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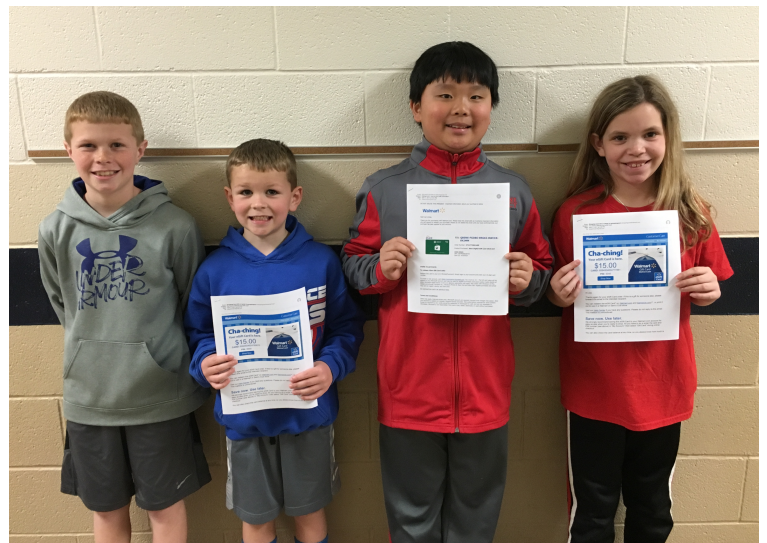
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NEWSLETTER



Have a great Holy Week and a very blessed Easter. From the Divine Mercy Catholic School staff, to your family!

Congratulations to our spring flower fundraiser top sellers! Our top seller was Eli Stuart; who sold \$1,173.50! Coming in second was Griffin and Maxton Williamson selling \$814. Riley Daeger came in third selling \$439. These top sellers will receive a \$15 gift card of their choice from the PTA. Thank you to everyone who sold, and thank you to Julie Stuart who puts in a lot of time and effort organizing this event. The flower fundraiser raised over \$2,000 this year!



Thanks to everyone who came to last week's **book fair and guest lunch**. It was a packed house! Thanks to your support, we sold a total of \$1,845. The school gets 50% of this profit to buy books for the library and classrooms. Thank you!



Easter Hunt!! Thank you Mr. Franklin for the Easter bags!



Like Divine Mercy Catholic Parish - for more pictures of events like these.

Classroom Curriculum News

Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool

The preschool worked very hard this week on the alphabet, by using a wide variety of games. The class played ABC bingo, what fun! Teams raced to put together different puzzles containing all the letters of the alphabet. Noah Martinez and Miranda McCord won this event. We used Leap Frog to help us recognize and sound out each letter. Then each child needed to find that letter somewhere in the room. The class loved to play this game! We are busy practicing our song for the Spring Program, along with new songs like Here comes Peter Cottontail. The pre-school wants to wish everyone a Blessed Easter.

Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten

Now that we have learned all our alphabet letters, the Kindergartners have begun learning about digraphs. Students have learned that digraphs are two consonant letters that are beside each other in a word. More specifically the students have realized that digraphs make one new sound, while a blend which is also two (or sometimes three letters) you can hear each letter sound when you sound it out. Students have really been enjoying learning the new digraph sounds that certain letter combinations make. It has really helped them in their writing skills and sounding out of words!

Miss Shuster - Grades 1 & 2

This week, Grades 1 and 2 are learning about clouds - what makes a cloud, and what do the different types of clouds tell us about the weather? To investigate this, we are making our own cloud in a jar with hot water, ice, and hair spray, demonstrating how clouds are formed. We are also seeing how the cloud-making process fits into the bigger picture of the water cycle, and learning a fun song with hand motions to help us remember the three main steps: "Evaporation, condensation, precipitation on my head: This completes the water cycle, then it starts all over again!"

Mrs. Gideon - Grades 3 & 4

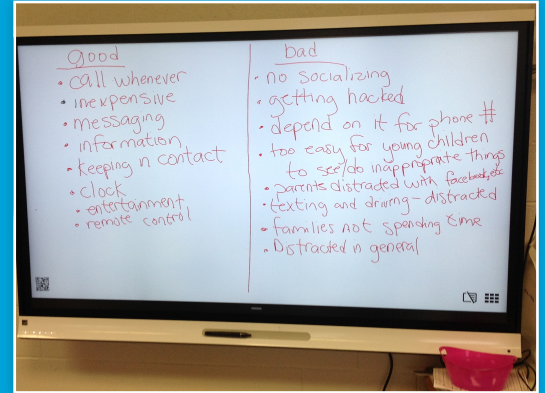
In Grades 3-4 we are learning about how feedback from consumers helps companies to make improvements to their product. As a class, we created a list of good and bad things about cell phones. We had a great discussion about cell phones! Here is a picture of our list. (top picture)

Mr. Grant - Grades 5 & 6

The students have been making great progress on their country projects for the upcoming world's fair later this month. About half the students have completed the papers for the assignment and have begun working on their display boards that will be presented the night of the world's fair. The rest of the class is finishing up researching and writing, and we will be spending this upcoming week editing and revising the drafts of the student's written work.

Mrs. Gerardot - 2, 4, & 6 Reading

This past Friday, the 6th graders were part of a Ceremony of Twelves. We had our own ceremony like the book *The Giver* had for the kids that were "turning twelve." During this ceremony students were assigned jobs that would be their life assignment. I picked these jobs based off of the students' traits and personality that they



exemplify in the classroom and around the school. The students had a great time receiving these jobs and this was our way of concluding the book. (bottom picture)

Upcoming Dates:

EASTER BREAK APRIL 13-17

- Tues 4/18 - Classes resume
- Staff meeting after school
- Wed 4/19 - Kindergarten Screening @ 8:00 in gym
- Preschool open house 5-6
- School council meeting @ 7:00
- Fri 4/21 Mass @ 9:15
- Tues 4/25 - World's Fair in gym @ 7:00-8:00
- Wed 4/26 Secretary Day - feel free to let our two secretaries know how awesome they are!
- Thur 4/27 Mass @ 9:15
- Fri 4/28 - 2 hour delay - Teacher in-service
- Spring Program in gym @ 1:00 (preschool through 6th grade performing)

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- Thur 5/4 5th and 6th grade field trip
- Fri 5/5 - Mass @ 9:15 - Food Pantry
- 3rd and 4th grade field trip
- Sat 5/6 **1st Communion weekend** - The retreat is from 9:00 am - 12:00 in Paulding. Students can choose which Mass to attend to celebrate their First Communion.
- May 8-12 Catholic Schools Week
- Tues 5/9 Staff meeting after school

- Fri 5/12 - Mass @ 9:15
- 6th grade goes to Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School for orientation today - leave at 11:00 am and go home from Wayne Trace High School
- Sat 5/13 School Tin Caps game @ 7:05 pm at Parkview Field
- Tues 5/16 Last day of preschool
Preschool & Kindergarten Field Trip
- Thur 5/18 1st and 2nd grade field trip
- Fri 5/19 - Kindergarten Mass at 9:15
- cookout
- Sat 5/20 6th grade graduation Mass @ 4:00
Payne church
- Mon 5/22 Field Day in Ft. Wayne/picnic in park
- Wed 5/24 Final Wednesday Envelope
- Thur 5/25 - Awards Ceremony @ 1:00 in gym
- Last Day of Classes

• Please find yearbook order forms in today's Wednesday Envelope

• The Basketball Marathon team schedules are in this envelope too

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PTA AGENDA

April 11, 2017

Recap of School Dance/Do we want to do another one next year - Everyone agreed that the dance was fun and successful, and plans will be made for another dance next year. Everyone liked the idea of keeping it as a mother/son and father/daughter dance. A new theme will be set for next year. The net profit of the dance will be around \$900.

Flower Sales: Delivered Wednesday, May 10th - In an upcoming newsletter we will ask for volunteers to unload and sort flowers in the hall. Flowers typical arrive to school around 9:00 am. The flower fundraiser will make around \$2,400 again this year. At a prior meeting, it was agreed that this money would go towards new whiteboards in grades 1-2 and finish the whiteboards in the kindergarten room.

Financial Report/Anticipated Upcoming Expenses - Discussed the expenses that remain for this year.

Upcoming Field Trips: PTA is covering the costs for all admission costs.

- Preschool/Kindergarten: Ft. Wayne Zoo Tuesday, May 16th
- 1st/2nd : Sauder Village Thursday, May 18th
- 3rd/4th: Old Fort Friday, May 5th
- 5th/6th: PBS Station Ft. Wayne/Firefighter museum Thursday, May 4th

Catholic Schools Week (Proposed Schedule):

- Monday, May 8th: Family Movie Night 7pm - there will be a flyer going home in an upcoming Wednesday envelope to take a head count on how many people would plan on attending this night. There was some concern with baseball schedules conflicting with this night. If the count is low for attendance, we will have an afternoon movie for the students.
- Tuesday, May 9th: Staff vs. 6th grade Basketball Game @ 1pm. Students wear spirit shirts today - or a Divine Mercy shirt. Parents are encouraged to come to this and enjoy the teachers and staff making fools out of themselves :)
- Wednesday May 10th: Service Projects/Classes making thank you baskets for bus drivers - More info will be sent home soon about this.
- Thursday May 11th: Trip to Edgerton St. Mary's
- Friday May 12th: All School Mass/Picnic at Park

Field Day:

- Cookout Friday, May 19th (Meijer donated \$100 gift card)/Kindergarten Mass this day also

- Monday, May 22nd Bounce Houses at Canlan Ice Sports/Picnic at park

Parent Surveys - The students have all taken the student survey that allowed them to give feedback on their school year. After Easter Break, Mr. Linder will be sending out parent surveys. The goal is to use the results to help improve our school.

Teacher of the Year Award - This year at awards day (Thursday, May 25th), one of our teachers will receive a teacher of the year award in recognition for their great work. The award will be based off of the student surveys, parent surveys, and Mr. Linder's observations. If you feel like your child's teacher has done an outstanding job this year, please take the time to fill out the parent survey so they can receive the well deserved recognition.

Teacher Appreciation Week – First Week of May Plans were made to recognize all of our teachers for the great work they do.

**Thank you to all who have attended the meetings this year, this is the biggest PTA attendance we have had over the last several years. Come back next year!