

QUEENS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April, 2009



APRIL FOOL'S DAY: I hope you were careful and did not get fooled.

YEARBOOK: Letters went out a couple of weeks to all parents/guardians. **Ask your family members, friends, merchants, etc. to consider placing 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. **The deadline to turn in your ad has been extended to Thursday, April 30.** Please don't put this aside.....let your son/daughter know how proud you are of them by placing an ad in our Yearbook

UNIFORM DRESS CODE:

Queens Lutheran School Parents or Guardians: As you know, **Queens Lutheran School has a dress code** with the overriding educational purpose of teaching our students to respect a collectively agreed upon standard in a culture where, all too often, "anything goes." Lately we have been noticing that some of our students have begun to take certain liberties with the letter of the dress code, while others have not been doing all they could do to maintain the spirit of the dress code, which is striving for a neat appearance. Specifically, we wish to **remind the girls** that leggings are not part of the standard dress code but navy tights, navy knee highs or panty hose are

acceptable. **The girls may wear the navy uniform pants only between the months of November through March, as stated in the Handbook.** As for the boys, we have seen unclean shirts and a resistance to keeping them tucked in. We would appreciate your support in this matter and, if appropriate, please issue a reminder to your son or daughter concerning the expectation of maintaining the dress code standard and how a neat and clean appearance conveys both self-respect and respect for other. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

YANKEE CANDLE

FUNDRAISER:

You will be notified when your order arrives. We thank all of you for supporting our fundraisers.

STUDENT COUNCIL

FUNDRAISER:

Thank you to those of you who contributed to the *Fun Dollar Fundraiser*. The money raised will help buy classroom supplies and other needed materials for our students. If every student brought in \$25.00 the amount raised would total \$1,400.00...WOW!!! imagine what we could buy with all that money. THANK YOU ALL!!!

3RD MARKING

PERIOD ENDS/

REPORT CARDS:

The **3rd Marking Period** ended on **Friday, April 3rd**. The **students will receive report cards on Wednesday, April 8th**.

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 is now \$200.00 and it will go up to \$250.00 after Wednesday, April 8.** We need you to re-register now so that we will have some idea on how many books and other curriculum materials to order for the coming year.

MATH STATE TEST:

The **4th, 6th and 8th graders** took the **New York State Test** the week of March 9 - 13. The tests have been mailed to Albany for scoring and the results will be mailed to us.

SOCIAL GATHERING

AND P.T.A. MEETING: We had a **great turnout** at this event on **Wednesday, March 25**. Two volunteers (**Mrs. Melanie Nelson** and **Mrs. Harriet Hoffman**) were selected to be co-chair of the P.T.A. Thank you and welcome aboard! We are extremely pleased you consented to be chairs. The wheels have already started turning for some plans and the ladies have great ideas. **A BIG thank you to Mrs. Sheila Gomez and Mrs. Johnson** for the plans, ideas and work that they have done and I know these two ladies can depend on you to continue with what you've been doing so far.

**QUEENS LUTHERAN SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR OUR EASTER
BREAK THURSDAY, APRIL 9 through FRIDAY, APRIL 17**

EASTER SUNDAY: April 12th. May you and your family have a **Blessed Easter**.

TAX DAY: Wednesday, April 15th. **DEADLINE**

NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

WEEK: Is **April 19th through April 25th**. We have so many volunteers who have done a tremendous job volunteering in many capacities that are too numerous to mention. You know who you are and what you've done and **we are eternally grateful**. We can't pay you but we can give great hugs (Art Teacher, Music Teacher, Spanish Teacher.) You've helped in every way possible with parties, Halloween, International Luncheon, Breakfast with Santa, Staff Christmas Party, Pajama, St. Patrick, Raffles, Miss Chocolate, Yankee Candle, Recorder Class, Theater, Dance, Drill Team performance (rehearsals,) jewelry sale, food parents, bookkeeper, SS Teacher, subbing staff, Yearbook staff and anyone else we may have misse

SPRING PICTURES: **Lifetouch photographers** will take pictures of our students, on **Thursday, April 23th**. **Information has been sent home**. The students are **not required to wear their uniform** on **Spring Picture Day**. Remember that the portrait features a 3/4 length pose on a porch, with lush green woods in the background. **A sleeved shirt in a dark color or earth and avoiding busy patterns would look splendid.**

YEARLY DINNER/DANCE: On **Saturday, April 25** at the **Istria Sport Club, 28-09 Astoria Boulevard from 7:00-11:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$50.00 each. Raffles are being sold now and will be sold at the event as well as chances for other interesting prizes. Please try and come, invite a friend. It will be a fun night out. You'll enjoy great food, dance the night away and probably win some great stuff. If you're unable to make it perhaps you can buy changes or make a donation. Thank you.

TUITION: **This request is from our Finance Department:** Way too many parents have been dropping off their tuition payments at the office. **All tuition is to be mailed to SMART Tuition Management.** Please see to it that you do this from now on. If it is brought in to the office it will be returned to you. Please cooperate. Thank you.

FOOD FORMS: The **May forms will be distributed the third week in April** and will be **due on Thursday, April 30th**. Please see to it that you send them in on time and with the exact money due.

CAMPING TRIP: **Third through Eight grade** will be going on an **educational camping trip**. They'll leave on **Wednesday, May 20th** and return on **Friday, May 22nd**. The children will or have already received a packet of information about the trip. Be sure you read it carefully. If you have any questions please call the office and we'll be more than happy to answer them.

LSA @ CITY FIELD: **You have until Thursday, April 30th to purchase tickets-** - -
-Mets vs. Florida Marlins, Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 1:10 p.m., \$23.00 Upper Deck, this level is closer to the action than at Shea. Sponsored by The Lutheran Schools Association, www.lutheranschoolsassociation.org who will receive a donation from each ticket sold.

OPEN HOUSE DATES

April 26th Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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**May 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

### **FORMER STUDENTS:**

**Priyanka Singh**, who attends **The Mary Louis Academy**, received **Second Honors** for the second marking period. A **letter was received from Principal Kathleen McKinney** where she stated that her school is very aware of our school's contribution to the growth of the students. The foundation we provided for them has helped them to reach this accomplishment. They are grateful to us for the good work we do in educating tomorrow's leaders. The letter will be posted on our bulletin board in the school's lobby.

The following students attend **Martin Luther High School** and received honors: **Candice Ramoutar**, gr. 10, high honors 95% or higher, **Mark Gonzales** and **Subah Ahmed**, gr. 11, honor roll 85% and higher, **Timothy Luciano**, gr. 11, merit 80% and above.

### **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**

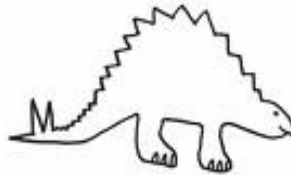
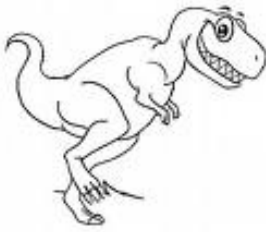
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**[www.queenslutherschool.com](http://www.queenslutherschool.com)**

## 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Ms. Gigler

Grades 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> have been at work learning about fossils and dinosaurs. We know how fossils were formed, how some dinosaurs got their names, where they lived, what they ate and more! We discovered that scientists do not have all the answers - they do, however, have endless questions.

We have been searching for facts and making comparisons between different creatures. Our goal is to create a mural about dinosaur tim  
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Earth Day is April 22. We will be looking for products that are earth friendly. We'll
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mil k jug!



1st - 4th Grade - Ms. Gigler and Mr. Busch

March was an exciting time in Grades 1-4. Children tracked the progress of the mushers and their teams in the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. They focused on Gerald Sousa, who runs Sun Dog Kennel in Talkeetna, Alaska. Mr. Busch and Ms. Gigler visited his kennel last Summer.

Boys and girls learned a lot about reading graphs and maps, interpreting elapsed time, and reviewing biographies. We read stories about past champions and their lead dogs. Balto, the lead dog on the 1925 diphtheria serum run to Nome was the inspiration for the race. His statue now stands in Central Park.

The history of the various checkpoints along the route was explored. Some places were once booming gold rush towns and now are ghost towns. The teachers brought in the gold they planned to show the students.

We all look forward to following the race next year. Oh, by the way, Gerald Sousa finished in 27th place (out of 65 starters.) Lance Mackey was the winner for the third year in a row. However, we all agreed that anyone who sleds across over 1,000 miles of Alaskan wilderness is a WINNER!!!



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

Our Social Studies classes have been “at war” this month!

- ◆ The 5th and 6th grade class has “fought” WWII and learned about fascism, Nazis, and how hard the Allies fought to keep us all free. They are learning about the horrors of the Holocaust and will be presenting projects on this topic. This class has also been learning about propaganda and bias; how it’s used, why it’s used and how to recognize it for what it is.

- ◆ The 7th and 8th grade class has been fighting the Cold War and learning that a “cold war” can be as frightening and costly as a World War! The class learned about the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Bay of Pigs, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the efforts to stop the spread of communism in many South American countries on how shaky detente can be.





April's Computer News

Everyone is eagerly anticipating Easter break but in the meantime there's work to be done.

8th Grade - are finishing up Excel and soon will begin PowerPoint. Most of the students learned PowerPoint in the 6th Grade but now they will do an advanced version. At the end of the year the students will do a special graduation presentation.

7th Grade - are still learning Microsoft Word but they are now into the Desktop Publishing aspect of Word. That means they can now create fliers and posters as well as cover reports, etc.

5th & 6th Grade - have completed Science Seekers The Changing Earth and will now do a presentation on what they have learned.

3rd & 4th Grade - are still keyboarding away and having a blast. I will say that I am very impressed with some of the students and how well they are doing.

1st & 2nd Grade - are still using internet websites for children and enjoying every minute of it.



HAPPY EASTER!!!

