

St. Ann School

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Wednesday Memo

Lunch supervision volunteers must arrive by 11:15 AM

Total for 16 Lunches for March: \$44.00

Monday, March 17	Breaded Chicken Patty
Supervision	Royko, Wood
Tuesday, March 18	Walking Tacos
Supervision	Danninger, Villarreal
Wed., March 19	Mini Corn Dogs
Supervision	Herbst, Wolter
Thursday, March 20	French Toast Sticks
Supervision	Wiese, Ellison
Friday, March 21	Macaroni & Cheese
Supervision	Bergman, Milota

**Monthly and Final Quarter
Tuition Due
March 15.**

Food/Toiletry Drive

Many thanks to those who donated items to the Stoughton Food Pantry - Food and Toiletry Drive. We collected 226.8 lbs. for the pantry.



Yearbook orders are due FRIDAY

Please remember to turn in your yearbook order from by this Friday, March 14. We will be placing the order for the number of books needed soon after. We appreciate your prompt response. Thank you!

Friends of St. Ann School Social – March 15, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Healy Hall

LET'S BE SOCIAL! - It's time to find a sitter for the kids and prepare to have some fun with your fellow "Fans of St. Ann's" this Saturday, March 15, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. In Healy Hall. This celebratory social is in honor of the school's 50th anniversary and will include live music, beverages, appetizers and the camaraderie of past, present and future friends of St. Ann School. Please RSVP to Lynn Wood at lwood@wcgpr.com to help us plan accordingly. And, please see Sign Up Genius for opportunities to help make the event as special as possible. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409054DADAC2FA20-50th/797155

Mark Your Calendar for our Upcoming Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday, April 3rd, 2:30-6 PM

Friday, April 4th, 9-10 AM and 2:30-4:30 PM

Saturday, April 5th, 6-7 PM

Sunday, April 6th, 9 AM-12 PM



Market Day

Don't forget! This Thursday is the last day to order for March. We have our pick-up before Spring Break. March is Dessert Bonus Days! The more desserts purchased, the more profit we earn! Stock up for Easter! The free item this month is a

Munchables Combo Pack with a \$90 order online and the promo code: MARBONUS. Do not forget to qualify for the Frequent Buyer item! Make two purchases of \$40 or more between February and April then one more in May to receive your free Storage Basket! All orders need to be placed by Thursday 3/13. Paper orders need to be turned in by 3pm in the Market Day box outside the teacher's lounge or by 11pm at marketday.com. The pick-up date is Monday 3/17 at 3:30 to 6pm in the gym. Any questions or concerns, call or email Koreen Kuhn at 712-4126 or jhkuhn@charter.net. Please let me know if you will be unable to pick up your order. We have very little freezer space. Thank you!

Be in the know—Read your Wednesday Memo.



Principal's Corner

An Opportunity To Experience God's Presence

Thirty-five years ago, I called Pueblo, Colorado my home. When I wasn't teaching and coaching at John Neumann Catholic School, I spent most weekends backpacking with friends in the Santa de Cristos Mountains or the Rocky Mountains to the north. We often hiked the switchbacks to find a mountain peak where we would pitch our tents and make camp for a few days. The climb was hard work as evidenced by how we had to gasp for breath as the air got thinner. The reward was always the fantastic view as we reached a peak and could see for miles. At the top of the mountain, the air was pure, the sky was crystal blue and the sun was brilliant as it sparkled off rocks and tree tops. As we peeled off our backpacks, pulled our lunch sacks out, took off our layers of clothing and stretched out in the sun, we agreed that the strenuous trek was well worth it. As we took in the view and relaxed, we always began planning our next climb.

The experience of climbing a mountain assured me a hundred times over that God is very much alive and that I am a small part of His plan of creation. Through this special adventure, I have been challenged to find a quiet space within my heart to sit, reflect and savor the ever day moments of God's presence in my life. Sitting on a mountain peak made me yearn for a deeper relationship with God and a desire to deepen my faith in Him as I expand myself through prayer and my relationship with others.

In this upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear the story of Jesus taking his friends to a mountaintop where they experienced Jesus' radiance and his visit with two spirits from the past, Moses and Elijah. What the apostle encountered on the mountaintop is a testament to the power of prayer as Jesus was transfigured as the voice of God proclaimed, "This is my chosen Son, listen to Him." The change in Jesus on the mountain that day helped confirm the belief that Peter, James and John had in Jesus as the Son of God, our Messiah. It must have been a very spectacular experience as Peter did not want to leave the mountain. For Jesus' friends, the mountaintop became a sacred space, where they experienced God through the transfigured Jesus.

During the remaining days of Lent, I pray that you can find a sacred space in your own life. May you feel the presence of the transfigured Lord and feel his deep love for you and a sense of peace in this sacred quiet place.

~~End of the world~~

YOUR VOICE MATTERS! EXAMINING AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY ISSUE

On April 1, Stoughton residents will have the opportunity to weigh in on an issue that will have a significant impact our community. The Stoughton Area School District has proposed a referendum question on the April 1, 2014 ballot regarding school funding. As residents of this community, the question is an important one and is worth everyone's consideration and input. Your voice matters – and your understanding of the referendum, its potential impact on the school system, the quality of life and the economic vitality of Stoughton is important. We encourage you to learn what you can about the referendum, ask questions and cast your vote on April 1. Regardless of whether you support or oppose the referendum after you have gathered the information, it is important to be a part of the conversation and the decision-making process.

To learn more, you can attend one of the public information sessions at 6:30 p.m. on Wed. March 12 at River Bluff Middle School Cafetorium or 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20 at Stoughton High School or by contacting the school district at referendum@stoughton.k12.wi.us or 608-877-5020.

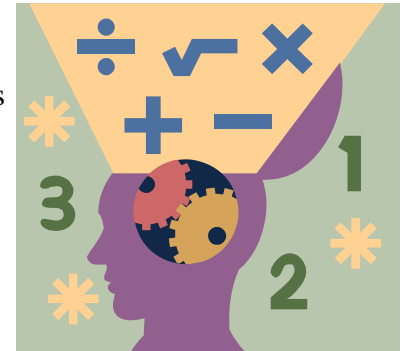
LYNN WOOD

H&S Co-President

It's a CLASS ACT

Math Language by Mrs. Kleitsch

So here is the scenario: You are at home working on math with your child and the assignment involves adding and subtracting integers. The actual problem is $-5 - (-3) + (-2)$. You ask your child how to do the problem and they may say, "Well, first you have to 'plus, plus' and then the martians win the war and finally the answer is -4 because they are all martians". Because you are so talented in math, you know that they are correct, but you have no idea what they are talking about in their process. Another example may be when they are changing a decimal to a percent and they may indicate that they have to "move it, move it". (And, they will be probably singing to the tune of the song from Madagascar!). Perhaps the lesson involves segments, lines and rays. The best way to quiz your child on that is by playing charades. They will love to show you how to 'be a ray'.



Why do I use this unique way of teaching math? Because it helps them to remember! Not only that, but it also makes math class fun. Sometimes we count up and down the fraction scale by $\frac{1}{4}$'s. That would normally be a pretty boring activity, but not if you talk like a princess or a cowboy in the process. And then there is our way to remember multiplication of integers, where if the signs of two integers are alike, their product is positive, but if they are different, their product is negative. We liken integers to shoes. If you wore two different shoes to school, that would definitely be a negative experience. If they matched, it would be a positive occasion!

We also discuss whether an mathematical expression has a 'brick wall', because we all know that negatives cannot travel through brick walls. And then there is the 'monster in the closet' that 'multiplies' (insert scary voice) to join with the other monsters on the top of the bunk bed. Of course, what we are doing here is changing mixed numbers into improper fractions! But, I would have to say that by far their most favorite analogy involves a straight angle. The measure of a straight angle is 180 degrees and as you all know, a 180 degree angle is actually a straight line! What do we know about all 180 year old people? Well, they are no longer living, right? And how do they lay at that point.....flat, right? So, you get the picture! 😊 Our lingo may be strange to you, but know that it makes perfect sense to us! Happy computing!

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STEERING COMMITTEE – The next Home & School Steering Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, March 13 in Healy Hall from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. The committee will begin planning the Home & School budget for 2014/15. If you have information to share with the committee or would like to attend the meeting, please contact committee Co-Chairs, Lynn Wood lwood@wcgpr.com or Kari Fernholz karifernholz@gmail.com.

Community Notes

Girls on the Run by Christine Benedict



I want to share with you a fabulous opportunity for girls in grades 3-5.

Girls on the Run of Dane County is coming back to Stoughton and Sandhill Elementary this spring. The program takes place at Sandhill, but we'll have girls participating from every elementary school in Stoughton.

This 10-week program for 3rd-5th grade girls will be offered after-school on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning the week of March 31st. We will meet outside at Sandhill from 3:15-4:45pm.

This program teaches girls important life skills and self-confidence through a fun and interactive curriculum that creatively integrates running. By the end of the program, the girls will have trained for and will participate in a 5K run.

This is a fee-based program, but no girl is turned away for inability to pay. In fact, we'd love to offer full and partial scholarships to any girls who could benefit from the program but may not have the means to participate. We'd even be happy to hold places in the program from girls that you personally recommend.

If you have questions about this great program, don't hesitate to contact me. cbenedict@edgewood.edu I've been a coach for a number of seasons and I also serve on the board of directors for the county.

More information and registration is available at www.girlsontherundaneco.org I will also be participating in the Stoughton Activity Fair this coming Saturday, March 15th at Stoughton High School. *(A flyer about this event is being sent home today.)*

Studies have shown that the girls who participate benefit from the lessons learned in this program. Schools with participants report fewer incidents of bullying, better discussions about healthy eating and more girls participating in physical activity. It's a win for everyone!

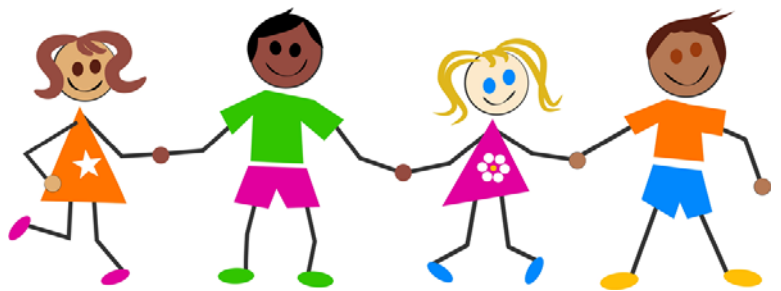
Stoughton Activity Fair

For all kids 4K and up

Come Join the Fun!

March 15, 2014

9am -12pm



Stoughton High School (use Devonshire Dr. entrance)

See the flyer in your family envelope for more information.