



ST. MONICA SCHOOL

*Where Students Are Loved and Challenged
Our 90th Year of Quality Education!*

The Principal's Weekly Newsletter



Go Bulldogs!

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Upcoming Community Events

As you will see from our list below, we are entering a very busy time of the school year, both for the planning of future events and for the huge amount of community activity that is traditionally present at the end of October and the beginning of November.

School Community Events & Notices:

• Yard & Gate Morning Arrival Duty

Our system for greeting and monitoring the morning arrival of our students is working very well, much in thanks to our parents who have volunteered to assist in this endeavor. We are seeking additional volunteers to make sure that we can consistently sustain the effort throughout the school year. Please contact the coordinator, Tiziano Straccia @415-425-0995 or tiziano@italyhome.com, if you are available to assist.

• Box Top Collection Contest

We have just launched a friendly competition between the girls and the boys of the school - the Box Top October Contest. The Race is on to see which group will place more General Mills "Box tops" in their respective collection containers outside of the Main Office. The contest will run from Oct. 13th - Oct. 28th. The winning group will be awarded a "free dress day" to celebrate their efforts. This is about as fair as it gets - our current schoolwide gender demographic is 49% girls and 51% boys. My thanks to the Arguello Family for planning and implementing this activity.

• St. Monica School Drama Club

Our Drama Club is being reinstated this year for the students of the 5th - 8th grades. My thanks to Mrs. Padley for organizing this effort and for moderating the club for our students. The Drama Club will operate differently than it has in passed years, and one of the new items is that parent participation will be required to assist in the endeavors of the club. There will be an information meeting held next Tues., Oct. 20th. Note the flier included in today's envelope for complete info.

• Parent Club Fundraising Committee

The Parent Club Fundraising Committee is seeking membership and the assistance of parents who would like to help in planning and implementing the remaining fundraisers for the school year, including the Annual Auction Dinner next March. All parents are welcome to attend a meeting next Wed. Oct. 21st.

• Science Adventures, Nov. 3rd Session

The 1st Science Adventures Session this year will commence on Nov. 3rd. In order for us to host this afterschool program, we will have to meet our quota of 14 students per session, please be signed up one week prior to the beginning of the session. Advertisement and sign up fliers were distributed last week and are available from the school office.

• Scholastic Book Fair, Nov. 4th-6th & 8th

Volunteers are needed to help with the upcoming Annual Book Fair in early November.

• Fall Open House, Sunday, Nov. 8th

Please begin to spread the word and invite prospective families to our upcoming Fall Open House.

Flu and Illness Protocol and Prevention:

As the autumn season turns into winter and the weather gets increasing wetter and colder, these prevention strategies are crucial to promote good health.

1. Stay home when sick, especially if you are experiencing fever conditions. If a student has had flu symptoms, do not return to school until being "symptom free" for 24 hours.
2. Wash your hands frequently - be sure to use soap and water and/or sanitary hand cleaner.
3. Cover your nose and mouth with tissue when coughing and/or sneezing. Dispose of tissue properly.
4. Keep vigilant in regard to regular cleaning routines, especially in places that have frequent hand contact, such as desk and table tops and doorknobs.

Thank You...Thank You...

My thanks to the members of our Parent Club Fundraising Committee who planned and implemented our Pizza/Bingo Night last Friday, Oct. 9th. The event was a success, much due to the planning efforts of Garrett Chan, Betty Gon, Ben & Kathi Jayme, and Janice Kam. Of course, I would like to also thank all of the parents who signed up to assist for the evening.

Upcoming Events...

- Oct. 15th: Tuition Due
- Oct. 21st: Picture Re-take Day
- Oct. 21st: Student Mass presented by the 3rd/4th grade, 11:00 a.m. in St. Monica Church.
- Oct. 23rd: End of the 1st Quarter.