

February 8, 2017

Dear Parents,

There are a few handouts in today's Wednesday Envelope. Two of them have more information about EZpay and the Touching Safety program from the diocese.

The touching safety classes will take place on Monday, Feb 27th. Mrs. Conley will be teaching the class to grades K-2, and I will teach the class to grades 3-6. Please read through the program overview to familiarize yourself with it. This program is not mandatory, and if you do not want your child to be in the class please fill out the attached paper and return it to the office.

The EZpay attachment will explain how to check your student's lunch balance online. The former low lunch balance policy was: if there is a negative balance of \$7.00 or more the student would receive peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a milk (still at a cost of \$.70). The new policy has changed to this: if there is a negative balance of \$5.00 or more the student will receive peanut butter and jelly sandwich and a milk (still at a cost of \$.70). Hopefully EZpay will give you an easier and more convenient payment option.

Tomorrow we have school Mass with Father Poggemeyer. This Friday there is a scheduled two hour delay for a teacher in-service. Teachers will be busy with a webinar, and I am asking that students arrive no earlier than 10:40 am.

God Bless!

Mr. Linder



Mardi Gras will be held on Friday, February 24th, from 1:00 pm to 2:30ish pm. The rain date will be on Monday, February 27th.

The boys/girls basketball awards banquet:

- **Tuesday, February 28th @ 6:30 pm** in the hall.
- Pizza will be provided for all in attendance.
- **Girl player families - a dessert**
- **Boy player families - a side dish**
- **Please let us know if you're coming by Friday, February 10th.**
- **uniforms and practice jerseys can be brought back to school, or the night of the banquet**



Our first ever father/daughter and mother/son school dance is on Saturday, April 1st. The dance will be in the hall, and it will begin at 7 pm and end at 9 pm. At the last PTA meeting the this year's theme was voted on, and a beach theme was the winner. If you think you could be helpful with decorating, organizing refreshments, coordinating the raffle/gift baskets, etc. please contact Matt O'Shaughnessey:

moshaughnessey@verabradley.com

Matt, thank you for all of the hard work you've already put into coordinating all of this. This is really going to be a fun night for parents and students! Please look over the attached flyer, and let us know if you have any questions.

Classroom Curriculum News

Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool:

Pre-K have been tracing, writing, and searching the classroom for the numbers 3&4 and the letter E. Bennett Graham and Clare Linder both declared that both have an e in their name, and that they are 3 years old. New songs are always on our agenda. This week we raised our voices to the songs: Touch & Clap and Rise & Shine, plus some of the class favorites. The story "Good Friends" from the book "Five minute Bible Devotions for Children" was read in class. Asked what they learned from the story; Garry Mendenhall said: Friends play together and are nice. Miranda McCord answered: God wants us to love everyone and be good friends.



Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten:

This past week the kindergarten class learned how to find the main idea in a story/picture. To help the students understand this concept of main idea, we pretended to be detectives and search for clues (or key details) within a picture to help us solve/figure out what the picture is about. The students were put to the test when they were given their very own *Main Idea Mystery* in which to solve the main idea of a secret picture inside their envelope. All

kindergarten students really seemed to enjoy being detectives and solving their *Main Idea Mystery*, and they even learned a little song to help them remember what to look for when finding the main idea. Ask them to sing it for you sometime! :)



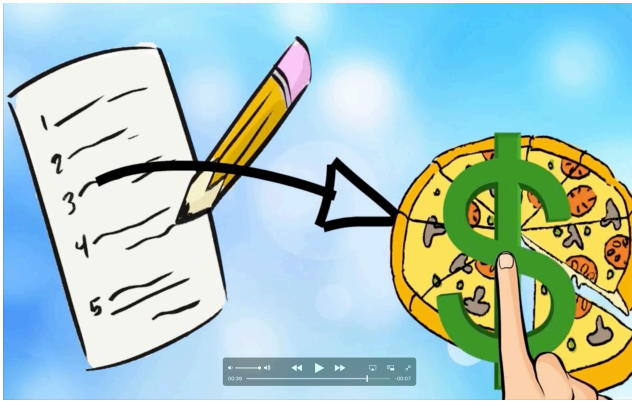
Miss Schuster - 1 & 2:

On February 2nd, 1st and 2nd Grade celebrated Groundhog Day. We made groundhog puppets, learned a song, completed a word search, wrote about whether or not we hoped for spring or for six more weeks of winter, and were on the lookout for our shadows during recess! The students did a great job, worked hard, and had a lot of fun!



Mrs. Gideon - 3 & 4:

In grades 3-4 students are learning about the engineering process in science. They learned that one of the first steps in the engineering process is to draw a rough sketch of an idea. Here the children draw their sketch for a design of an object that they might use in the classroom.



Mr. Grant - 5 & 6:

Fifth and sixth grade math have both been working on completing an inquiry based lesson in math class this past week. The lessons came from Front Row, a math and ELA program that they can access on their iPads. The activities were centered on finding profits from a fictitious pizza shop where they had to add, subtract, multiply, and divide with decimal numbers. Each day the class had to use a different operation in order to help the owner find out which ingredients and which pizzas were the most profitable for the business. The class enjoyed applying math skills in a “real-life” situation, and they remain hopeful that math activities involving pizza will remain a regular part of their mathematical learning!

Upcoming Dates:

Wed 2/8	School Council Meeting @ 7:00
Thur 2/9	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes
Fri 2/10	2 hour delay - Teacher In-Service
Mon 2/13	Scholastic Book Orders Due
Wed 2/15	Midterm reports go home
Fri 2/17	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes
Mon 2/20	No School - President's Day
Tues 2/21	Staff meeting after school
Fri 2/24	- Mass @ 9:15 - Father for religion classes - Mardi Gras @ 1:00 in hall
Tues 2/28	- Students go to “Pete the Cat” play in Fort Wayne - boys and girls basketball awards banquet @ 6:30 in hall