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“ Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.”

Psalm 119:165

Note From Mr. Wrobbel

Today is the end of the first quarter. It is hard to believe that we have been together now for 42 days of school. We are so privileged to partner with you in training your children. We have had a great start to the school year. Besides all the great learning that is taking place every day in the classrooms, there have also been many other activities to compliment and expand that learning. These activities include field trips, gro' zones, hands-on activities, and athletic events and contests. One of these special activities took place today as we remembered and celebrated heroes of the Christian faith. There is so much we can learn from people who have set a great example for us in how to live the Christian life. We live so much in the here and now that the past is not even a distant memory – it's often out of sight, out of mind. We are reminded that God said we must teach those who come after us “Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands” (Psalm 78:7). The psalmist Asaph encouraged believers to pass instruction on to others. It is one generation's responsibility to another. Because we all tend to forget – ancients and moderns alike – God knew we needed reminding. So today we took the time as a school to learn about Jim Elliot, Gladys Aylward, and William Willberforce. Ask your students about these people. Share with them who your heroes are. And maybe even read a biography together as a family. My prayer is that our students will be challenged and encouraged to imitate these real heroes and live their lives in such a way that they will inspire the next generation to live for the glory of God.

Congratulations Girls' Volleyball Fox Valley Athletic Conference Champions!

What an exciting end of season for our Lady Huskies. The FVAC tournament started Tuesday where we beat Einstein in 2 games, after which Coach Hodge went to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy! A couple of hours prior to Thursday's tournament, Coach Hodge was released and surprised the team (and parents) by showing up to coach! The girls were on fire! They beat Faith Academy (#1 seed and undefeated) in 3 games for match 1, then went on to the championship against Quest. We have never seen our girls play like they did Thursday night! Everyone showed 150% effort and incredible team work as we defeated Quest and brought home the championship trophy!

Shop and Share Days

Please consider doing your Thanksgiving shopping at Jewel 11/16-11/18. On these days, Jewel will give a portion of their sales back to the school providing that a Shop & Share Identification Slip is presented to the cashier. You will be receiving a few of these certificates in your Tyveks next week. Feel free to duplicate them and pass them around your neighborhood. Jewel asks that we not hand them out in the store or in the parking lot.

Congrats to our Talented Artists

Thank you to all students who submitted artwork for the yearbook competition. Contest entries will be laminated and displayed in the hallway. Everyone did a fantastic job and, as usual, choosing two winners was a difficult task. This year, the front of the yearbook will show the artwork of Carly Wolschlager (3rd) and the back will be designed by Julia Conti (4th).

Smart Planning for the SMART Board

Hopefully you have had the opportunity to read the information we have been sending home about using the TRIP program to help TOCA acquire an additional SMART Board. Basically, we are asking you to earmark your TRIP earnings from now until the end December to help us reach this goal. Through this program, gift cards are purchased at face value and used as cash. Our supplier sells us the gift cards at a vendor specific discount, and passes the profit on to us. The higher the discount, the more we earn. As the Christmas season approaches, please consider using TRIP cards for all of your holiday needs. The following is a list of merchants currently paying higher returns:

Applebee's	10%
Bath & Body Works	13%
Blockbuster	15%
Boston Market	12%
Cabela's	12%
Chipotle	10%
Domino's Pizza	25%
Grand Geneva Resort	14%
Gymboree	13%
Honey Baked Ham	12%
J. Crew	13%
J. Jill	11%
L.L. Bean	15%
Land's End	17%
Marie Callender's	18%
Max & Erma's	13%
Omaha Steaks	11%
On the Border	11%
Payless Shoes	13%
Restoration Hardware	12%
Talbot's	13%
Timer Ridge Lodge	14%

Buzz, Buzz

ACSI spelling lists were sent home in Tyveks last week. Classroom spelling bees will be on Monday, 11/16. Winners from each class will go on to participate in the ACSI competition on Friday, 1/15.

Attention Dads

On Thursdays from 8 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the TOCA gym will be open for dads who would like to shoot hoops and fellowship. If you have questions, please contact Nat Bodmer nbodmer@sbcglobal.net, cell 224-520-3421.

The Lunchroom Needs You!

If you are available on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 11:10 a.m. - 1 p.m., please consider helping us out in the lunchroom. No experience necessary and on the job training provided for free! Stop by the office to sign up.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, 10/31

End of Daylight Saving Time-Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour

Monday, 11/02

Parent Prayer Meeting 8:30 a.m.
TRIP Orders Due by 11 a.m.
Beg. Band **TOCA** 2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
BBB Practice 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
Cheerleading Practice 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday, 11/03

6th-8th Band SS P&P 7:20 a.m.-7:55 a.m.

Wednesday, 11/04

Band @ TOCA
All 8:28 a.m.-9:11 a.m.-Veteran's
Day Assembly Rehearsal
Gro' Zone
BB Practice 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Thursday, 11/05

2nd Grade Field Trip 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
4th Grade Wax Museum (a.m.)
BB Practice 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
Young Rembrandts 3:05 p.m.
Men's Basketball 8 p.m.

Friday, 11/06

Report Cards Sent Home

Picture Retakes

If for any reason you need your school picture redone, Grins will be here Tuesday, 11/10. Please send your picture packet in **that day** with your student as they will be turning the unwanted pictures in to the photographer.

Sports Corner

Information on the **cross country** and **volleyball** banquet will be forthcoming. Great season for both!

Boys' basketball practice starts Monday, 11/2. Your son will only be able to practice with a signed permission slip and a current sports physical (dated within 1 year of 11/2).

The **cheerleading** squad will begin Monday practices on 11/2 from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Contact Becky Wynsma or Sherri Meyer if you have questions or conflicts.