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BJ's Corner

"My daddy and I were talking about the poor. He said that the bottom line is that we help the poor. Then I asked daddy if the top line is that we love them."

Reese, Age 9

Last week our school community collected a total of 2,764 food items for the Storehouse. Our pick up was overloaded and the volunteers at The Storehouse were dumb founded. They said, "I thought you were having a small food drive?" Thank you to all who contributed. The needy will be served thanks to our generosity.

The month of October is designated as our annual "Koats for Kids" drive. This certainly includes sweaters, sweatshirts, vests, and adult and children coats. All sizes are

needed, but please don't send torn or ripped up items. Please head to the closets and send any out grown or unused item to your child's classrooms.

Our 2nd Parent Forum took place last Thursday, September 28th. Nearly, 130 parents came with much anxiety, but quickly settled into discussion of the three questions for the one hour format:

1. How do you inspire or persuade your child to love reading?
2. How do I encourage /model self-discipline?
3. Discussion of an article on "You don't do children favors by trying to make them happy.

Hot issues, which are intended to address children developmentally were too numerous to put in the flyer, but one was, How do I get my child to write clearer?

Several parental responses were to make them re-write until it is legible.

The majority of parents saw value and offered positive suggestions.

Less than 1% of the parents felt the "get together" was a complete waste. My hope would be that next year parents would facilitate and organize the discussions?

Our last forum for 2006 will take place on Thursday, October 12th for 5th, 6th, 7th grades only. Our numbers are too big for anymore.

Please check your calendars closely as our months are getting busier and busier.

Have a terrific Fall week.
B.J.

Testing Information

ITBS - Iowa Basic Standards - This national test is given to the entire 8th grade twice a year, Fall and Spring and to grades 3rd

through 7th only in the Spring.

DRA - Developmental Reading Assessment is administered twice yearly. The purpose of this assessment is to assist my teachers in their instruction in order to teach children their individual levels. I look at each room and assess strengths and weaknesses.

Calendar Update:

Oct. 10-12th - 8th Grade
ITBS

Oct. 12th - Parent Forum 5th
thru 7th (Mandatory 7:00Pm
in Gym)

Oct. 13th - Parent Teacher
Conferences (Mandatory)

Safety Update

Last week a stranger departed his vehicle, put on a red "hoodie" and tried to enter the school in front and west side. His license was taken by an observant parent and turned in, resulting in our own

Detective Christine Munsey taking the ball.

I am pleased to report the offender was apprehended Thursday and will be behind bars for a long time. (We believe he is the guy who stole Ms. Mordaunt's wallet).

This is the time of year vagrants start finding places to sleep or steal. Please help me be vigilant.

The Storehouse

Thanks to all Cardinals for your donations of food to the Storehouse.

As a school, we collected 2,674 items!!!

The winning class was:

8B bringing in 415 items!

They are the smallest class with the biggest hearts!!

"How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!"

Cardinals, thanks for creating many beautiful days for those in need in our city.

*****Remember our BIG food drive will be during Lent.**

Kudos to...

NJHS for the kind notes and goodies they provided for the teachers and staff last week. It was wonderful!!

To the 6th grade for the wonderful goodies provided on Friday!!

5th Grade Read-A-Thon

All students at St. Charles Borromeo School are participating in the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI). This program targets reading success by monitoring reading progress, setting reading goals, and matching readers to books. The students created a personal reading list based on their favorite genres and their individual lexile level. To kick start the program in fifth grade, on Friday, October 6th the fifth grade

classes will hold a Read-a-Thon. Fifth graders, their teachers, and Principal BJ will be coming to school with sleeping bags, slippers, pillows and lots of books from their SRI reading list! We will be spending the afternoon enriching our minds by cuddling up with a good book.

Up, Up and Away!!!

This Friday, three balloons will launch from our back playground between 7:00am and 7:30am. All are invited to this event. Gates open at 6:30. It will be a bit crazy, so please park only where permitted and watch for kids—Thanks. Crew balloon, Pilot Tim Evans is returning and two balloons from Colorado will launch. Remember - This is only if weather permits.

May I Suggest?

I heard a rumor that our two eighth grade classes will be merged?

B.J. - Absolutely Not!!

Certainly, I considered it over the summer, but it did not, nor will it happen.

Brownies

Meetings Tuesdays, 3:00pm to 4:30pm in the Parish Hall. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade girls, come to the first Brownie meeting Today. Questions, call : Francie Fidel at 842-6845 or Shan Herrera 831-4225.

From Father

Lane... Thanks to all of you for your prayers while I was on my pilgrimage. I hope you all received your prayer cards in honor of St. Peter Julian Eymard. I brought them from France!! We will be praying this prayer during the month of October. Please follow along in the mornings.