

SOTL School News

“Faith, Knowledge, Discipleship”

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EASTER – GOD’S SEASON OF RENEWAL



Renewal has many faces:

- Celebrating the resurrection of our Savior and being assured that we so will rise to an eternity in heaven.
- Being enlivened by the many signs of spring as we are again enchanted with the melting snow, tulips, green grass, and the sighting of the first robin.
- A new kindergarten teacher for our school. Yes, the careful work of the School Leadership Team has yielded a new kindergarten teacher. After starting with 34 possible candidates, in the middle of this week we received confirmation that our contract for the kindergarten position had been accepted.

OUR NEW KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Mrs. Mary Sue Arrick is a graduate of Ann Arbor University and has her Masters in Educational Leadership from Wayne State University. She has taught on multiple grade levels in a number of Lutheran schools in Michigan and Ohio. Most recently, Mrs. Arrick was the principal of a small school, in addition to teaching kindergarten through second grade. Her permanent residence is in Howell. We are blessed to have the Lord answer our prayers for this position.

COMPUTER SOURCES

One of the critical needs of our school is a computer lab for our students. As funding sources are scarce, creativity needs to prevail. I would ask those of you who may have contacts with organizations that are updating their computers to inquire whether they would consider donating their obsolete stock to a non-profit organization, knowing that they would also benefit from the write off.

HAVE A WONDERFUL HAPPY EASTER!

Dr. Jim



Timeless Words

"It is indeed a sin and shame that we must be aroused and incited to the duty of educating our children and of considering their highest interests, whereas nature itself should move us thereto, and the example of the heathen affords us varied instruction. There is no irrational animal that does not care for and instruct its young in what they should know, except the ostrich. . . And what would it avail if we possessed and performed all else, and became perfect saints, if we neglect that for which we chiefly live, namely, to care for the young? In my judgment, there is no other outward offence that in the sight of God so heavily burdens the world, and deserves such heavy chastisement, as the neglect to educate children."
(Martin Luther)

Pretty timeless words spoken nearly 500 years ago! We have a great responsibility to instruct young people. Most people would agree with that. But their education goes beyond math, reading, and science (things we do pretty well at SOTL!) Their instruction must be centered in another set of timeless words -- the Word of God. At SOTL, we partner with parents to raise children to know that Easter is about more than the Easter bunny, that our greatest Christmas gift is a baby in a manger, and that they're valuable in God's sight through grace. That's what makes a Christian school like ours distinct, and it's what can make a powerful difference in your child's life!

Pastor Milatz



Our Mission

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



*SOTL 4th Annual Golf
Scramble
May 15, 2010*

The snow is gone, the robins are out, and it's time for our Annual SOTL Golf Outing. The event will be held at Dunham Hills Golf Course on Saturday, May 15, with registration beginning at 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$105 per golfer, and includes 18 holes of golf, light lunch, full course dinner, awards and prizes. Don't golf? There are sponsorship opportunities available starting at \$150 (donations towards this event are tax deductible). There are also volunteer positions that need to be filled. All of the profit from this event will benefit the ministry and children of the SOTL School. For more information or to sign up for golf or a sponsorship, please pick up a brochure at the school desk in the Commons or contact the school at (810) 227-6473.



Upcoming Events

April 1—30	Re-enrollment Period for Kroger Community Rewards Program
April 2	Easter Break Begins
April 6	Big Boy Fundraiser
April 12	School Resumes
April 12	Scrip Order Due
April 13	Leo's Fundraiser
April 15	Golf Sponsorships Due
April 20	Bennigan's Fundraiser
April 21	Grandparents Day at SOTL School
April 26	Scrip Order Due
April 27	Olga's Fundraiser
May 4	Big Boy Fundraiser
May 6	Golf Registration Deadline
May 11	Leo's Fundraiser
May 11	Cub Scout Pack Meeting
May 14	Art Fair and Spring Musical
May 15	Golf Outing
May 19	Staff Appreciation Lunch



Classroom News



Mrs. Choroba's 4 year old students enjoyed their gymnastic field trip and are looking forward to an Easter assembly hosted by the elementary students. They will also be treated to ice cream! The students will celebrate our Lord's resurrection with an Easter party!

Mrs. Deheim's 1st grade students have been learning about God's great love through Jesus' death and resurrection. They will be learning about Jesus being with the disciples after His resurrection. In science, the students are learning about God's gift of magnetism and are enjoying experiments with magnets. In English, they continue to grow in the use of prepositional phrases, and in social studies they are learning about taking care of natural resources.

Mrs. Croucher's 4th & 5th grade students completed and presented their Michigan History PowerPoint projects. They will begin to look at the ethnic groups within our state, and how the people who have moved to Michigan have made it a better place. The students are practicing their persuasive writing skills in English. When the students return from break, they will see how God is continually at work, using the consequences of human sinfulness to remind His people of His continual love and faithfulness toward them and all people.

Miss Katie's Music students are in full swing working on our Spring Musical, entitled "Kids Telling Kids". The Art Fair and Spring Musical will be Friday, May 14th, so save the date now!



Kroger Community Rewards Program UPDATE

Everyone currently participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program must re-enroll during the month of April in order for SOTL to earn funds during 2010 program year (which runs from May 2010 to May 2011). Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to scan our group barcode at the registers or service desk. You must re-sign up online. Please visit the school desk in the Commons for instructions on re-enrolling, or if you have any other questions.