

EPIPHANY TIMES

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Wildcat Water Cooler

Thank you to all the school families and the 7th graders who gave so generously of their time and treasure to help one of our school families. Please note that since the Home and School Association collected funds on behalf of the family, any donations made will not be tax deductible. Although Uncle Sam does not give you credit, you should feel very good about having made a difference for this family.

On the theme of being thankful, take some time this month to reflect on all of the wonderful things for which we have been blessed at home and at school. Invite your children to share with you one thing each day for which they can give thanks. A grateful attitude can change the world.

Yours truly,
Erin Friday, EOL H&S President

Q: Can we donate **air conditioning** to the school?

A: Over the last few years, I have received several requests from parents and teachers for air conditioning in our school on some of the very hot days in May, June, and September. I have received an equal number of offers to cover the costs of window units and the associated increase in the electric bill. While these offers have been graciously refused by the administration, the reasons for such refusals are not without merit. In the big picture, although a case may be made for global warming, the actual number of days for which the air conditioning would be needed is pretty small. Additionally, there do exist a few places in the school building where the teachers can take their students to cool off. The three rooms that comprise the parish center are air conditioned. The computer lab is also air conditioned to protect the equipment and prevent the building from melting down. For those who would like to make a donation to the school, please consider the various levels of sponsorship and the ad book opportunities that will be available in conjunction with our Spring Gala. The proceeds of this fundraiser go directly to help offset school expenses and keep our tuition increases manageable.

Q: Can we donate **a stage** to the school?

A: Over the last few years, I have also received several offers to donate a stage to the school to be used for events such as the annual Christmas Show. On a practical note, if a stage were to be purchased, there would be no place for it to be stored and no place to build a shed on the school grounds which has also been a donation offered by school families.

Wildcat Water Cooler cont'd

Additionally, there was a time when a stage was rented that resulted in a student almost falling off it. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured and no one was sued. Thus began the tradition of having the eighth grade parents get front row seating at the annual Christmas show. For those who would like to make a donation to the school, please consider the various levels of sponsorship and the ad book opportunities that will be available in conjunction with our Spring Gala. The proceeds of this fundraiser go directly to help offset school expenses and keep our tuition increases manageable.



EOL Fundraisers

December 6 & 7, 2008
Christmas Craft Show

Santa's helpers (Sharon Corbett and Diane Affatato) are hard at work preparing for this year's annual event. They have been joined by a few elves-in training (Amy Fruncilio, Suzanne Antonello, Colleen Petko, Sabrina Connolly, and Colleen Derfler) and are looking for one more person to join the team to help with advertising. If you or anyone you know would be available to help, please contact Sharon Corbett or myself ASAP.

There will be over 100 crafters, delicious food, and prizes which may include a flat screen TV, Wii games and gas cards. Hope to see you there!



Announcements

Please note that IBL registration for 1st through 4th graders will take place on Saturday, Nov 15th from 9 to 11 am and again on Sunday, Nov 23rd from 1 to 3 pm. For more details, please see the information in the church bulletin.

In its third decade, the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth is inviting students in grades 2 to 8 who are academically gifted to participate in the Talent Search. These students will take an above grade level test to assess their skills and knowledge. Qualifying students may choose to enroll in summer and/or online courses. Visit their website at www.cty.jhu.edu to learn more about CTY and its programs for our nation's brightest students. Students may apply online or request an application by calling 410-735-6278 or emailing ctyinfo@jhu.edu.

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Student Poetry Corner

The Mountain

by Robert Gormisky

To feel such exhilaration
To have a tangible goal
The summit a beacon at the end
Many men have made a path for you
But still the challenges confound you
The ice waiting to halt your climb
Ready to throw you back down
Diseases like a snake
Hoping to strike a weaker climber
Climbing up to 8000 meters has more risks than
you may know
But the result may make you a legend among all
people

Lyric Poem

by Haley Gleeson

First, a poem must build up like a tree,
Line by line so magically.
It can be as soft as a meow or as loud as a roar.
You will never know what's in store.
A poem is a leaf dancing in the sky.
It soars up above so very high.
Marvelous, magnificent, and mysterious, too,
A poem can be fun for me or for you



Spot Light On...

The Philadelphia Phillies

by Robert Gorminsky

The Phillies did it. They finally did it. After twenty-eight years and a quick exit from the playoffs last year, they did it. In a game five that took close to fifty hours because of a rain delay, they did it. In three series and fourteen games, they did it. Philadelphia has been waiting for a championship for so long and this one couldn't have come at a better time. We haven't won a major sports championship since 1983 when the Sixers won the Finals. After beating the Brewers and then the Dodgers, we made it to the World Series. In five games, we beat the Rays to take the title.

At the start of this year would anyone have expected the first team with ten thousand losses to win it all? Would anyone have expected for the Mets to choke again? Did anyone think the Phillies were that good? No, probably not. It was nice to be the last team standing and holding the trophy for a change. We got to watch the Red Sox, the Cardinals, and the White Sox celebrate while we sat there and wondered when we would win. Well that time has come. So now Philadelphia sports fans, CELEBRATE.

Important Correction:

Please note that in our August/September 2008 edition, we accidentally omitted Lizzie McAndrews from the 2nd Honors list for 5th grade. Our apologies and congratulations, Lizzie!

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