

Albert Schweitzer Gazette

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Principal's Message...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

This is the time of year when we take a moment to reflect and show our gratitude. We are grateful for the wonderful students and families at Albert Schweitzer Elementary School. We thank our fantastic PTO for their hard work and dedication in the preparation for our annual "Monster Mash". It was a terrific evening for students who were treated to a haunted hallway, dancing, fun games and great food! Thank you to the many parent and teacher volunteers who gave up their time to help us to create wonderful memories for our students! Everyone had a "frightfully fun" night!

The end of the 1st marking period is upon us and teachers will be scheduling conferences to discuss your child's progress. This is an essential time of year when we have the opportunity to share our concerns and voice our appreciation for all you do to send your child to school "ready to learn"!

National American Education Week is scheduled for November 14th and 15th. We will be sending home a schedule for classroom visitation. We will follow a similar schedule as last year where your last name will indicate your scheduled date and time. We all look forward to seeing you in the classrooms and hallways so that you can see first-hand the exciting learning that occurs every day at our school!

Our teachers will be attending a professional development workshop on November 6th when students will not be in school. We will be working together on *Best Practice* in vocabulary development, and mathematics. Thank you to those who attended the Parent University with Mrs. Rosen. I am quite sure you learned a good deal about our math program: "Math in Focus".

This is often the time of year where schedules are busy! Take time to keep yourself and your family well and enjoy the company of friends and family this Thanksgiving. I am truly grateful for the wonderful students, families, teachers, and entire staff at Albert Schweitzer Elementary School!

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathleen Brewster
Principal



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Ongoing research shows that parental involvement in schools improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism and restores confidence among parents in their children's education. With that in mind, we invite you to attend American Education Week throughout our elementary schools on Wednesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 15. Due to the number of parents who attend, please RSVP if you will be attending on your given day. Refer to the suggested visitation dates for scheduling your visit.

Wednesday, November 14 last names beginning with A through M 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Thursday, November 15 last names beginning with N through Z 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Afternoon Kindergarten only, times will be 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

When visiting, we ask that you abide by the following to ensure as little distraction as possible:

- Sign in upon arrival and obtain a visitor's badge
- Silence all cell phones when in the classrooms
- Refrain from video taping or taking pictures
- Leave pre-school children at home or in the care of others.

We look forward to your visit so that we can spotlight all the people involved and committed to making your child's education a great one!

Principal's 200 Club Mystery Motivator - October Winner!

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 first winner this year who won Mystery Motivator for the
month of October is Jenna Wandling. Jenna had a Sushi lunch
with two friends at a little "Bistro" table in the Café and a
family pass to the Monster Mash!*

Who will be the next Mystery Motivator????



Lifetouch - Picture Retakes

Picture retake day is: Thursday, November 15, 2012



If your child needs their picture taken because they missed the first picture day, please have your child come to the main office to receive a picture order form no later than Monday, November 12th OR You may order pictures online at <http://www.lifetouch.com>
Our Picture Day ID = LW622623YO

RETAKES

If your child is having their picture re-taken, please make sure that he/she returns their original picture packet to the main office on Picture Retake Day (you may keep the class picture).

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

One of our most important responsibilities is to monitor and evaluate your child's progress in school. Using classwork, homework, teacher observations, quizzes, lesson unit tests and standardized testing we continually monitor and assess your child's progress. This effort helps us to continue to provide appropriate instruction for your child.

It is always a good idea to prepare for a conference. Write down your thoughts, questions, concerns or points of interest that you would like to share and bring them with you. This not only provides a more effective and efficient conference but may help prevent you from forgetting any questions or making an important point.

**NO SCHOOL for Kindergarten students ONLY - Monday, November 19
Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**NO SCHOOL ALL STUDENTS - Tuesday, November 20 and Wednesday, November 21
Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**NO SCHOOL ALL STUDENTS - THANKSGIVING RECESS - Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23
(ALL OFFICES CLOSED)**

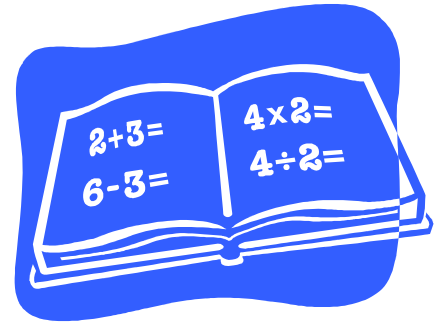
Neshaminy "Takes Pride"- KINDNESS

November's "TAKES PRIDE" theme is "Kindness". "Kindness" is the quality or state of being pleasant and sympathetic. People who are kind demonstrate compassion for others. They are considerate and thoughtful of others.



MATH NIGHT

On October 4th approximately 30 first graders and their families joined their teachers for Math Night. Each student filled a shoe box with materials that they can use at home to reinforce the math concepts that are being taught in schools. After a brief presentation by Mrs. Dyas, Ms. Flynn and Mrs. Roller to explain the philosophy of the math program, the 1st graders divided into groups and rotated around to each teacher. The teachers demonstrated the use of number bonds, ten frames and the virtual manipulative on the Math in Focus website available through www.thinkcentral.com. Throughout the year, items will be sent home to be added to the math boxes.



Primary Life Skills Class

On November 8, 2012, Lower Moreland's Primary Life Skills class will visit Albert Schweitzer's Primary Life Skills class. The two classes will engage in various reading and math activities, play social games, make a holiday craft and eat lunch with their guests. This is a great opportunity for special needs students

Fifth Grade Buddies

Our fifth grade "Buddies" started off with a bang at Albert Schweitzer Elementary School. The children in Mrs. Mela's class, Mrs. Rittler's class and Mr. O'Leary's class volunteer their recess time to play with the children in the Primary Life Skills class. The fifth graders teach their buddies how to play different games, how to socialize, and how to make good choices.

It is amazing to see the kindness, gentleness, patience, and respect that the fifth graders have shown to children with special needs. They are to be commended!

Thank you to all of the children and teachers that help out with this program!

Mrs. Exner, Primary Life Skills Teacher



Orchestra Rehearsals



Orchestra Rehearsals are every Thursday at 8:00 am
(except for Thanksgiving Day!)

Our Holiday Concert is
Wednesday, December 12th

Carl Sandburg Auditorium

In-school Concert for Students - 10:00 am
Evening Performance for Families - 7:30 pm

News from the Nurse....

Important Reminders....

Pennsylvania mandates a Physical and Dental exam for all incoming kindergarten students. Renewed Dental exams are also for all third grade students. If you have not yet had your child's exam completed, please make an appointment(s) with your health care provider(s) as soon as possible. Please send your completed exams to the school nurse.

Also, since the weather is changing and as we are approaching the fall and winter months, please be sure to have your child wear a coat to school everyday!



Counselor's Corner

If you or a Schweitzer family that you know are in need of holiday assistance this year, you have come to the right place!

Albert Schweitzer Elementary School, as well as outside organizations, will once again be participating in a Holiday Help Drive to assist families who are experiencing a hardship and/or struggling financially.

Please contact me, at 215-809-6380 regarding this matter. Please note all inquiries will be kept completely confidential!

Sincerely,
Mrs. O'Driscoll



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012
KIDSVOTE!!!



On Monday, November 5, 2012 our students will be participating in a mock voting ballot for our upcoming Presidential Election.

Students will learn about citizenship and the responsibility, as an American citizen, to vote for our leaders. Each student will place a ballot in a sealed box. The votes will be counted by the Kid Vote Committee and "election" results for our school will be printed in the Bucks County Courier Times.

VETERAN'S DAY - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012

Whether it's peacetime or wartime, it's always important to teach our students that Veterans Day means more than just a day off from school.

Patriotism is a value that must be taught and modeled for our young students.

We hope you will join us in remembering all those who serve or have served in our Armed Forces on this honorable day.



PTO/SCHOOL EVENTS

- 11/4 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (MOVE CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR)
- 11/5 KIDS VOTING USA
- 11/6 ELECTION DAY—NO SCHOOL
- 11/7 HIGH SCHOOL ROADIES SHOW FOR STUDENTS
- 11/12 VETERAN'S DAY—NO SCHOOL—DISTRICT CLOSED
- 11/14 & 11/15 PARENT VISITATION—AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK
- 11/15 PICTURE RETAKES
- 11/15 CLAIRE'S GOURMET DELIVERY
- 11/19 KINDERGARTEN PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
(No school for Kindergarten students ONLY)
- 11/20 & 11/21 PARENT/TEACHERS CONFERENCES GRADES K-5
(No school for all students)
- 11/22 & 11/23 Thanksgiving Recess
(No school for all students)
- 11/30 SCHOOL STORE

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