

October 20, 2017

Happy Friday!

We have had a great week! Our little ones had a visit from our local firemen! It was great! They even got to use the fire hose! Our older students are working on STREAM as well. We are getting ready for our open house on Monday night from 5-6:30pm, our book fair, and of course, our Black and Gold Gala!! I know that we are having some trouble with emails still, so please pass this along to any person missing our information.

First, there was a rumor going around that we were on lock down yesterday. I would like to let you all know that we were NOT ON LOCK DOWN. We were in lock out - as we are every day. The reason this all came about was simply because while I was at a principal's meeting in Niagara Falls, a fellow principal received a call from his office letting him know that there was a report - on a blotter - that there was a man with a weapon at Rain Tree Island Apartments. He let us know and those of us in the surrounding areas called our schools to inform them to make sure that they remember we were in lock out, to be vigilant, and to make sure we knew who was coming through the doors (and if not ask for id). We also decided to keep the kids inside, rather than play outside. We informed our schools if we heard from the police at any time (which we never did) that we would take appropriate action. The situation was taken care of by the police and they never contacted us, since there was NO DANGER to the children. Please know that if we are ever in a lock down - even a drill - I would communicate with parents as quickly as possible. If you are hearing otherwise, it is the wrong information. If you ever have a question about something, please ask me. Sometimes the information heard "out there" is not correct.

Book Fair - Book fair information went home yesterday, but we are still looking for volunteers. Please see the attached letter and let Mrs. Misso know if you can help out! [Book Fair](#)

Open House - notice went home this week as well for our open house on Monday night! We will have pizza, a costume contest for the kids, and a dessert cooking contest for the adults! We will also have tours for prospective families! Bring a friend and show off our amazing school!!!! There are fun and prizes to be had for all!! If you would like to volunteer, for the evening and for tours, please contact Mrs. P or Mrs. Cacia!

Lawn Signs - we have a bunch of lawn signs for families to share information on our school! IF you are interested you can pick one up at the open house or the office!

BINGO CORNER - Bingo is looking for the first 10 volunteers to work the January 1st afternoon (1pm) BINGO. If you work it you will get to have a night off of your regular bingo, after you have worked the Jan1st date. Please email the business office - first 10 come - first 10 served!

Collection for Puerto Rico: We are very blessed to have a school community that is like a family. When one celebrates, we all celebrate. When one grieves, we all grieve. Sadly, we have some students who are grieving for their family far away.

Four weeks ago Puerto Rico was hit with one of the worst hurricanes the island and Atlantic has ever seen. Hurricane Maria has destroyed the island. 3.4 million American citizens are now left without clean drinking water, without enough food, and most are still without electricity. It has been estimated that it will take up to a year to fix the electricity on the island and to obtain clean drinking water. Our students' family members are a part of that 3.4 million that have been affected. Can you imagine no drinking water, no electricity, and little food to eat? Can you imagine your home being destroyed and having no place to go? Can you imagine having to fight off looters, and people trying to steal what little you have?

Sadly, this is the reality TODAY for our fellow Americans. They need our help. While the media has left and reports little because the big story is over, the reality of every day life is setting in for the families in Puerto Rico. As Catholics, and as stewards of teaching and raising generations of children that follow Jesus in what they say and do, it is important for us to not only help those in need, but also to help the members of our school family.

We will be running a collection from October 23rd to November 2nd, for the items the families need most at this time. If you wish to help, donations will be accepted in the main office.

The people are in need of:

- Batteries (all types)
- Flashlights
- Water
- Candles
- Diapers
- Pet food
- Blankets
- Personal hygiene items
- Non-perishable food items that do not need to be cooked (granola bars, etc.)
- Medicine basics (Tylenol, antibiotic ointment, etc.)

As we learn of new items that may be needed, we will let you know. These will be sent directly to Puerto Rico. The families that have been affected here, thank you for thinking of their families so far away. We know what it is like when one of our own is suffering and we cannot help them – this helps to ease some of the suffering.

Have a great weekend and I hope to see you all at the open house!!!

Peace,

Mrs. P