



News & Notes

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Coming Home Today

- Mother's Tea Invitation
- Financial Aid Letter
- Northpole Times
- What's New About Mass Booklet (K-5)



Save the Date!

TONIGHT

Open House for perspective families
7pm in Media Center

Fri., Nov. 18

Parent access closes to PowerSchool
Vision/Hearing screening for gr. 4 & 8

Mon., Nov. 21

Thanksgiving Prayer Service at 2pm in the church

No bus service home

Tues., Nov. 22

12:30pm dismissal
Bus service home
No Aftercare

Mon., Nov. 28

Barnes & Noble Book Fair
Pizzeria Uno Night

Tues., Nov. 29

Mrs. Murphy's Book discussion group
7pm in Media Center

A Message from Mrs. Murphy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Advent will begin the first Sunday after Thanksgiving. With the arrival of Advent, the 3rd Roman Missal changes will be introduced. Our students have been practicing the new music and responses for the past three months. Monsignor John did an excellent job explaining the rationale and meaning for the changes to our 6th, 7th and 8th graders a few weeks back. Currently, our 8th graders are working on shooting a script that they wrote about the Mass changes to be shown to our younger students. Coming home today is a booklet we purchased for all of our families to help explain and review these changes. Change is a good thing. Understanding why we change is even better!

Last Friday, our school had some extra special volunteers in the lunchroom due to the Veterans Day holiday. Mr. McCauslin and Mr. and Mrs. Petersen were among the parents who helped us out with our daily routine. After lunch, our first graders were treated to a fantastic and moving presentation by the Petersens. Both are Lieutenant Colonels that have finished up recent deployments in Iraq. They did an inspiring PowerPoint presentation for the students and then answered a lot of their questions of what it is like to serve on a military base overseas. At the end of the presentation, the Petersens presented the school with a United States Flag that was flown during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq on June 23, 2011. The flag was presented to

the school in appreciation of our dedicated support for our soldiers fighting the global war on terrorism. At this time of Thanksgiving, we remember all of the Veterans, especially those in our families that have given and are still currently giving their service in support of our country.

On Saturday, we had over a dozen students and some of their parents show up to help rake leaves for four hours. The grounds look great and please know how thankful the community is for your time and energy on this cooperative project with the parish.



Due to the short week next week, there will be no weekly newsletter. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff at Resurrection-St. Paul School, I want to wish each of you a blessed Thanksgiving that is full of wonderful memories and time spent with your families.

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal

In Our Prayers

For all of those who are sick and are in need of God's healing presence. Especially:

Lewis Goode

Barbara Gregory—great aunt of Charlie Crabtree

Daniel Magee— father of Leigh and grandfather of Connor and Trevor Hannan

FUNdraiser Alert

On Monday, Nov. 28th, we are celebrating our Barnes & Noble Book Fair. Also, on the 28th, we will have a restaurant fundraiser at Uno's in the same shopping plaza (Long Gate)! Both events are great fun for the whole family if you are able to join us. AND, if that is not enough, we will also be selling SCRIP gift cards for both Barnes & Noble and Uno's tomorrow morning at 9:15 in the "Second One Out" parking space! Help the school while picking up great holiday gifts.



The RSPS staff wishes you a very happy Thanksgiving!

Notable Notes

Trees and Greens

The Trees and Greens Sale will be December 2-4. You may find forms and pictures on the school website under the Fundraising page of our "Giving Back" tab. Please follow this link: <http://www.resstpaul.org/giving/fundraising.php>.

Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Trudi Louzon at 410-442-2158 or email louzontr@yahoo.com or Mike Boin at 410-465-6589 or e-mail dukeba293@verizon.net.

Spirit Wear Orders Due Tomorrow!

Don't miss out on RSPS Spirit Wear! Please send your completed order forms in to the school office by tomorrow!

Videos on the Website

To see the school's promotional video from Patch.com and the two videos shown at the State of the School, please visit our website under the *News and Notes* section of the *For Our Families* tab. <http://www.resstpaul.org/families/newsletter.php>

Decorations Volunteer Needed

Mrs. Bateman is looking for someone to take down the Fall decorations in the main school lobby and organize them. If you are interested, please email her at vbateman@resstpaul.org.

Holiday Schedules

We ask that you keep in mind, dates change from time to time, which is why we no longer print a hard copy of the calendar at the beginning of the year. Please refer to the school website for the most current dates.

Thanksgiving Break Mon., Nov. 21

- 2pm Prayer Service
- NO bus service home

Tues., Nov. 22

- 12:30pm dismissal
- All bus service available
- NO After-Care

Wed.-Fri., Nov. 23-25

- School closed

Christmas Break

Wed., Dec. 21

- 12:30 Dismissal
- NO After-Care

Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 22-30

- School closed

A Glimpse in the Classroom

Weather and climate seemed to be a popular theme in school this week. Yesterday, the 4th graders got a taste of what it is like to be a volcanologist by creating a model of a volcano! The volcano was made out of an empty two liter bottle of soda and puffed rice cereal. Ms. Dowell simulated the pressure building up in the volcano by pumping air into a hole in the bottom of a bottle with a bike air pump. The students watched and made observations about the results of the air being pumped into the bottle. The students then discussed the importance of using models in science and talked about the significance that the model they had made being in the bottle (just a little shaking of the puffed rice) and a large amount of pressure being in the bottle (puffed rice shooting out of the bottle!). Lucky for our fourth graders it was only puffed rice cereal erupting from their volcano!

In 5th grade, students are studying Ecosystems and Change. This week, they have been concentrating on how people affect Ecosystems. Yesterday, they read about how pollution is defined as any waste product that damages an ecosystem. They discussed the changes in our society that added to the problem of air pollution over the past 100 years. After watching a Discovery

video on *Acid Rain*, the students learned that there are two types of acid rain produced: sulfuric acid and nitric acid. They did an experiment to simulate acid rain. The students wrote a hypothesis about what they thought would happen to their creation. Each student was given a piece of chalk and a paper clip. They created their own sculpture, which was placed in play dough. A dropper full of acid rain (vinegar) was poured over the creation. The students then wrote down their observations as they watched the vinegar dissolve the chalk. The students then determined if their observations supported their hypotheses or not.

In 8th grade, students measured the Dew Point using empty soup cans, ice water and a thermometer. Going outside, students added ice water to the cans and waited for condensation to develop on the outside can. The condensation came from the air surrounding the can and the temperature at which this occurred was the Dew Point. Students checked the accuracy of their Dew Points by comparing their measurements to the reported Dew Point on the Weather Channel website (www.weather.com) for Ellicott City.