

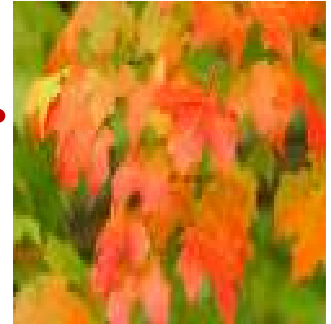
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- October 14
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- October 21
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- Oct 28 - Nov 4
SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR

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Principal's Message...



October, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The month of September was an exciting one at Albert Schweitzer Elementary School! We launched our new (SWPBS) **School-Wide Positive Behavior Support** program: C.A.R.E.S., with the high school *Roadies*. The *Roadies*, directed by Mrs. Gina Chiolan, worked over the summer to prepare a performance for our students that highlighted the main characteristics of our C.A.R.E.S. program: **Cooperation, Attitude, Respect, Empathy, and Safety**. Thank you to all of the *Roadies* for being wonderful role models for our young students. We will see them again at the end of October for their "Spooky Kooky" show.

Many of you attended Back-to-School Night on September 22nd and had an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear more about curriculum, assessment, learning expectations and SWPBS. Thank you for taking time to attend such an important evening!

In terms of curriculum, our new math program, *Math in Focus*, is being implemented in grades K-1 and piloted in Mrs. Scherf's 2nd grade class, both 5th grade classes and in Mrs. Mancini and Mrs. Bowman's 4th grade classes. The math program emphasizes "concept mastery, a concrete-to-pictorial-to-abstract approach, metacognitive reasoning, and the use of model drawing to solve and justify problems".

We have begun assessing students on basic and higher-order reading skills. We will be using the data to form small instructional groups. We use DIBELS (Diagnostic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) and DRAs (Developmental Reading Assessment) as assessment instruments. This data, along with classroom performance, helps to guide our instructional practice.

Our P.T.O. has been busy planning fun events for our students and families. Please keep an eye on our school website for information or contact Mrs. Kim Kebert, P.T.O. president for information on joining the P.T.O. or for volunteering for upcoming events. We appreciate all they do to help make our school a fun place to learn!

Finally, I wish you all a happy month and I hope to see you at school functions throughout the year. Thank you for all you do to support our school!

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathleen Brewster
Principal

ROADIES

The Roadies are coming,
the Roadies are coming!

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

They will perform,
"Spooky Kooky",
on Thursday, October 27th
at 1:45 p.m. in the
Sandburg Auditorium.

It will be a *ghouling* afternoon!!



1st Winner

**Principal's 200 Club
Mystery Motivator**

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!

The first student who won the *Mystery Motivator* is Delainah Thompson. Delainah, her mother and Ms. Brewster had a special luncheon together to celebrate her accomplishment. Who will be the winner of the next **Mystery Motivator**???

SCHWEITZER BAND INFO...

The FIRST LESSON for BEGINNER BAND INSTRUMENTS will be held on THURSDAY, October 6th.



- If you already have an INSTRUMENT AT HOME, please bring it to school on Wednesday with ALL ACCESSORIES & the LESSON BOOK.
- If you ordered your instrument from the music store or from 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, call at 215-809-6380, or send in a note.

Beginners band instrument students must get ready right now for the first lesson next week because *ALBERT SCHWEITZER ROCKS!*

SCHWEITZER STRING INFO...

The first lesson for beginner string students will be **Wednesday, October 5th!!!**

If you have an instrument at home please bring it, and your lesson book, on Wednesday.
Orchestra rehearsals for advanced players will begin on Wednesday, October 19th.

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

Neshaminy “Takes Pride”



October's “Takes Pride” theme is “Acceptance.” “Acceptance” is a favorable reception or approval. When you demonstrate “acceptance” of others, you acknowledge them even if you do not agree or have different beliefs.

Individuals who are accepting of others take the time to listen and respect the point of view of others. This month, take the time to practice “acceptance.” Be accepting of those with whom you disagree and try to understand and see the world from their point of view. You can always agree to disagree in a peaceful manner.

PTO NEWS

What an exciting start we had for the PTO this year! Our first family fun night was September 21st at Uncle Dave's Ice Cream Shop at Shady Brook Farms. Although it was a very rainy night, we had several families come out to support Albert Schweitzer. We greatly appreciated meeting you and look forward to seeing you at the next Family Fun Night!

At Back To School Night, we welcomed many wonderful parents to our Albert Schweitzer Family and had lots of luck with our Pencil Grams! The children were thrilled to come to school the next day and see the notes of encouragement from their parents!

Our first School Store was a great success! Our next one will be on October 7th -- look for new items!! The school stores will run twice a month.

We have two fantastic fundraisers currently going on. Our Kid stuff coupon books pay for themselves! Only \$25.00 will get you a coupon packed book! Order yours today as they will be gone after October 14th! If you have any questions, please contact either Mandi Leap at mandi_redington@hotmail.com or Jean Santos at martinibaby1130@gmail.com.

Pretzels Days are coming!! Pretzel Days are coming -- more information to come home soon!

We are currently working hard at putting together the Monster Mash. We are seeking volunteers to make this a success!!! Please contact either Mandi Leap at mandi_redington@hotmail.com or Jean Santos at martinibaby1130@gmail.com for more information.

Save the Dates!!! November 10th will be our Family Fun Night at Chuck E Cheese. We are expecting a visit from him at 3:30 that day! November 18th will be our Fall Dinner and Shop. Details to come soon!

PTO MARKET DAY



Market Day is offering a **FREE** trial pack of delicious French Breadsticks and Garlic Parmesan Seasoning with any \$40 purchase. Also they are offering a **FREE** 60 count Cheese Ravioli with any \$90 online purchase with a promo code of OCTBONUS! **What a great combination for a quick and tasty meal!**

Last month, we raised \$101.37 for our school. This money is being used for the class trips which includes busing! Your support is appreciated! Please share Market Day with your family members and friends so they can help too! Check it out online at www.marketday.com

Our **Life Style Fundraiser** started on **September 23rd**! Our goal is to sell **\$9,000 and the school receives a 50% profit!** With the increasing cost of busing and class trips, this money will go directly to the kids and their class trips!

We are asking for **your help** to sell at least 2 items to help us reach our goal! Our sale ends **October 11!** Any questions, please contact Patti Chichilitti – 215-945-4855.

Library Volunteers Needed



The Schweitzer Library is in need of volunteers to support upcoming Scholastic Book Fair.

Volunteers are needed during school hours from October 31 through November 4.

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!

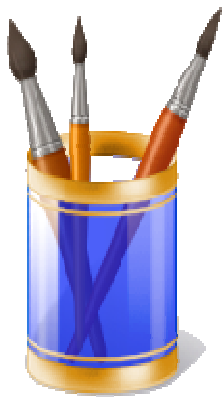
TESTING BEGINS.....

The Literacy Specialists, Teachers and Coaches have been busy completing DIBELS (dynamic indicators of basics early literacy skills) and DRA2 (developmental reading assessment).

The results will provide us with data for instructional decision-making.



ART NOTES.....



Mrs. Loizos and Mrs. McGuigan are both very excited to begin another wonderful year in the art room. They have created new and exciting art projects for this school year that we are certain the students will have a great time creating!

At the beginning of the school year we are already in need of the following materials:

- Empty coffee containers/tins
- Newspapers (to cover tables for work areas)
- Smocks

October School Events

October is Crime Prevention Month

Oct. 3-9	Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 4	PICTURE DAY
Oct. 7	SCHOOL STORE
Oct. 8	Yom Kippur
Oct. 9-15	National Metric Week
Oct. 12	PTO Meeting—7:00 pm
Oct. 16-22	National Character Counts Week
Oct. 21	SCHOOL STORE
Oct. 21	MONSTER MASH—7:00 to 9:00 pm
Oct. 17-21	National School Bus Safety Week
Oct. 22	Make A Difference Day
Oct. 24	United Nations Day
Oct. 28 - Nov. 4	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Oct. 31	Halloween



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