

## November 2011 Newsletter

There were many events during the month of October that required the assistance of many parents, teachers and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who made our Science Fair a success, especially Ms. Wojcik. I would like to thank all those that helped in coordinating our Star Student awards, especially Mrs. Hadynski, and I would also like to thank everyone in advance for their help with the Halloween Bash especially its chair person, Mrs. Marge Bartolomie. Without our volunteers we would not be able to offer the events that we do. Thank you!

Mrs. Rossi and Mrs. Davis have been our point of contact with the representatives from the Arts in Education program. On November 16, representatives from the Oneida Indian Nation will present a film, *Raccoon and Crawfish*. This film was created by the Indian Nation and will be used to aid in discussing the role of Native Americans in the history of New York State.

Sr. Therese has been coordinating volunteers for lunch and recess monitors. If you would like to help, please contact the school office and leave a message for Sister.

Our greatest resource is our volunteers, both parents and staff. Thank you to all who have stepped up and given of their time, talent, and/or treasure. Please consider becoming a volunteer.

### **FAITH FILLED DAYS AT SCHOOL AND OUTREACH**

During November we celebrate two feasts: the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls. The children will be attending Mass on November 1 for All Saints Day at 9:00 A.M. You are welcome to attend with the students.

Until October 31 we will be collecting items for active servicemen. A letter went home on October 21. This is in recognition of all that our servicemen and women do for our country. There is no incentive to participate, just a sense of appreciation for these men and women. Please do what you can do to recognize these individuals.

Thanksgiving is probably the most recognized holiday in November. We are blessed in so many ways. Thanksgiving is traditionally the time that everyone in our country gives pause to remember all that God has given them. On Tuesday, November 22 at 1:00 P. M. our children will be participating in a prayer service and food collection. You are welcome to attend.

**Montessori Pre-Ks will celebrate Thanksgiving with a short concert on November 21 at 9:00 A.M. in the auditorium. Families are invited to attend.**

## **REPORT CARDS AND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Report cards will be distributed on November 17. Teachers will be setting up appointments for conferences to be held on November 18. If you cannot make a conference on that day, teachers are very willing to meet with you at another time. Please note that there is an expectation that every parent or guardian will meet with the classroom teacher during the month of November, Pre-K through six. All Day Care will be available that day as well.

## **VETERANS DAY CONCERT**

A concert is planned for Veteran's Day in our auditorium on November 10 at 9:00 A.M. Due to space constraints, only grades kindergarten through six will be in attendance. A special sign-up sheet for veterans will be going home the last week of October.

We invite all veterans to attend the concert. We ask that you RSVP with the number attending, to accommodate seating.

## **PIE ORDER FUNDRAISER**

Pie Order delivery date will be determined by the distributor. Delivery is guaranteed during the week of November 14. Parents will be notified of the date as soon as we are made aware of it.

## **COMMUNICATION UPDATE**

We recently sent out our first mass email. This is the easiest way for us to get information to you. Please check your email daily and please be sure that we have your most recent email address.

If you do not get email, please contact the office and we will print off a hard copy for you to receive the communication in your child's backpack mail.

## **EMERGENCY GO HOME DRILL**

Each year our school is required to conduct an Emergency Go Home Drill. Traditionally that has taken place on the day before Thanksgiving vacation. There is an expectation that everyone leave the building as soon as possible. Therefore, dismissal will take place at 2:10 with buses being dismissed first, followed by car riders. As soon as the last child is dismissed, staff will evacuate the building as well. **Therefore there will be NO AFTER CARE on that day.**