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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I would like to express my thanks to Mrs. Mumma, who has been helping out in the first and second grade classroom over the past few months. This past week was her last week in the classroom. I cannot thank her enough for all that she did. Her engaging learning activities that she planned brought excitement and long-lasting learning for the students. We will all miss her. Thank you, Mrs. Mumma!

The school dance is only a few days away! If you didn't purchase a ticket in advance, you can still buy tickets the night of the dance at the same price (adult: \$10 and student: \$5). Captured by Kathy K will be taking pictures at the dance. If you want to purchase pictures the night of the dance, here are the prices:

5x7 - \$5 8x10 - \$10 4 wallets - \$5 8 wallets - \$7 keychain - \$5

Cash or checks are accepted for pictures. Please make checks payable to Kathy Kuckuck. There is a \$30 fee on all returned checks. Payment is due the day of the dance. Pictures will be sent home within a week in the next Wednesday Envelope.

God Bless!

Mr. Linder



Thank you PTA and Payne Knights of Columbus for purchasing a new freezer for the hall kitchen. As you can see, it was time for an upgrade. The new freezer can be used for many events including our apple pie fundraiser.

- Below are each classroom's **Lenten service projects**:
 - Kindergarten and First/Second - Donations for Heartbeat, a group that supports women's pregnancies and moms, dads, and babies in need (More information is in this Wednesday Envelope)
 - Third/Fourth - Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services of Paulding. (Mrs. Gideon will be posting information to Class Dojo soon)
 - Fifth/Sixth - We will be working with Operation Gratitude to write thank you letters to active-duty members of the armed forces.
- Spirit shirt orders are due by this **Friday, March 31st**.
- Keep selling for the **Divine Mercy Flower Sales**. Order will be taken until Monday, April 3rd. Payment is due when the orders are placed. Flower pickup will be on Wednesday, May 10th, in the gym.
- Next week, April 3-7, we will be holding our **spring book fair and guest lunch**. Guest lunch day will be on Wednesday, April 5th. There is a flyer enclosed in this envelope explaining all of the details. **Please send us a count of guests by Friday, March 31**, so that we can give a count to the Payne cafeteria. We are also asking that if you purchase one of the lunches from the cafeteria please pay in advance of the day of the guest lunch. You can send your payment into the office in a marked envelope that has: Guest Lunch, Your Name, number of lunches purchased, and the amount enclosed. We hope to see you there!
- **Spring pictures with Lifetouch** will be Friday, April 7th. Ordering packets are in your Wednesday Envelope. Spring pictures are optional, and only students who are ordering pictures will be photographed.
- Don't forget to **sign up for the myParish app**. Check your email for the instructional flyer.

Classroom Curriculum News

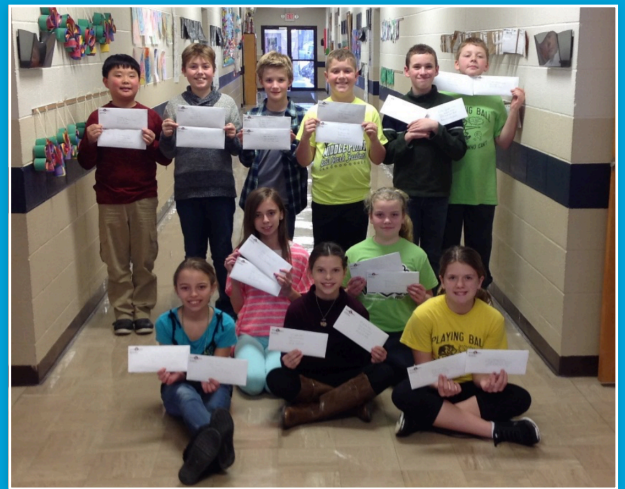
Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten

In math this week, the kindergarten class got to explore and learn about a new math manipulative called tangrams. Tangrams are a geometric puzzle which originated in China, and is made from three basic geometric shapes-a square, parallelogram, and triangle. There are 7 tangram pieces in one set. Tangrams are used to teach geometric rules and can be a challenge and fun math exercise. The kindergarten class enjoyed using their tangram pieces to copy and make their own designs. Their favorite part of exploring the tangram pieces was trying to use all 7 pieces and place them in a way that made a large square! They loved this challenge and a few came pretty close to creating the square all on their own!



Miss Shuster - Grades 1 & 2

Grades 1 and 2 have celebrated the arrival of spring by reading the book *Tap the Magic Tree* by Christie Matheson (the kids loved this interactive story), starting to grow our very own patch of four leaf clovers in the classroom (a big thank you to Jaxon Cook for bringing in this fun project), AND this week, have begun making a four seasons circle book. On the circle book, we wrote the dates of the summer and winter solstice, as well as the spring and fall equinox, for 2017. We then illustrated how the different seasons affect the trees. Great work, 1st and 2nd!



Mrs. Gideon - Grades 3 & 4

Fourth graders are learning about geometry in math class. This week we learned how to make tessellations and did an activity where each child created their own. Tessellations involve using a congruent shape to fill a flat surface with no overlaps and no gaps. Here Conner Davis uses a shape tile to create his tessellation. (top photo)

Mr. Grant - Grades 5 & 6

In fifth grade reading, the class recently had an opportunity to participate in a unique activity. The class wrote letters as part of "The Great Mail Race." The race is a letter writing activity among 5th grade classes in Catholic schools all across the country. We had previously received letters from Catholic schools in Florida and Idaho. With this "race," students wrote a letter to another 5th grade class and also filled out a questionnaire so other schools could learn about them. Each student picked two states and then went online to find Catholic schools in the states they picked. (bottom photo)

Mrs. Gerardot - 2, 4, & 6 Reading

This past week the 4th graders were learning about comparing and contrasting. They had to compare and contrast between soft and hard polyps and Gobies/Grouper and Polyps/Plants. They worked in groups to make a Venn Diagram to compare the two. Each group learned that Gobies and Plants each benefit from each their relationship in the ocean. We then created a Venn Diagram as a whole class on the SMART Board to share what each group learned from life in the coral reef.

During 5th and 6th grade art class, Ms. Kaufman helped the students create beach murals for the upcoming school dance. All of these were done in 1 hour!



Upcoming Dates:

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| Wed 3/29 | Battle of the Books competition |
| Fri 3/31 | - Mass @ 9:15
- 1:00 Stations of the Cross |
| Sat 4/1 | School Dance 7-9 pm in hall |
| Apr 3-7 | - Spring Book Fair
- MAP testing grades 3-6 |
| Wed 4/5 | Book Fair Guest Lunch |
| Fri 4/7 | Spring pictures with Lifetouch |
| Apr 10-12 | MAP testing grades K-2 |
| Tues 4/11 | PTA @ 6:30 in Mr. Grant's room |
| Wed 4/12 | Easter basket hunt at school |

EASTER BREAK APRIL 13-17

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| 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 |
| Tues 4/25 | - World's Fair in gym @ 7:00-8:00 |
| Fri 4/28 | - 2 hour delay - Teacher in-service
- Spring Program in gym @ 1:00 (preschool through 6th grade performing) |