

QUEENS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



March, 2009



PENNIES FOR PATIENTS:

The program has ended. We did not do as well as I would have liked but every little bit helps. I was very disappointed with two classes because only one student brought in a donation.

YEARBOOK:

Letters went out this week to all parents/guardians. **Please consider placing an ad in our Yearbook.** Ask your family members, friends, merchants, etc. to place an ad in our Yearbook. If your child is graduating this year, this would be a perfect time to take out an ad and express your feeling toward your son or daughter on this special occasion in his/her life.

FIELD TRIP:

On **Wednesday, February 11, 5th - 8th** went on a field trip to the New York Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, Astoria, New York. The students delivered Valentine's Day Cards to the residents and some students and seniors enjoyed being engaged in the card making activity. See letter attached.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:

Monday, March 2 - Friday, March 6th.

NYS MATH TEST:

Was administered to **4th grade** - March 3 - March 5.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Were **distributed on Thursday, March 5** to 3rd-8th gr.

SCHOOL CLOSED: Friday, March 6, for a Teacher's Workshop.

**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
BEGAN:**

Sunday, March 8.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY: Tuesday, March 11 - 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Kg. - 8th grade

**YANKEE CANDLE
FUNDRAISER:**

Hope everyone is doing as well with this fundraiser as they did back in the fall. The **deadline is Thursday, March 12**

NYS MATH TEST:

Is being administered to 6th and 8th grade, this week, **March 9 - March 13.**

**RE-REGISTRATION
FORMS:**

The packets were given to the students on Friday, February 6th. Many of you have taken advantage of the \$100.00 Early Bird Special Re-registration Fee. **The fee has now gone up to \$150.00 if you pay on or before March 13.**

WEAR GREEN DAY: Wednesday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day

**SOCIAL GATHERING
and P.T.A. MEETING**

for GRACE & Q.L.S.: Wednesday, March 25 - 6:30 p.m.

FOOD FORMS: For April will soon be distributed. They are **due back by Friday, March 27.** Please adhere to the deadline.

CLEANING BASKET

FUNDRAISER: Was won by Mrs. Gomez (Leila & Dylan's mom.)

OPEN HOUSE DATES

March	11th	Wednesday	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	29th	Sunday	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
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<b>April</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 - 8:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>26th</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2:00 - 4:00 p.m.</b>
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May	13th	Wednesday	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	17th	Sunday	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

FORMER STUDENTS:

Nader Yamout, attends **Archbishop Molloy High School**. Mr. John Sherry, President, sent us a letter stating that Nader is on the **Principal's List** for this marking period.

Leah Nebbett, **David Schroeder** and **Nicholas Scoufaras** attend **St. Francis Preparatory School**. We were informed that these three students are on the Honor for this marking period.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:

Please **save the box tops for education** found on all General Mills Products, Kleenex boxes and more. Please save Campbell soup labels as well. Please bring them to school. For every 20 box tops or labels brought in your child will receive a N.U.T. card. This is a great incentive and at the same time the school will earn \$0.10 for each coupon.

Please check the Queens Lutheran School Website for information, up-dates, pictures, fun stuff. It is updated often especially the photo album section

www.queenslutheranschool.com

1st & 2nd Grade - Ms. Gigler

- ★ **We celebrated Black History Month by leading Chapel with Grades 3 & 4. We sang songs about hope and freedom. We discussed how Black Americans have been viewed in different ways since the beginnings of our country from slavery to leadership.**

- ★ **Our cooking project was an old recipe dating from Africa and slave time - *Hoppin John*. This is a mixture of rice, black eyed peas, collard greens and spices. Even the most picky eaters gobbled it up! Kids took home the recipe to share at home (We practiced our measuring skills.)**

- ★ **Valentine's Day brought in piles of goodies from parents. We made cards for folks in a nursing home, sent candy-grams to friends, and ate enough sweets to hold us until July and keep the dentist happy.**

- ★ **We've been learning about measuring things in various ways. We have rulers, yardsticks, scales, measuring cups, clocks, thermometers. If a student approaches you with his or her ruler, he/she may just want to measure the length of your arm!**

- ★ **The 100th Day of School was February 10th. We brought in 100 items in a bag, estimated amounts of items in baggies, ate 100 Cheerios, stayed silent for 100 seconds (that was a hard one,) jumped 100 times, collected 100 plastic bottles to recycle, collected 100 boxes for building a city and more.**

Ms. Gigler decided February is too short and too busy.

3rd & 4th Grade - Mr. Busch

February was Black History Month. Grades 3 and 4 participated in a chapel centered around the White House and the building of Washington D.C. We learned that slaves help build both Washington D.C. and the White House, even though they were neither citizens or free people.

One hundred years ago, President Taft spoke about the plight of African Americans, declaring them Americans.

In the 1960's President Johnson appointed Thurgood Marshall to the Supreme Court- the first African American to sit on the Supreme Court. Johnson also signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibited discrimination.

We learned how all these events led to an exciting climax; The election of Barack Obama - the 1st African American President of the United States.

5th - 8th Grade - Social Studies - Mrs. McLaughlin

5th & 6th

We worked on time lines for Black History Month. We chose to do a time line on Barack Obama. Our time line is hanging on the wall in the lower level, of the school, if you would like to come and take a look. We also used our time line for our chapel presentation.

We are learning about “Troubled Times” in the 20th Century. We learned about trench war-fare in WWI and how terrible war really is. Right now we are talking about the Russian Revolution and the beginnings of Communism.

7th & 8th

We also worked on time lines for Black History, but we focused on the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's. It was interesting, and scary to know what went on to make sure we all have equal opportunities. We too used our time lines for Chapel along with pictures of the “Freedom Riders.” Our time line may also be seen in the lower level of the school.

In class, we have been reading a novella by Laurence Yep, Hiroshi ma, which tells of the horrible effects on the people, the land and the world after the first Atomic bomb was dropped.

Ms. Costanzo

5th through 8th grades have a lot of exciting news to share with you this month.

- Our trip to a local nursing home was a great success. The students, the teachers, and the residents enjoyed the time they spent together and the beautiful cards they made. Hats off to Hayley and our family at Care Cards for arranging the opportunity and allowing Queens Lutheran School to be a part of the Care Cards Community. Thank you Hayley.
- Several students shared comments about their experience during their visit. Some of their comments:
 - ▶ *The trip made me feel great, because I put a smile on someone's face.* Priscilla Trieu, gr. 6
 - ▶ *When we visited the nursing home I met a lot of people. I was a little nervous. There were two people that stood out in the crowd, Jerry and George. It made me feel good inside to make and share my cards with them. I quickly overcame my shyness and handed everyone a card.* Nina Rivenson, gr. 5
 - ▶ *Our visit was an exciting one. I met some people in wheelchairs and others who fell asleep while we were there.* Daniel Oh, gr. 6
 - ▶ *I felt good because it was great experience for children to spend time with the residents in a nursing home. One day, when we're older and living alone, we may go to live in a place like that.* Cristian Pena, gr. 6
 - ▶ *I felt really good about the visit to the nursing home because I met nice people and made many friends. I met Jerry, George and Eugene. They were really a lot of fun. Eugene kept falling asleep but, that was okay.* Breonna Kingwood, gr. 5
 - ▶ *When I visited the nursing home I met a funny and wonderful woman. Her name was Kay. During the church service, she was the only one singing. Later, I asked her when her birthday was and she couldn't remember. We had a nice day.* Anthony Stefanidis, gr. 5

- ▶ *My experience at the nursing home was fun and exciting. At first it was a bit awkward but, I talked to a nice lady whose name I can't remember. We made cards together and in the process I got glitter on my face. It was a great experience and would love to visit again.* Tattiana Peters, gr. 6
- ▶ *I felt good about our visit to the nursing home and helping to take care of the elderly. At first, I thought it would have been boring but, it turned out to be very exciting. Hopefully, we will go back and visit in the spring.* Gene Choi, gr. 6

Preparing for Lent..... "Fat Tuesday"

- We had fun on "Fat Tuesday" eating pancakes. The students mixed the batter while I cooked away in the kitchen. We had a delightful morning.

Donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital

- \$225.00 was raised for St. Jude Children's Hospital. We mailed our donation on Friday, February 27.

Thank you,
Daniel Oh & Priscilla Trieu, for participating in this program.

Poems about the Environment by grades 7th & 8th

- ▶ *Environmental Issues - Do not litter, Save Earth's environment, Always recycle.* Austin Trieu, gr. 7
- ▶ *God's Eyes - Earth seems oh so small, Being large is what it is. God watches over all.* Shannel Simmons, gr. 7
- ▶ *9/11 - Smoke from 9/11 kills us, Firemen save us by dying. There's no cure.* Chris Kipridis, gr. 7
- ▶ *Green Beautiful Leaves - Green leaves in the air... Wonderfully, they go. Green beautiful leaves.* Octavio Balcazar, gr. 7

- ▶ **They Have Eyes - *The flowers, the mountains, It's all I see. I wonder if they look at me. To make them talk, That's what I'd do.*** Sharon Dao, gr. 7
- ▶ **Beautiful Nature - *Blue water, green hills, High mountains, snowy peaks, Nature is awesome. Beautiful nature.*** Robert Engesser, gr. 8
- ▶ **Earth is Great - *Earth can be so cold, Earth can be so amazing, Earth is super great.*** Jeanette Malinowski, gr. 7
- ▶ **Grey Mountains - *Nice cool, cold breeze, Beautiful grey, mountain's fog, Nice cool, mountain breeze.*** Christopher Ching, gr. 8
- ▶ **Environment - *The environment is awesome, The environment is crazy, The environment is cool.*** David Medina, gr. 8
- ▶ **Mountains - *Mountains in the distance, Reflect the sun's great light, With honor and courage, Through the night.*** Robert Gambarini, gr. 8
- ▶ **Animals in Our Environment - *Our environment includes many cool animals, Some big and some tall, Some short and some small, They may be all different, But, come from the same on world.*** Kara Lowe, gr. 8
- ▶ **Earth - *Earth is full of grace, But, we treat it with disgrace, We destroyed this place.*** Lauren Legaspi, gr. 8
- ▶ **Water - *Ripples, drips, and spills, Crystal blue and everywhere, Prepare us for life.*** Lauren Legaspi, gr. 8
- ▶ **The Beach - *The shells on the beach, The hot sand and the cold water, The beach is the best.*** Andrew Dao, gr. 8
- ▶ **Outer Space - *The final frontier, Brilliant stars are awesome, Many Galaxies.*** Andrew Dao, gr. 8
- ▶ **The Forest - *The forest is green, The forest has creatures, The forest is huge.*** Jeremy Vega, gr. 8
- ▶ **Snowflakes - *Different in shape, They land on huge, big, blue lakes, Yes, they are snowflakes.*** Christian Giles, gr. 8
- ▶ **The Change for Our Environment - *Save our Earth, Keep it safe and clean, Earth is great.*** Melissa Lopez, gr. 8

Celebrating Black History

Grades 5th - 8th did a wonderful job on their Chapel presentation on Wednesday, February 25th. Our service was in celebration of Black History Month. We are very proud of them. Job well done!!!

Student Council March Fundraiser

We are having a Fun Dollar, Fundraiser. Student Council has sent home forms for our March fundraiser and we are counting on you to make it a success. All funds will be used for student activities and materials needed in the classrooms.

St. Patrick's Day

***May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.***

**God Bless,
Ms. Costanzo**

Computer Class - Mrs. Raspantini

Winter recess is over and Mid-Terms are done so back to class work.

8th Grade

_____ is completing a Decision project about the Cold War. Decision Decision is a software program that teaches critical thinking and the ability to dialogue.

7th Grade

_____ will be on a Civil War mission which will conclude with a 2 page report

5th & 6th

_____ are completing their Black History month presentation and will soon begin a project on the topic: The Changing Earth.

3rd & 4th

_____ are doing very well with their keyboarding and have even surprised themselves with what they can now do.

1st & 2nd

_____ are becoming familiar with children's websites and computer software and are more comfortable and confident with computers and what they can do.
