

October 30, 2015

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all the extra hands with Halloween for the kiddos today. There were many children that I didn't recognize. What a fun day of all!! Thanks to the parents, firefighters, police and of course, our neighbors, Wildwood Residence. Tracy from Wildwood and Greg Stremel went above and beyond to get our kiddos to and from safely!! How Fun!!

Also, a big thank you for those who participated in Trunk or Treat. It was a big success. Thank you for supporting Fifth Grade. Thank you to Home and School for purchasing all the food. A HUGE THANK YOU TO "THE OCCASIONAL BAKERS" FOR THE DONATION OF THE GRAND PRIZE.

I know that some of you are still interested in volunteering more. Fr. J is offering yet another Virtus Training on Monday, November 9th at 7:00 at St. Peter's. It is a must, if you want to be around our children...

Fifth grade students have done a fantastic job on their Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) projects for Spanish class! Please stop by the library and see their wonderful, creative work!! Mrs. Black is very, very proud of the work that they have done! Muy bien, 5th graders!!!

Our next Charity Dress Down Day will be Wednesday, November 4th. This month's charity is Outreach House. We will be collecting the following items for them: Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes and Cans of Green Beans. The class bringing in the most of these items will win an ice cream party.

Our next Home & School meeting will be Wednesday November 4th at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing Grandparent's Day, Book Fair, Santa's Secret Shop and Winter Festival. We hope you will come and share your thoughts on these events.

On Thursday, Nov. 12, in PE, students will once again be participating in the World Record Cup Stacking Event. Grades K-5 will also be combining efforts with more than half a million other students around the world to break last year's Guinness World Record of the greatest number of people cup stacking in one day! We will once again pair this event with a community outreach opportunity by collecting boxes of Jell-O. The donated Jell-O will be put in baskets of food that will be distributed to 1,000 families in need right before Christmas. Now, here's the CRAZY part....Mrs. Black is hoping to collect TWO THOUSAND boxes of Jell-O so that each of the families can have two boxes of Jell-O!!! Students may start bringing boxes of Jell-O to school on Monday. It can be regular or sugar-free, and it can be any flavor or size--doesn't even have to be the Jell-O brand! Great Value, Best Choice or any brand you choose will be greatly appreciated!!! It's an opportunity for the students to see how simple it is to help make a difference by helping out those in our community. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!!

Grandparents Day will be November 13th for all students in grades K-5. At this point, we know that Mass will be at 8:30 am. This is an early dismissal day. There will be pastries for the students

and grandparents in the morning and a sack lunch at lunch time for the students. Margie Black will be taking pictures as in the past. The Book Fair will be going on. More information will follow!!

Our next charity dress down is November 4th. We will be helping Outreach with their Thanksgiving dinner items. It has been requested that we bring instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix or canned green beans. The class who brings the most of the items listed will have a surprise party from Teri G. (from St. Peter's) and her crew!!

Just an FYI... School hours are from 8:00am until 3:10. When you miss any of that time, your child misses some activity that the teacher has prepared. It is all educational!!! The safety patrol will be assisting students from their cars in the morning until 8:00.

It has been brought to my attention that some of the drivers need to slow down when delivering and picking up our kiddos. This is also for those dropping off at the Daycare area. Please watch for the kids and other drivers.....**SLOW DOWN!!!!**

Just in case you forgot, students can only wear shorts through the end of October. November 1st, NO SHORTS AT JACSS!! Students will be permitted to wear them again April 1, 2015!!

We did not have a school Mass as the priests have been at a meeting at the Priest's Institute. We did have a group rosary on Wednesday.

Thanks for your time this time until next time!!

Ann Hamlet, Principal

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