

Happy Friday Everyone!

We have had a busy week. Students in ELA were writing and finishing "I Am Poems" and learning to write persuasive essays. Students in Mrs. Wlodarczyk's class made edible animal cells. Students in Mrs. Giammarinaro's created timelines of their life so far. The PK4 students went to Kelkenburg Farms in Clarence to learn about the farm, enjoy a romp through a mini corn maize, milk a goat, ride a pony and pick some pumpkins. Each week, I hope to have a picture of the week to spotlight what is happening in the classrooms.

Reminders and Updates:

Pickups and Walkers - If your child is being picked up, please meet them in McNulty Hall.

Arrival and Dismissal - Just a reminder that when you come into the parking lot there are many little ears listening to everything going on, including conversations, music, and whatever else is being played. Please keep anything with foul language or inappropriate language within the windows and doors of your cars so that the children do not hear it and repeat it.

Black and Gold Update - Gift Gathering with a Side of Coffee to get you going! As we get closer to our annual gala, everyone's help is what really pulls it all together in the end to make it a success. Each donation, no matter how small has a BIG impact. Black and Gold gift collection is going strong - and we need your support! We welcome donations of all types for our auctions and raffles. To date, we have vacation opportunities, restaurant gift certificates, housewares, kids' toys, accessories and SO MUCH MORE! To make Black and Gold 2018 truly successful - we need your help with gathering additional items. Do you have a family owned business that can donate a gift certificate or item? Is there a particular business you frequent that would be happy to help you out with a donation? Please consider helping by bringing in a basket or gift on Wednesday, September 26! Your fun-loving Black and Gold Committee will be ready to greet you in the breezeway (by door #1) at 7AM! You give us your donation - we'll give you coffee to start your day off right!

STREAM Update - STREAM signups for grades 1-8 went home today. Signups for grades PK4-K will go home on Monday, but don't worry because PK-K have separate academies so they will not be closed out! Just a reminder that Robotics is for grades 6-8 only - the grade levels were missing from the sheet. STREAM ON!!

Suzuki Strings is starting up, but they need at least 3 more students to make it work. Suzuki Strings is an introduction to violin for PK4 students. If you are interested in your PK4 child learning this, please print and fill out the forms attached to the email.

Faith Formation - Please see the attached invitations for Rosary events and for our KidsKorner from FORMED.

HSA - Look for a separate email with information on our HSA!!

FRANKIE - Father Matt has a new addition to the rectory. His name is Francis, or Frankie, as we all call him. He is a small shitz-su/yorkie mix puppy. The children have been asking who is barking in the morning by the main entry doors - its Frankie. Today a few got to meet him. We will slowly get him used to seeing the children - only if they want to of course. Animals are incredibly therapeutic for children. Look at Andy (our school turtle) - the kids love coming in during the morning and feeding him, and now Andy lifts his head up for food. He looks forward to the kids as well. They learn feeding, care, they sometimes even talk to him! It makes them happy. Frankie did not want to leave our upper grade students at all this afternoon. He was very content to sit next to them while they worked on their chrome books. We will work on discussing care of all animals and life in the classrooms, and Frankie and Andy are great mascots for these lessons.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Peace,
Mrs. P