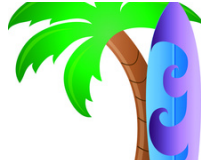


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NEWSLETTER



Benefit for Dustin Shuherk

Dustin is 29 years old and is battling Stage III Colon Cancer. Dustin is the son of Ann and Con Shuherk, and brother to Alyssa Saylor, whose daughter, Anabelle, is a first grader at our school. There will be a benefit on Saturday, March 4th, at the Payne American Legion. A bake sale will begin at 9:00 am, and lunch will be served at 11:00 am. There will also be a silent auction. Bake sale donations are needed. If you have any questions, you can contact Darlene Jordan at 419-786-9427. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Classroom Curriculum News

Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool

"Pete the Cat" has helped the Pre-school learn many things during the week. When "Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons" was read, the class counted, sorted, measured, and then glued buttons on Pete's shirt. Jameson Graham hopes we see this story on our field trip. The students have rhymed, memorized, and sang parts from "Pete the Cat and His White Shoes." Clare Linder told the class that she has this book, so she sang and danced "I love my white shoes" for the class. Can everyone tell that the Pre-school are just a little excited about the field trip!

Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten

In Kindergarten this past week, students learned how to solve problems by guessing and checking. To practice this, students were once again back to using their favorite thing....money! The Kindergartners were back at the store and could buy any two items they wanted, but the catch was they had to spend all their money. Students would pick their top favorite item and have to guess and check what other item they could buy so that they spent all their money. This was some great practice with money to help the students get ready for Friday's Mardi Gras party where they were able to spend real money and keep track of if they had enough money to buy the tickets or items they wanted.

Miss Shuster - Grades 1 & 2

On Monday, the 1st and 2nd Graders performed a program (pictured at top) for parents and students, in honor of George Washington's birthday. Decked out in homemade tricorn hats, the students regaled audiences with interesting facts about our first president. By George, they had a lot of fun, and learned quite a bit as well! A big thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, and relatives who attended!

Mrs. Gideon - Grades 3 & 4

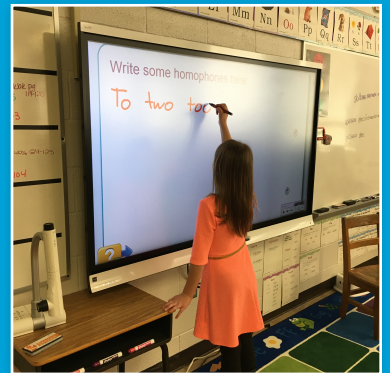
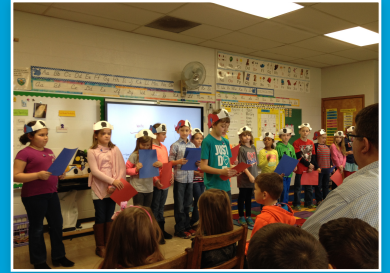
The 3rd and 4th graders learned the steps of conflict resolution in Social Studies. Here 3 students role play a conflict using these steps which are--walk away, smile about it, compromise, or ask for help (middle picture).

Mr. Grant - Grades 5 & 6

Over the past several weeks fifth grade has started reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, the first of seven books in C.S. Lewis's beloved *The Chronicles of Narnia* series. The book centers on the adventures of four children during World War II era England as they magically enter the fictitious world of Narnia, where they join the heroic lion Aslan as he engages in an epic struggle the enslaving forces of the White Witch. As students read each chapter, they learn unfamiliar vocabulary terms, engage in discussion questions, discuss literary features of the chapter, and uncover the Christian meaning behind much of the content in the story. Additionally, students write roughly a paragraph for each chapter as they respond to reflection questions over the material. At the end of the book, students will have an opportunity to create a project demonstrating what they have learned.

Mrs. Gerardot - 2, 4, & 6 Reading

Fourth grade has been studying homophones this week in grammar. Pictured (bottom) is Rylin Moore writing a set of homophones on the SMART board. Each student had fun coming up with different homophones. The homophones we focused on this week were to, too, and two; your and you're; it's and its; their, they're, and there. They have learned when each word would best be used in a sentence.



Mardi Gras

Pete the Cat Play

Basketball Awards Banquet

Student Helpers



Last Thursday, several students in grades 3-6 volunteered some of their recess time to help pick up pine cones. Rylin Moore even offered to sweep the stones back into the playground area. For a little treat, each student was surprised with a juice and ice cream bar during lunch.

Thank you for your support of this year's Mardi Gras. The students raised \$708.18 to donate to St. Jude's Children's Hospital!

Students had a "groovy" time yesterday during their trip to Fort Wayne to watch Pete the Cat.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year a great experience for our boys and girls basketball players!

School Dance

The school dance is a month away! Please return your form along with payment to the school office, by Friday, March 17th. Please make checks payable to "Divine Mercy PTA". **There will be a meeting in the hall at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, March 7th, to discuss decorations, snacks, lei's, and additional final details that we need to pull together for April 1.**

Come and bid on these auction items:

DeBrands Chocolates – Tickets for Tours

Build-A-Bear – bear and an outfit.

Science Central – Admission Tickets

Rack & Helens - \$25 Gift Card

Fort Wayne Wine & Canvas - \$35 Gift Card

Fort Wayne Tincaps – Picture Frame

Vera Bradley

Kings Island – Two Park Admission Tickets

- **Please keep Father Poggemeyer in your prayers as he gives a retreat in Tennessee.**
- **Food pantry next week: Thursday, March 9th. If you sent something in for today, we will keep it in the classroom until next week. Thank you!**
- **Don't forget to sign up for the myParish app. Check your email for the instructional flyer.**

Upcoming Dates:

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| Wed 3/1 | Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9:15 |
| Fri 3/3 | Stations of the Cross in church @ 1:00 |
| Tues 3/6 | School Dance meeting @ 6:30 pm in the hall |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Sat 4/1 | School Dance 7-9 pm in hall |