

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- December 2
SCHOOL STORE
- December 8
YANKEE CANDLE DELIVERY
- December 12
WINTER CONCERT
7:30 pm
Sandburg Auditorium
- December 14 - 16
HOLIDAY SHOP
for students
- December 16
HOLIDAY HAT DAY
- December 22
MEN OF HARMONY
Grades K-2
- December 23 - January 2
WINTER RECESS
NO SCHOOL
- January 3 - Students
return to school

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Albert Schweitzer Gazette

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Principal's Message...



Dear Schweitzer Families:

On behalf of the entire Schweitzer staff, please allow me to wish you peace, joy and happiness during this holiday season. We hope you find time to relax with family and friends!

I would like to take this time to thank you for attending American Education Week. It was exciting to see so many family members visit our classrooms! There are so many wonderful things happening in our classrooms on a daily basis.

Parent/teacher Conferences were held over the past couple of weeks and you had a chance to discuss your child/children's progress with their teachers. Thank you for your support as we move toward full standards-based progress reports. I reviewed every student's report and am very proud of the work they are doing. We ask that all students do their personal best every day and they are working hard to meet that expectation.

I cannot end this letter without saying thank you to our PTO. I am hopeful that more parents/guardians will get involved in helping with fundraisers. I hope to see you at our next PTO meeting - Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 in our Library.

As the new year fast approaches, we look forward to many exciting events. Please take a few minutes each week to take a peek at our Schweitzer Webpage under www.neshaminy.org, where you will find important information and photos of your children participating in events.

Please know that I am so proud to be the Principal of Albert Schweitzer Elementary School. It is a joy to come to work each day to see your children's smiling faces. Enjoy the holiday season!

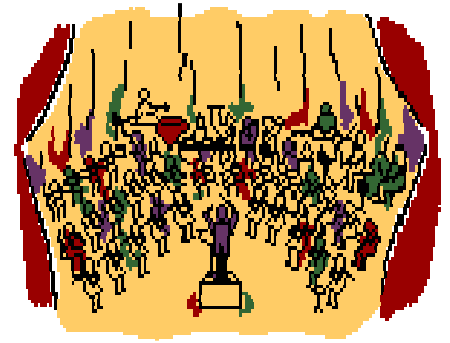
Sincerely,
Kathleen Brewster
Principal

HOLIDAY INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

Our Annual Holiday Instrumental Concert will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Carl Sandburg Auditorium.

The Concert will consist of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students who participate in Beginner Strings, Orchestra, Band and Chorus.

We hope you will come out to enjoy this special performance!



STRING DAY

On Saturday, November 5th, 2011, the Bucks County Music Educators Association held their 24th annual String Day sight reading festival. Almost 200 students from grades 5-9 from eight school districts in Bucks County were selected by their teachers to attend this one day festival.

The students received their music when they arrived in the morning and after practicing for 3 hours under a guest conductor, gave an afternoon performance for teachers, parents and family members. This year Schweitzer was represented by Anusha Hiremath, MaKenzie Young, Jaimee Lee, David Ferrell, Julisa Lopez and Wyatt Mellus. ***Congratulations on being selected!***



BARNES AND NOBLE NIGHT

Albert Schweitzer's Barnes and Noble Night was held at the Oxford Valley Barnes Noble on Wednesday Evening, November 30th.

The evening was kicked-off with Reader's Theatre Performances by our 1st and 2nd grade students. Our students have been working hard to develop their fluency as readers.

Other events that took place during the evening included a Bookmark Making Table and Scavenger Hunt. Many people also enjoyed the featured drink of the evening "The Schweitzer Lion".

All proceeds from the Café' and bookstore went to benefit our PTO.

Many thanks to all who came out to support this event!

VENDOR NIGHT &

CHUCK E CHEESE

We had a fantastic turnout for our Vendor Night and Pasta Dinner. We raised money to help families in need in our area! We offered a plate of Ziti with meatballs, salad and bread, all for only \$5.00. We had many wonderful vendors and several beautiful baskets at our Raffle Table.

Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us at Chuck E Cheese for our Family Night.. We had a fun visit from Chuck E Cheese himself at dismissal time and look forward to having another one in the spring!!!



BEING PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER....



EMERGENCY DISMISSALS: If school closes early for an any unforeseen reason (especially weather), you will receive a district phone call from our Superintendent's office with specific information.

School closings will also be announced on the following stations/networks:

WBCB 1490 AM, KYW 1060 AM, WPST - 94.5 FM. **Our school number is 752.** School closings and emergencies are on the Neshaminy Network Television (NNTV), Comcast Cable - Channel 28 and Verizon FIOR Channel 43. Urgent information is also listed on the Neshaminy webpage at www.neshaminy.org.

Please make sure your child knows where to go when dismissed in the event of an emergency, especially if no one will be at home.

DAY ROTATIONS:

Please note that day rotations are subject to change if school is closed unexpectedly.

PROPER DRESS ATTIRE: Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for school, as they will be going outside for recess in the colder weather. Hats, gloves, jackets will all help keep your child warm .

COLD AND FLU SEASON



Cold and Flu season is approaching. In order to help keep everyone healthy here are guidelines to follow:

1. If your child is sick, **DO NOT** send them to school.
 2. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or your sleeve. **DO NOT** use your hand. Your hands touch everything.
 3. Wash your hands often with soap or an alcohol-based sanitizer.
 4. Keep frequently used surfaces clean - tables, counters, desks and doorknobs.
- If we all practice these few points, everyone will have a healthier winter season!



Neshaminy “Takes Pride”

December’s “**TAKES PRIDE**” theme is “**EMPATHY**”

“Empathy” means to identify with and understand another’s situation or feelings. People who are empathetic show compassion for others. They are able to share, as examples, the sadness or happiness of others.



PRINCIPAL’S 200 CLUB - “MYSTERY MOTIVATOR” NOVEMBER’S WINNER - ASHLEY CARNIVALE

Congratulations to our “third” student, Ashley Carnivale, who won the *Mystery Motivator* for the month of November! Ashley was awarded a special gift card to a local restaurant in recognition of her accomplishment.

We are very, very proud of all our students who are exhibiting C.A.R.E.S. behavior!!!! We expect every member of our Schweitzer community to be cooperative, have a positive attitude, be respectful, show empathy and always be safe.

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



RADIO FLYER STEEL WAGONS



The Schweitzer Library is looking for 1 or 2 gently used Radio Flyer Steel Wagons. We are in need of these wagons to help transport books back and forth from the classrooms to the Library. If you have one that you would like to donate, please contact Mrs. Adamson at 215-809-6380 or yadamson@neshaminy.k12.pa.us.

December School Events

- Dec. 2 School Store
- Dec. 7 Fire Prevention Assembly - grades Kindergarten & 1st
- Dec. 9 Yankee Candle Delivery
- Dec. 12 Winter Concert for Students - 10:00 A.M.
Winder Concert for Parents/Guardians - 7:30 pm
- Dec. 14 - 16 PTO Holiday Shop for Students
- Dec. 16 Holiday Hat Day
- Dec. 22 Men of Harmony Singers
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 WINTER RECESS - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Jan. 3, 2012 First day back for Students



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