

A Message from the Principal...Mrs. Bland

Parent/Teacher Conferences – I want to thank all of you for coming yesterday to the Parent/Teacher conferences. The teachers were looking forward to being able to discuss your child's progress with you.

Yearbooks - Parents had an opportunity to look at samples of the yearbook that we would like to offer this year and preferred the yearbooks in color. Yearbooks will be \$25.00 and will not be distributed until the first day of school 2012-2013.

Halloween – Students are asked to wear their costumes to school on Monday, October 31. We will begin the day with a Prayer Service prepared by 3rd grade in the gym at 9:15. We will then parade around the block, weather permitting. Classroom parties will begin at 9:45. Dismissal will be at 11:30

Altar Server Training – Deacon Don will be training altar servers on Wednesday, November 2. The training will be at 1:00pm. If your child is interested and you have not signed a permission slip, call the office and we will send one home with your child. Training is available to all students from 4th grade – 8th grade.

Special Meeting for New Mass Changes – Deacon Don will be holding two sessions. On November 15 at 7pm there will be training for Eucharistic Ministers and lectors at 7:00pm in the Church. On November 22, Deacon will hold another meeting for the Altar Servers at 7:00 in the Church.

Honor Roll Recognition – Students who made the honor roll for the 1st Quarter will be recognized after mass on Tuesday, November 1.

Dates to Remember

October 31	Halloween: Prayer Service – 9:15; Parade following prayer service; classroom parties begin at 9:45; dismissal at 11:30.
November 1	All Saints' Day Mass prepared by Kindergarten – 8:10AM Honor Roll Recognition following Mass Girls Basketball Practice – 2:45-4:45 Boys Basketball Practice – 5:00-7:00
November 2	Altar Server Training – 1:00 Lego Club – 2:45 Girls Basketball Practice – 2:45-4:45
November 3	Kindergarten trip to Library – 1:35 Speech Practice – 2:40-3:30 (Grades 5-8) Girls Basketball Practice 3:30 – 4:45 Boys Basketball Practice 5:00-7:00
November 4	Spirit Wear Day 8 th graders to visit JCA

News from Preschool.....Miss Montgomery

We have had a busy week. The preschool students are very excited about the upcoming Halloween parties. Their faces light up when we discuss what everyone is going to be for Halloween. We have read many Halloween stories and played numerous games. Their favorite game is "Pumpkin pumpkin, who has the pumpkin?" The children have been working hard on identifying the letter *Ff*, *diamonds*, number *six* and the color *black*. During our religion time, we discussed Jesus' two rules he has for us. Rule #1- Love God with all your heart and soul. Rule #2- Love other people the same way you love yourself. The children really enjoyed seeing all the different *red* items for show-n-tell. We also discussed the difference between large, medium and small. The children who attend school all week long made ghosts using their foot prints. As you can imagine, there was a lot of squirming and laughter as I painted their feet. Everyone enjoyed making spiders that are hanging up in our classrooms. Next week we will discuss the letter *Gg*, number *seven*, hearts and the color *white*.

A few reminders:

Friday, October 31st - Spirit Wear

Walking Field Trip to the Wilmington Public Library

Mother/Daughter Banquet

Monday, October 31st – Halloween Party

Early Dismissal @ 11:30

Have a great weekend!

News from First Grade.....Mrs. Vimpeny

What a nice job the first graders did at yesterday's Mass! I am very proud of them. Today we started a new chapter in our Religion book, God is Our Loving Father.

This week, we began working in the next Reading book. Our targeted reading skill is compare and contrast. For Spelling and Phonics, we are learning short e words and words with double final consonants. Because the class did so well during the first quarter on Spelling tests, I've increased the list to 15 words. The added words are the week's high frequency words that we use every day. There will still be two bonus words on the final test. Due to Halloween, next week's pretest will be on Tuesday instead of Monday. In Language Arts, we are working with nouns. We also wrote and illustrated about a job that we do at home.

In Math, we are learning ways to learn addition facts up to 12. Most every one is improving slowly on the timed tests. Keep working with those flash cards! We will do the last lesson in this topic tomorrow and will have a test on Tuesday.

We learned about what families do together in Social Studies. Not only do families play together, they work with each other and help each other.

In Science, we read how plants grow and change. We talked about the life cycle of a bean plant and of a pine tree.

We really enjoyed our walk for Race for Education last Friday. Thank you, Mrs. Muraskas, for the yummy brownies and juice pouches for our treat

On Halloween, students will come to school in costume. The class will be doing some fun activities prior to the Prayer Service at 9:15, followed by the parade. Our party will begin at 9:45. Thank you to Mrs. Muraskas for organizing the party.

Have a great weekend preparing for Halloween!

News from Seventh Grade/Jr. High Social Studies.....Mrs. Viano

Thank you to all the parents that took time to come in and talk to the children's teachers today. It is wonderful to work in a school with parents that are involved in their students' education and expect the best effort from their children at all times. If you ever have any concerns please contact me and I will be glad to conference with you after school.

7th SS

The 7th grade has been working on an online Pre-Revolutionary War game called **Mission US** for the last week. The game has 5 parts that require the students to interact with characters and make choices that change how their character progresses through Boston in 1770. They start as a 3rd son who must learn a trade, since he will not inherit the family farm and leaves home at 14, the character meets historical figures through his work as a printers apprentice and makes decisions that people faced everyday of how to support the Loyalist or Rebel cause. Each section has vocabulary work sheets, a review question of what happened in the story, and primary documents that we translate into today's language.

The kids seem to like the game and would rather just play, but they are doing well with the comprehension questions. The primary documents are a little harder for them to understand.

We will finish this up next week.

8th SS

They will take the Ch 4 test Monday and then we will jump out to some 20th century history for a few weeks.

6th SS

We have almost finished the background of what is archeology and how information is found and researched. They will begin looking at cultures in the next section. Please encourage your students to *read* the section in addition to the highlighted notes that I give them in class. All answers must be in FULL sentences. I still have several people losing points for one word answers.

5th SS

The kids did a wonderful job with their Native American reports. Everyone was ready to present on Friday as required and that is the first grade they received. They will get a second grade on their sources after I have checked all the websites they provided as their resources for facts and copying. I told them that they were not allowed to just copy but must read and put the information into their own words to try and prevent the habit of plagiarism from the start. So far there are only a few problems but we will work on that more in the next project.

