

Albert Schweitzer Gazette

ALBERT SCHWEITZER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- October 3
SCHOOL PICTURES
- October 7 –13
Fire Prevention Week
- October 22-26
National School Bus
Safety Week
- October 22 - 26
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
- October 24
PTO MEETING
7:00 pm
- October 26
PTO Monster Mash &
Fall Festival
6:30 pm SMS Cafeteria
- October 31
High School "Roadies"
Carl Sandburg
Auditorium
1:40 - 3:30 pm

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Principal's Message...

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We have gotten off to a wonderful start to the new school year! Our students came back from summer vacation anxious and ready to learn. They also came back prepared to cooperate, show a good attitude, be respectful, show empathy, and practice safety.... C.A.R.E.S. Behavior!! We are so proud of them, as we know you are!

We began our year with full-day training for staff and students in the "Trouble-free Playground" program from Dr. Curt Hinson, Ph.D. Dr. Hinson has taught at both the elementary school level and the college level over the past 28 years. He currently works as an educational consultant for PlayFit Education Inc. In addition, he teaches in the on-line graduate program at Canisius College in Buffalo, NY and serves as the children's fitness expert for *NBC's* website, Momtourage.com. He holds a Ph.D. in Kinesiology, a Masters of Education degree, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Health & Physical Education.

Dr. Hinson spent an entire school day on the playground with the children teaching them games and activities to help make recess fun! We are also teaching our students valuable social-emotional skills such as communication, cooperation, and problem-solving. Dr. Hinson will be at our school on Halloween and seven more days throughout the year. Thank you to the PTO for funding this amazing experience for our students!

Our students celebrated their summer reading by holding discussions in their classrooms while enjoying soft pretzels as a snack. We appreciate the encouragement you gave them to continue their excellent reading habits over the summer months.

Thank you for attending our Back-to-School Night on September 20! It was well attended—71% of our parents came out to meet our staff and learn about the exciting educational experiences our students will be provided this year. It was an exciting evening and again, we thank you for working with us to make your child's experiences at Albert Schweitzer Elementary School exemplary.

Please join us for our next PTO meeting that will be scheduled on October 24. You will receive notice of the date and time via e-mail and it will be posted on our school calendar. We are working to find the best days of the week when most families can attend. We really need your support for our fundraisers and evening activities. Thank you to the parents who attended our September meeting. We look forward to seeing you and many others in October!

Our school district's "TAKES PRIDE" theme for the month of October is "acceptance." Our student safeties read a quote of the day every morning to reinforce each concept. The idea that centers on the "acceptance" theme is that "when you demonstrate acceptance of others, you acknowledge them even if you do not agree or have different beliefs." Please talk to your children about ways they may practice "acceptance" in their daily lives.

Our first grade teachers are holding a Math Night for parents on October 4 from 6:45-8:00 PM. Please try to attend to learn interesting and fun ways you can help foster math skills with your child! Thank you to Ms. Flynn, Mrs. Roller and Mrs. Dyas for offering this wonderful opportunity for our 1st grade parents! Mrs. Adamson, our librarian, will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair from October 22 to 26. You will be receiving more information regarding this important school event in the coming weeks.

On a final note, I encourage you to participate in at least one PTO fundraiser this year and thank the PTO, once again, for their service to our school. We are the best we can be when we work together for the same purpose! I wish you and your families a wonderful month of October and look forward to seeing you at school and our after-school PTO events.

Sincerely,
Ms. 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 Wednesday, October 31st
at 1:40 p.m. in the
Sandburg Auditorium.

It will be a *ghouling* afternoon!!



Principal's 200 Club Mystery Motivator

We have kicked-off our C.A.R.E.S. Behavior Program for the 2012-2013 school year !

We expect every member of our Schweitzer community to
be cooperative,
have a positive attitude,
be respectful,
show empathy
and always be safe!

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.

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



SCHWEITZER BAND INFO...

The FIRST LESSONS for BEGINNER BAND INSTRUMENTS will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd (for Flute and Clarinet) and Friday, Oct. 5th (for Alto Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone).



- If you already have an INSTRUMENT AT HOME, please bring it to school on the day you are scheduled and bring ALL ACCESSORIES along with 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.

Remember.....ALBERT SCHWEITZER ROCKS!

SCHWEITZER STRING INFO...

Schweitzer String Information

The first lesson for beginner violin and viola students will be **Monday, October 1st!!!**

The first lesson for beginner cello and bass students will be **Thursday, October 4th!!!**

If you have an instrument at home please bring it, and your lesson book, on Monday or Thursday. **Orchestra rehearsals for advanced players will begin on Thursday, October 18th.**

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.

Library Volunteers Needed



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

Volunteers are needed during school hours from October 22 through October 26.

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.....

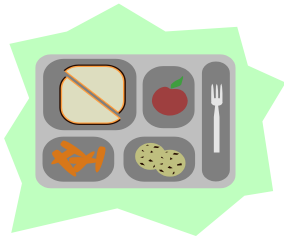
Mrs. Warwick-Canning and Mrs. McGuigan are both very excited to begin another wonderful year in the art room. They have created new and exciting art projects for this school year that we are certain the students will have a great time creating!

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
- Plastic tubs
- Cardboard tubes from paper towels/toilet paper

* Please only send these above items in with your child on their Art Day. Thank you very much for your help!!!





Discount Internet Access

If your child receives free or reduced price lunches, you are eligible for discounted internet access provided by Comcast. The Internet Essentials Program provides home Internet service for a flat fee of \$9.95 a month. For more information, please call 855-8-INTERNET or 855-846-8376. Visit online at www.internetessentials.com or in Spanish at www.internetbasico.com

Cafeteria News....

Our school cafeteria provides breakfast and lunch daily.
Breakfast costs \$1.00 - Lunch costs \$2.15
(Snacks are extra)

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 30 cents.

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.

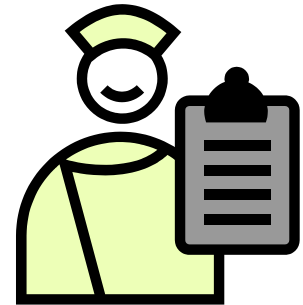
Have a great school year and thanks for your patronage! !

News from the Nurse....

Important Reminder....

All Kindergarten and new students need to turn in to the School Nurse's Office a Physical and Dental Exam Form (dated for the 2012 calendar year).

Third grade students also need to turn in to the School Nurse's Office a Dental Form (dated for the 2012 calendar year).



Counselor's Corner Mrs. O'Driscoll

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.

I will again 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

PTO/SCHOOL EVENTS

9/10/12—10/1/12	KID STUFF BOOK SALE
9/25/12—10/10/12	FALL FUNDRAISER—LIFESTYLE (delivery 11/12/12)
10/3/12	SCHOOL PICTURES
10/9/12	MARKET DAY DELIVERY (6:00 pm—6:45 pm)
10/11/12—10/25/12	CLAIRE'S GOURMET (delivery 11/15/12)
10/22/12—11/2/12	YANKEE CANDLES (delivery 12/11/12)
10/22/12—10/26/12	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
10/24/12	PTO MEETING (7:00 pm)
10/26/12	SCHOOL STORE
10/26/12	MONSTER MASH/FALL FESTIVAL (6:30 pm - SMS Cafeteria)
10/31/12	HIGH SCHOOL ROADIES SHOW (students only) - 1:40 pm



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