

SOTL School News

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“Inspiring Excellence, Nurturing Faith”

May 15, 2009

Message from the Principal.....



As I gather my thoughts for this message, it occurred to me this is a very busy time of the year, especially for teachers, parents and students as our school year draws to a close. Field trips, graduations, end of school parties, final test for the students; it seems like so much will be happening in such a short time, it seems overwhelming and would be, if it was not for the many people who have volunteered to make this school year as easy and less stressful for our teachers, our students and the parents. So the focus of this message is to acknowledge and thank all our volunteers. I cannot name all the individuals who have helped and are still helping this school year. The many groups and people that have helped include: Roustabouts, PTO officers and members, the Auction and Annual Golf Outing committees, parents who help in and around the school on a regular basis, and all the members of our Congregation who give their time and talents to serve on boards and committees to help the school move forward now and in the years to come. We praise and thank God for each and every one of you as you help and work together to grow the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church and School. God is working miracles through each and every one of you right here in our church and school. **Thank you Lord!**

Ron Beardsley

Principal Call Update

Mr. Dennis Schmidt was unable to accept our call as Principal. The Call Committee will soon present another candidate for consideration.

PTO NEWS

The PTO Meeting scheduled for May 12, 2009, has been changed to May 20, 2009 at 11:45 a.m. As a reminder, the elections for PTO Officers will be held at this meeting. Please plan on attending. Free childcare is available.

Golf Outing is a Hole in One!



By the time you read this, the school's annual golf outing will have taken place. This year's outing raised approximately \$25,000. Approximately half of that money will be used to meet this year's general operating expenses not covered by tuition. But the other half will be placed into a grant fund to help families in need for next year.

Special thanks must go to the whole Golf Outing Committee, and especially to Tom and Darlene Fitchett. They worked tirelessly to ensure that Christian education will continue to be a reality at Shepherd of the Lakes. Next year they're going to take a much needed break from chairing the committee, so please begin to prayerfully consider your opportunity to fill their big shoes.

What a blessing it is to see so many SOTL members who have no personal stake in the school choose to participate in this year's outing. It is so wonderful to know that our church community supports the Christian education of our young people.

While there is no doubt many of my golf balls found their way into the water at the outing, this year's outing was a hole in one!

Pastor Milatz



**“God’s Army”
Spring Musical and Art Fair
May 29, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.**



Join us for a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. The Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School children will present the musical “God’s Army”, and display some of their art projects from throughout the school year. The evening will culminate with the unveiling of their Tile Art Project.

There are still opportunities to sponsor a student’s tile for a \$20 donation. Contact the School Office at (810) 227-6473 for details.

Last Library Day

Friday, May 15, is the final day students will be able to check items out from the school library. We ask that all students return any items they have checked out by Friday, May 22. Any students with items out after that date will receive a notice of overdue items. If you have any questions concerning a library item, please contact Dana Bell at (517) 552-0255.



Classroom News



Mrs. Fagan's 4 year old students are learning about and exploring Space. They continue to work on their letters Q - U. In Jesus time, they are learning about Timothy. And everyone is looking forward to a field trip to the Great Harvest Bread Company.

Mrs. Deheim's 1st & 2nd Grade students are learning about Pentecost and our Savior's love shown to the disciples and to us after His Ascension into Heaven. In Science, they learning about God's creatures—the great and small dinosaurs! The students are also enjoying using describing words and writing all kinds of poems.

Mrs. Croucher's 5th Grade students are finishing their unit on the Middle West and will begin a new unit on the Southwest. In Religion, several stories in Acts are being studied, focusing on the Ascension, Pentecost, Stephen, Peter and Paul. The 5th Graders are also engaged in literature circles with the 3rd and 4th Graders, and are working on writing poems with their Kindergarten buddies.

Miss Katie's Music students are busy practicing for the Spring Musical, "God's Army". It promises to be a very special evening!



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 26-29, 2009

If you would like to volunteer to help show our appreciation for the dedicated teachers of Shepherd of the Lakes School, please contact Suzanne Spewock at suzyspewock@mac.com.



Upcoming Events



May 20	PTO Meeting at 11:45 a.m.
May 25	No School - Memorial Day
May 26	Teacher Appreciation Week Begins
May 29	Art Fair and Spring Musical at 6:30 p.m.
June 2	Volunteer Breakfast at 9:15 a.m.
June 3	Preschool Family Picnic at 10:15 a.m.
June 5	Field Day - Elementary School
June 8 & 9	Preschool Programs
June 8 & 9	Last Day of School for Preschool
June 9	Kindergarten Graduation
June 10	Last Day of School for K-5th Grade (1/2 Day)

Our Mission
 Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran School nurtures children with Jesus' love to grow spiritually, thrive academically, and mature socially.



Looking to Purchase a New Computer Have an Old Computer to Donate? Consider This Offer!

Dan Geisler, Manager of Computers Plus in Howell (and Shepherd of the Lakes Church member) is offering this great opportunity to update to a new computer and donate your old computer to SOTL School.

If you are interested in purchasing a new computer and have a 3-5 year old desktop computer in working condition that you would be willing to donate to the school, he is offering:

15% off the standard prices of the new computer hardware

Waiving the Build Fee of \$65

Transferring all data from the old computer to the new one. Please note: programs cannot be transferred; however he will reinstall any program from your original disks and key codes.

In addition, he will "scrub" the hard drives on the old computer so that all old data and files are removed, and donate his time to prep these computers and reinstall the operating system so that they are ready to be used in the school.

If more than 8 old computers are donated, the excess computers will be donated to a needy member or family of Shepherd of the Lakes.

This is a great opportunity to update your computer equipment and help out a worthy cause. To take advantage of this offer, visit Computers Plus at 4068 E. Grand River in Howell and ask for Dan. Please note that Dan will be on vacation the week of May 25, 2009.



Pamper Your Pooch!

Fundraising Dog Wash

Saturday, May 23, 2009

All Proceeds Benefit the School

Call Andrea with questions or for an appointment at (517) 518-2001. Alternate dates are available.