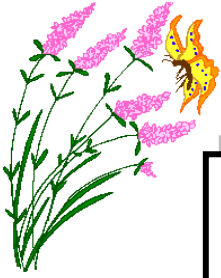
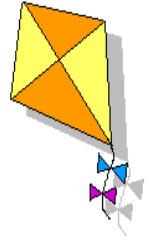




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May 2023 Newsletter

Principal's Message

*"You are sowing the flowers of tomorrow in the seeds of today."
~Unknown~*

Spring has come upon us. The birds are singing, the flowers budding and the grass is turning green. We are fortunate that New Life is all around us. These wonderful signs of life remind us that HOPE is within everything we do. HOPE opens our hearts to new and exciting adventures and HOPE gives us strength when we need it. We shall all show HOPE in our work and kind acts. May HOPE bloom in our hearts now and always.

As we head into the last stretch of school may we all continue to put forth our best efforts so we finish the year strong and with positive attitudes. These last few months will be busy with various activities and work that needs to be accomplished before the year is complete. Please continue to remind your children of homework and being prepared for assignments and tests.

God Bless,

Miss Gilbert

Volunteer Appreciation Tea

Thank you to our many volunteers who gave their time and talents to our school community this school year. We appreciate all that you have done for us~ too many things to mention. Everything volunteers do for our school community help us to become a better community and closer to one another.

Volunteers are truly wonderful!

We will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Tea on
Thursday, May 25, 2023
from 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Details to follow

Hot Lunch News



Friday, June 2nd will be the last Hot Lunch Day of this school year. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped distribute lunches.

Learning Fair

Thursday, May 11, 2023
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Students have been busy preparing for the LEARNING FAIR.

Families are invited to visit the school with their child on the evening of May 11th (6:00-7:30 p.m.) and tour the classrooms to see the different Math work displays. Please plan to share in your child's learning by attending this evening!

Be sure to "browse and buy" some great books from the Scholastic Book Club. Monies raised from books purchased will be used to update our library.

Parents ...

There are children who arrive late every morning ~ which not only causes a disruption to the classroom, but also prevents the child from participating in Morning Prayer, and hearing school announcements.

Please have your child at School by 8:45 a.m. to ensure they are present for the entire school day.

LOST & FOUND

Please encourage your children to check the "LOST & FOUND" bin at school for any items they may have misplaced. Items that are not claimed at the end of each month are donated to a needy organization.

REMEMBER ... your child's belongings & clothing should be labelled with their name. If items are labelled they can be returned to their owner!

Reminder

Vision tests will be conducted on May 16th & 18th. Only those needing further testing will be notified

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR OUR FAMILIES

▶ **ALL OUTSTANDING FEES**
(Tuition, School Bus, Before & After Program)
are to be paid by June 23rd.

▶ ***Record of Volunteer Hours*** are due May 31st in order to receive your cheque back. Late submissions will not be accepted (unless prior arrangements made with the Office).

Remaining cheques in the School Office for this program will be cashed starting June 1st.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

The Parent Association invites you to join together
for fun & fellowship at the

Family Fun Barbeque

June 8, 2023

(4:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

Hamburgers/hotdogs, beverages, ice cream,
games/activities, music



Information and food order form will be sent home
with students before the end of May.

(Food **must** be purchased in advance.)

Many volunteers will be required for this event to be a success - assistance will be needed with set-up/clean-up/canteen/welcome table, etc. Volunteer hours will be applied to this school year 2022/2023.

Playground Work

Saturday, May 27, 2023

We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the playground. Please bring your work gloves and shovels. We will be digging holes to plant trees. We will be working on the long jump pit too. We are estimating that it will take at least the morning to accomplish all the work that needs to be done. Come out and volunteer to make our greenspace beautiful and earn volunteer hours in the process. Please let us know if you plan on coming out to help.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer in Europe, Asia, and North America which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.

The month of May is dedicated to our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Crowning of Mary

May 31, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Book Fair

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a **Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together. The theme for this year is **Math Learning Fair**.

There will be games and activities prepared for you.

This year, books are here at school for purchase. Shop in person throughout the week or during the Learning Fair

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place on **May 8 to May 11, 2023.**

Happy reading and happy shopping!

