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# NEWSLETTER

**ENROLL NOW**

Divine Mercy is accepting registration for our kindergarten class for 2017-2018. If you know of anyone that is still considering kindergarten at Divine Mercy for next year, have them give us a call.



Divine Mercy is in the process of making plans for the 2017-2018 school year. You will find a “returning student” registration form enclosed in today’s envelope. Please return this form as soon as possible. If you are not returning, please indicate on the form.

Please let Mr. Linder know if you have any questions about the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship. Please look over the attached flyer for more information about this opportunity. All applications should be returned to school by April 30, 2017.



# Classroom Curriculum News

## Mrs. Lopshire - Preschool

"Pete the Cat" was still the topic of discussion this week. The pre-school absolutely loved it! Ash Wednesday brought the message of Jesus fasting for 40 days and nights, and how each student needed to think what they could give up for Lent. Shamrocks were one of our art projects. They traced, cut and placed stickers to make their St. Patrick's Day shamrocks beautiful.

## Miss Kaufman - Kindergarten

In kindergarten this week, students had a special guest from the WMEA (Waste Management Education/Awareness) come in and present some information about recycling and our environment with an Earth Cookie. Becky Suvar brought in a huge cookie that represented the earth and explained to the kindergartners that we only have so much land to live on and produce food. She explained that we have to be careful with the earth as it is the only place we can survive. The Kindergarten class learned that we all need to be good stewards and not litter and recycle to preserve the land/earth we have. Becky did an amazing job talking to the students and they learned that water takes up a lot of space on the Earth we live on.

## Miss Shuster - Grades 1 & 2

This week in Social Studies, Grades 1 and 2 enjoyed learning about and drawing pictures of some interesting facts about our state of Ohio. Do you know our state bird? What makes our state flag different from that of any other state? And what is our state drink? (Hint: It is red!) Ask one of our students, and they'd be happy to tell you!

## Mrs. Gideon - Grades 3 & 4

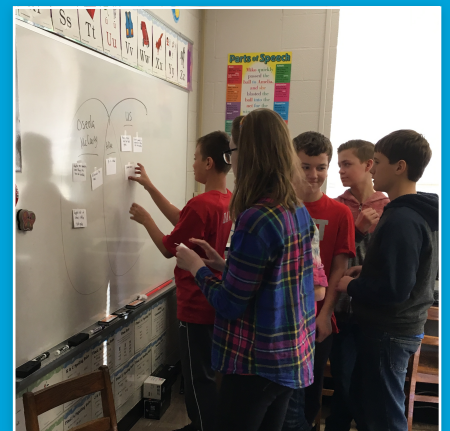
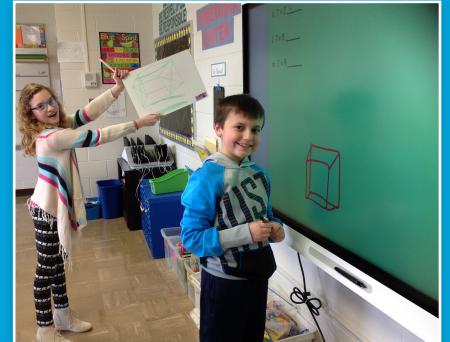
Third grade is learning about counting cubes in a stack to determine volume. Here Caleb Cox and Hannah Griffiths show off their newly learned skill of drawing a transparent rectangular prism.

## Mr. Grant - Grades 5 & 6

As we begin moving towards Easter, the class has begun focusing on the Lenten season in religion class. This past week, students looked at Christ's words about being the Good Shepherd in John 10. We learned that Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11 in NABre). The textbook also highlighted Isaiah 53 and its connection to Christ's passion. We spent additional time reflecting on Isaiah's words and how they are a prophetic insight into the kind of suffering that Jesus went through for our sake. "We had all gone astray like sheep, all following our own way; But the LORD laid upon him the guilt of us all" (Is. 53:6 in NABre).

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

Sixth grade is working with comparing and contrasting. We read a story of Oseola McCarty in class and compared her life to the rest of our lives. They learned that McCarty washed laundry by hand for many years, she dropped out of school in 6th grade because she needed to take care of her aunt that became unable to walk, and she worked very hard all of her life and still donated money to the University of Southern Mississippi. In the picture, the students are sorting the different events that are either the same or different for Oseola McCarty or our lives.



- There will be **food pantry** at tomorrow's Mass - Thursday, March 9th.
- Join Divine Mercy students for **Stations of the Cross**. The next date and time is 1:00pm on Friday, March 10 at Payne.
- Please fill out and return your **school dance** registration.
- If your child wants to play in the **basketball marathon** (April 14-15), please return the attached form by this Friday, March 10th.
- Don't forget to sign up for the **myParish app**. Check your email for the instructional flyer.
- **Looking ahead:**

Thur 3/9	- Mass @ 9:15 - Food Pantry - Father for religion classes
Fri 3/10	<b>2 hour delay</b> - teacher in-service - 1:00 Stations of the Cross
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	<b>No School</b> - teacher in-service
Wed 3/29	Battle of the Books competition at Paulding County Extension building 12:00
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
April 3-7	Spring Book Fair
Wed 4/5	Guest Lunch for Book Fair

## Technology Update



Last Friday, students in grades 5-6 helped unload 90 Chromebooks (laptops). Needless to say they were a little excited. This purchase (through the use of state funds) will allow our school to become a 1:1 environment. Each classroom will have instant access to their own set of Chromebooks; which will be stored in charging carts in each room. More info to come in future newsletters.