.

Field Trip Grant

Congratulation to Mrs. Exner for being awarded the 2013 Target Field Trip Grant.

This grant will allow Mrs. Exner's Life Skills (K-2) class to take a field trip by the end of current school year. The grant can be used toward trip expenses such as tickets, fees, transportation, supplies, equipment, food or resource materials.

Kudos to Mrs. Exner for submitting an application and accomplishing her goal!!



Principal's 200 Club

"Mystery Motivator" Winners

**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 winners this month are
Christina Sottnick and Joe Cosby
Christina and Joe both won a gift
card to T.G.I.Fridays.**

Congratulations!!!



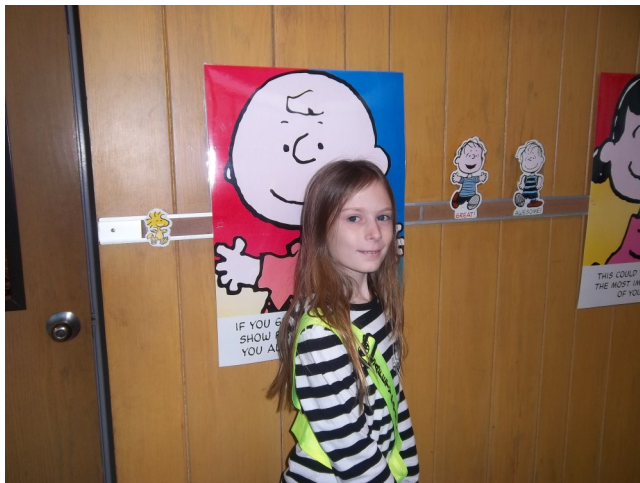
Who will be the next Mystery Motivator???

Albert Schweitzer Elementary School goes to Barnes & Noble!

We had a wonderful night at Barnes & Noble where we were entertained by our 4th grade chorus, directed by Ms. Jessica Gabage. The chorus sang beautifully, and many patrons of the store that evening took the time to comment on what a fabulous chorus we have at our school!

Our Frappuccino contest winner was Julia Gripton. Julia has been a talented writer since 2nd grade and used figurative language to describe the Schweitzer Frappuccino for the evening. Congratulations, Julia!

The night was a successful fundraiser, and we appreciate all of you who took the time to come out to support our school. Barnes & Noble night is one of the most important events of the year because it highlights what we most value in education.....the love of reading!



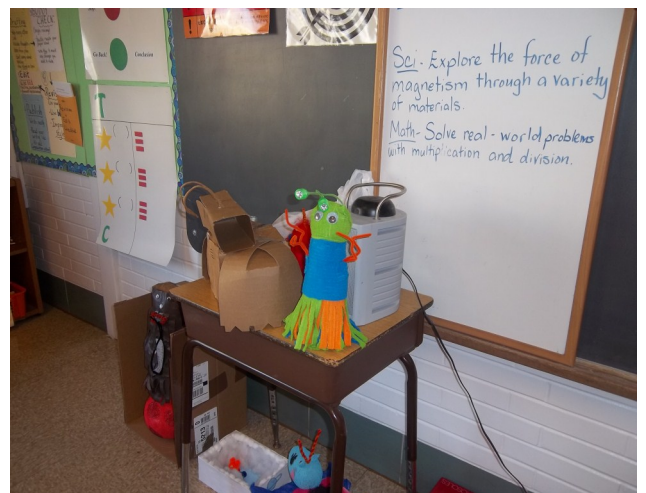
Did someone say ALIENS ???

Our fourth grade students created aliens that can survive on other planets.

Each student was to select the planet of their choice and create an alien complete with adaptations to enable their survival.

The alien project brought the fourth grade Space Unit to a close. The projects are on display in the F Wing.

It is wonderful to see how proud our students are of their hard work. Great job!!!



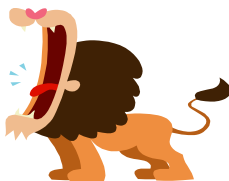
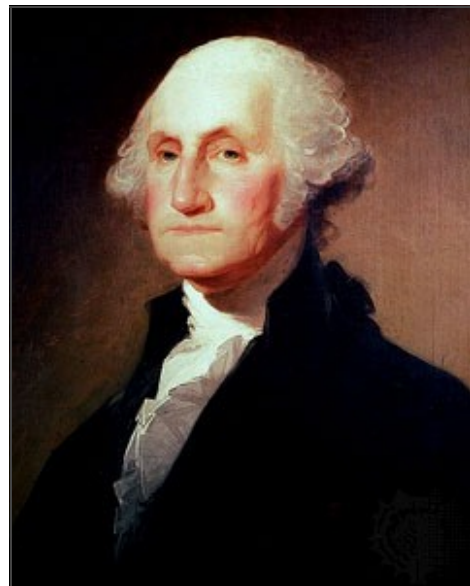
GROUNDHOG DAY– SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013



Groundhog Day is an annual holiday celebrated on February 2 in the United States and Canada. According to folklore, if a groundhog emerging from its burrow on this day fails to see its shadow, it will leave the burrow, signifying that winter will soon end. If on the other hand, the groundhog sees its shadow, the groundhog will supposedly retreat into its burrow, and winter will continue for six more weeks. What is your prediction???

PRESIDENT'S DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 (SCHOOL CLOSED)

President's Day, officially George Washington's birthday, is celebrated as a holiday and always held on the third Monday in February. This day is popularly recognized as honoring George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. This day is also sometimes understood as a celebration of the birthdays and lives of all United States Presidents.



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