

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Sept. 1st
All Kindergarten
Students report
- Sept. 2nd, Sept. 5th
SCHOOL CLOSED
LABOR DAY
- Sept. 22nd
BACK-TO-SCHOOL
NIGHT
- Sept. 29th, Sept. 30th
SCHOOL CLOSED
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Principal's Message...



September, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year! As you know, Albert Schweitzer Elementary School is an excellent school with dedicated teachers, committed parents and motivated students. We are very proud of our academic accomplishments, including impressive PSSA scores in grades 3-5. In addition to continuing to provide excellent academic instruction, this year, we will further our efforts to foster a learning community in which each member feels valued, respected, connected and safe.

Over the last two years we have dedicated a great deal of time and utilized many resources to develop an approach which we refer to as a comprehensive School-wide Positive Behavioral Supports System (SWPBS). The essence of the program centers on building a child-centered learning community in which positive relationships are the basis for success.

We have developed an Albert Schweitzer Elementary School Code of Conduct explicitly outlining school rules across all areas of the building. (This has been outlined in the Parent Handbook) This code is based on five themes: COOPERATION, ATTITUDE, RESPECT, EMPATHY and SAFETY-- (C.A.R.E.S.). Many aspects of the Code of Conduct have been in place since our school opened. We have taken the time to refine them so we can teach them and measure our success. C.A.R.E.S. posters will be visible in all areas of our school. We have also developed the "Principal's 200 Club" recognition to help explicitly recognize students for investing in our five themes and adhering to our Code of Conduct. You will be receiving a phone call from the school if your child has been recognized for demonstrating C.A.R.E.S. behavior.

The Neshaminy High School "Roadies" will be kicking off SWPBS for our students on September 9th at 9:30 AM in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium. You are welcome to join us!

If you are unable to attend, you will hear more about SWPBS and *The Principal's 200 Club* at Back-to-School Night on September 22nd.

We are very excited about our focus on SWPBS and look forward to working together to build an even more positive learning community!

Best wishes for a great school year!

Mrs. Brewster
Principal

ARTIST OF THE MONTH NOMINATION



Please help support one of our own,
Haley Martino.
She was nominated for artist of the month by
Artstamps.com.

Mrs. Fortino would like to thank our PTO and school staff for letting everyone know about Haley's art work. Haley is very excited about this contest. She designed this artwork all on her own and said it was a story about good things and happiness. Haley's family is very proud of her and love her for her honesty and her imagination. Below is a link to vote for her. Her work is listed with her name and Albert Schweitzer is listed under the piece as her school.

Haley's family would like to thank everyone for their support!

<https://www.artstamps.com/gallery.php>

Cafeteria News....

Our school cafeteria provides breakfast and lunch daily. Breakfast costs only one dollar (\$1.00).

We have a wide variety of choices that include hot breakfast sandwiches, cereal, breakfast bars, fresh fruit, juice and milk.

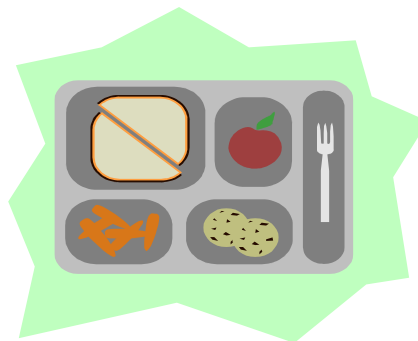
Students on the free and reduced program are entitled to breakfast daily.

Reduced breakfast costs thirty cents (\$0.30).

Breakfast is held from 8:50 am to 9:05 am. If your student's bus is late, the cafeteria will provide a "Bag and Go" Breakfast that they can take to their classroom.

Any questions, please feel free to call our Cafeteria Manager, Teresa Martin, at 215-809-6227.

Have a great school year and thanks for your patronage! !



September School Events

Sept. 1	All Kindergarten Students Report
Sept. 2	Labor Day Holiday (School Closed)
Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday (School/Offices Closed)
Sept. 8	International Literacy Day
Sept. 11	Patriot Day
Sept. 17	Citizenship Day
Sept. 17-23	Constitution Week
Sept. 19-Oct. 3	DIBELS Testing (K, Pre-1st, 1 and 2)
Sept. 21	International Day of Peace
Sept. 22	Back-to-School Night - 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	First Day of Autumn
Sept. 26-Oct. 28	DRA 2 Testing (2, 3, 4 and 5)
Sept. 29-30	Rosh Hashanah (School Closed)



Welcome Back to School from Mrs. O'Driscoll, School Counselor

I am excited to welcome everyone back to a new school year. As in past years, 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.

This year I will be providing skill development groups focusing on various topics, such as relational aggression, social skill, 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. The program will be housed at Schweitzer this fall. Please refer to the Schweitzer home page for full information.

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

Beth O'Driscoll M.A.
School Counselor



Labor Day

This is an annual holiday held on the first Monday in September to celebrate the economic and social achievements of workers.

Patriots Day

This is a day held as an annual observance to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11th.

This year marks its 10th anniversary

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday, September 6th, a special assembly will be held for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students (only) in our Gym. Students will be given the opportunity to view a variety of instruments. Both Orchestra and Band instruments will be presented. Students who are interested in taking lessons will receive paperwork explaining the program, along with an order form to rent a musical instrument/music books through the Music and Arts Program.



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