

February 22, 2017

Dear Parents,

I would like to highly encourage everyone to get signed up for the myParish app. There have been certain situations throughout the year where I thought it would really be nice to **quickly** notify all of our parents directly by phone. A few situations off the top of my head are: the power going out at school back in September, multiple times our phone provider has done maintenance updates and the phones have been down, cancellations of basketball games and other school events, and any future situations that could come up. Once signed up, you would be notified through messages

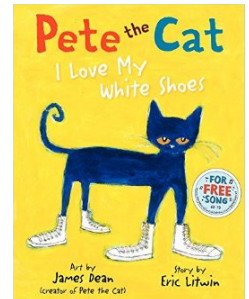


TO DOWNLOAD FOLLOW THE ATTACHED DIRECTIONS

Next Tuesday the students and staff will depart school around 9:00 am to go to Fort Wayne to watch the play, "Pete the Cat." Students will be back in time to each lunch at the school.



Father Poggemeyer will be flying to Memphis, TN next Tuesday, February 28, to direct a retreat for about 25 sisters from that region who belong to St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta's religious order, the Missionaries of Charity. He will return back to Paulding very late Wednesday night, March 8th. Please keep him in your daily prayers.



The 39th Annual Basketball Marathon will be April 14-15 this year at Payne Elementary. Please returned the attached paper if your child(ren) are interested in playing.

The boys/girls basketball awards banquet is next Tuesday night (February 28th) at 6:30 in the hall. Just a reminder that girl player families should bring a dessert, and boys should bring a side dish. We have heard back from everyone, and there will be 90 people in attendance.



Mardi Gras will be held this Friday, February 24th, from 1:00 pm to 2:30ish pm in the hall. It would be a good idea to send a plastic grocery bag to school with your student so they can put their treats and prizes in it, and please send something to hold their money to spend (\$1 bills and quarters recommended). If you signed up to work this event please arrive between 12:15 and 12:30. If you would still like to volunteer and are Virtus compliant, we could always use the extra help. **If you are interested**

in donating a bigger item for the auction table (nerf guns, basketball, fishing pole, gift cards, movies, boy gift basket, girl gift basket, etc.) please send those in to the school office. Please contact the office if you have any questions. All proceeds go to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital.



The school dance is a little over a month away! To pay in advance for the dance, please return the form below along with payment to the school office, by Friday, March 17th. Please make checks payable to "Divine Mercy PTA". Your name will be added to the PAID list and you will be checked in upon arrival on Saturday. Walk-ins are welcome but to guarantee leis for all members of your party, please plan to pay in advance.

Classroom Curriculum News

Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool:

Hearts were on the pre-school's minds. What an awesome Valentines Day party we had, thanks to Mrs. Cassie McCord and Mrs. Traci DeMoss! In anticipation for our trip to the Saint Francis Performing Arts, "Pete the Cat" has been showing up different ways in our classroom. Pete as a cool dude with shades and a guitar which each child used their own imaginations and coloring talents. The class can hardly wait as they mark off the days on the calendar. We also worked on drawing pictures of things that start with the letters A-M, like D-dad, C-cat, L-lemon, G-grasshopper, B-bat just to name a few.



Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten:

Hope everyone enjoyed their day off for President's Day!! In social studies, the kindergarten class has been learning about two very important Presidents that we recognize and honor on this holiday. These two President's are George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In class students got to look at a studies weekly magazine which gave them facts as well as compared these two President's lifestyles. It included things such as what Washington and Lincoln liked to do as a kid, where they lived while they were President, and what kind of job they had before they became President.

Kindergartners then each got to make the head of both President's and write down

one fact they learned about that President.

Simon Conley was kind enough to bring in some pictures to show the class of where Abraham Lincoln grew up in Kentucky.

Here is a picture of Simon showing the class his pictures and talking to his classmates about what he all saw and learned. Thank you Simon for sharing!!



Miss Schuster - 1 & 2:

Last Friday, the 1st and 2nd Graders welcomed Deputy Nick Mendez and Lt. Brian Hanenkrat to the classroom for a 911 Presentation. They enjoyed learning about the appropriate and inappropriate times to dial 911, having all of their questions answered by the officers, and receiving their very own police badge stickers! We were so grateful that they took the time to come and teach us!

Mrs. Gideon - 3 & 4:

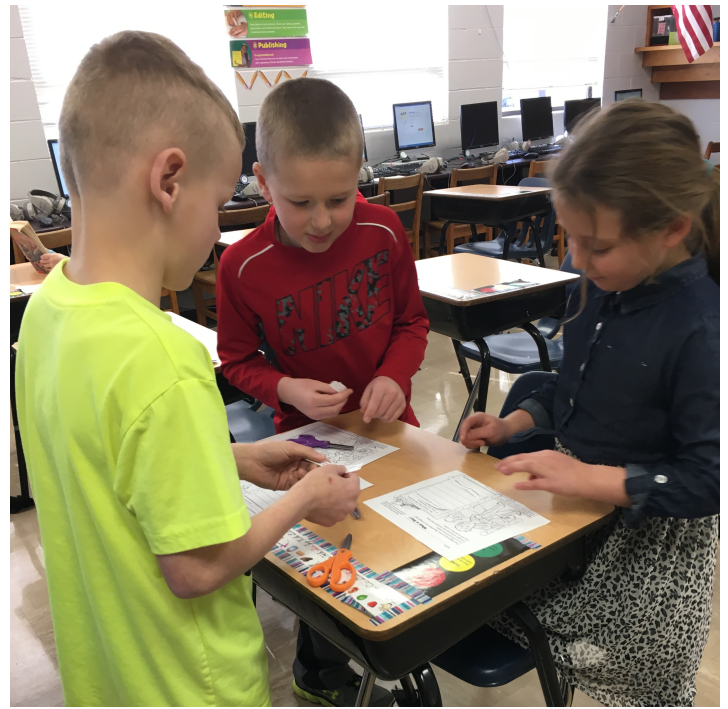
Grade 3 is learning about how to measure for area. Here Jack Schoenauer uses 1 inch tiles to measure the area of the base of the mailbox unit in our classroom.





Mr. Grant - 5 & 6:

In science class, we have been learning about cells and cells processes. This past week students have been learning about the various levels of cellular organization and how cells are grouped in tissues, tissues are grouped into organs, and organs are grouped into organ systems. On Monday, students completed a tissue identification lab where they were given three unknown tissues and had to match the tissue with known samples. In this photo (above), Landin Stuart and KatieAnna Baumle are taking turns looking through a microscope at frog muscle tissue.



Mrs. Gerardot - 2, 4, & 6 Reading:

2nd grade has been working on sequencing of events in reading the last couple of weeks. We read *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* in class then did a cutting and pasting activity to put the events in order that happened first, next, then, and last. We continued practicing that skill with the stories in our reader. They do a great job and recognizing the main events and putting them in chronological order. Pictured (above) is Carter, Hayden, and Arianna working as a group to complete the sequencing activity.



First and second grade students will be performing a short play titled "By George!" on Monday, February 27th. Parents are encouraged to attend. The first performance will begin in the classroom at 10:30 am, and the second performance will take place at 2:30 pm in the classroom. Students may go home with their parents at the conclusion of the afternoon performance. Miss Schuster and Mrs. Mumma will be sending home more information on this.



On Monday, February 27, students will be taught the touching safety course that was described in last week's newsletter. If you do not want your student to be in this course, please fill out the attached form and return it to the school office. Thank you!

Upcoming Dates:

Fri 2/24	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes - Mardi Gras @ 1:00 in hall
Mon 2/27	Touching Safety classes
Tues 2/28	- Students go to "Pete the Cat" play in Fort Wayne - boys and girls basketball awards banquet @ 6:30 in hall
Wed 3/1	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:15
Fri 3/3	Stations of the Cross in church @ 1:00
Wed 3/8	National Child Safety Council presenting a magic show in hall at 10:30 am
Thur 3/9	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes - 1:00 Stations of the Cross
Fri 3/10	2 hour delay - teacher in-service
Tues 3/14	Dr. Mott's office presenting dental program to grades K-2
Fri 3/17	- End of 3rd quarter - Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes - Happy St. Patrick's Day - 1:00 Stations of the Cross
Wed 3/22	Grade cards go home
Thur 3/23	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes - 1:00 Stations of the Cross
Fri 3/24	No School - teacher in-service
Wed 3/29	Battle of the Books competition
Thur 3/31	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes - 1:00 Stations of the Cross