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Notes from the Principal




March Highlights

**March 3 – State of the School - open to all families

IOWA Testing March 1st—4th 3rd—6th Grade

*Mar 5th—Free Dress

*Mar 17th—Registration Forms are Due 

*Mar 18th—19th No School

Thursday Hot Lunch Menu

Feb 25– Hamburgers

Mar 4th—Tacos

Mar 11th—Nuggets

Mar 18th—

No School

Mar 25th—Burgers

Yearbook Orders 2009-10

March 19th

ORDER

DEADLINE



Dear OLL Parents,

A few weeks ago, at my daughter's school, she told me about a situation that involved her and a few classmates. The situation happened at recess and caused quite a bit of hurt feelings and tears. Hearing from her and her alone, I certainly felt like I needed to do something. I could see in her hurt feelings and a frustration with what happened and so, like any normal parent, I wanted to fix it. Should I call the other parents involved? Should I show up and take a peek myself at what's going on? Thankfully, I did not do anything right away, after all, very little good occurs when anger and frustration collide with too little information. It's a recipe for disaster, not to mention a lost opportunity for learning and growth. So I did what I should have done in the first place; speak with her teacher and help her solve her situation.

Has this every happened to you? Have you ever felt like you needed to fix it for your child? Most of us have and that's normal. What's not normal, however, is to let those emotions control our behavior and interfere with what's best for the child and the situation. I do recommend calling the teacher first – there's always more information to be uncovered. I do not recommend (at least initially) calling another parent to tell them what their child has done to yours (I never recommend this). There's no 'win win' when that happens, and, worst of all, it misses out on a golden opportunity for a child to learn. If or when you get the urge to call another parent to speak with them about a school situation, do what we tell our students to do: slowly count backwards from 10 then call 525.9980 x23. It will be good for all of us.

Thanks to all of you who joined us for Julie Metzger's meeting on Monday night as well as the State of the School meeting. The next State of the School is on Wednesday, March 3 at 7PM in Jubilee Hall. All current k-7 OLL families who plan on registering their child(ren) for next year should plan on attending this meeting. **XCare is available.**

See you at the auction on March 6.

Thanks for all you do for your children-

Vince McGovern



A word of thanks for some of our teachers and staff:

Mrs. Feeney is thankful for Mrs. Jackman and Mrs. Whelan for being Kindergarten's Room Parents. They are ready to help in any way and schedule all the super parents for volunteer jobs for our class.

Ms. Milne is thankful for Deidre Silva (Amelia's mom) who comes in each week and gives much time and talent to the class. The class involves the history of journalism, writing, interview skills, as well as publishing two journals throughout the school year.

The 4th graders are also thankful for Karen Klepper (Selea's mom) and Elisabeth Archer (Evangeline's mom) who come in about once a week to help with math facts and/or with keyboarding/technology.

School Office, Kathy Boyle, is thankful for all of her office volunteers, Kaylea Trowbrige, Gloria Artega, Melinda Marks, Allen and Brett Murray, Christina Kealy, and Dianna Britz for the many time and talents, smiles and wisdom shared. Thanks also to our Wednesday Packet Stuffers, Leslye Zipperer, Monica Duenas. Could not run this school office without all your generous help and support.

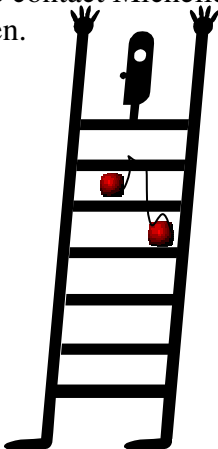
DID YOU KNOW???

This weekly letter is on our school website?

Go to www.ollseattle.org , look at the top of the page in the green border you will see "newsletter" Click on that.... and the rest is history.

**Ladder Golf Builder
NEEDED**

Our PE Teacher is looking for someone who could build 6 to 8 Ladder Golf Games for PE Class. Mrs. Christensen will provided and DETAILED building instructions. If you can help out, please contact Michelle Christensen.



Lice

A case of head lice has been reported in the Pre Kindergarten classroom. This is just a gentle reminder that Lice happens, and that it is a good idea to check you child's head for the next couple of weeks just in case. While head lice do not spread any disease, they pass easily from child to child and they are uncomfortable, and are best dealt with right away.

If there are any parents that would be willing to volunteer to do Head checks in the school, please contact Kathy Boyle.

Family Mass

On Sunday, February 28th at the 9:30am Mass we will be having a Family Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity for your entire family to get involved with the liturgy.





Can't attend the auction but want support the school and get some fun things for you and your family? Now's your CHANCE!

1) THE GIFT OF AN EARLY SUMMER VACATION!

Kids love to be free in the summertime. So, why not give your child an early sampling of summer's freedoms with FREE DRESS the last 5 days of school?! The gift of FREE DRESS and early summer glow is \$25 per child. An additional \$25 donation will ensure that students on financial aid can also enjoy the same summertime bliss.

2) YOUR VERY OWN RETRO OLL T-SHIRT

Get your OLL Retro T-Shirt designed by OLL parent Joe Donsky. Adult and children's sizes. Check out the design on the website (www.ollauction.org) in the catalog. Profits go to the school. Each shirt is \$20.

3) FUND A NEW PLAYGROUND FOR THE KIDS ... AND MORE!

OLL kids will get soft turf for soccer practices, pick up football games and other kid-inspired recess activity. Money raised for this item will implement Phase II of the playground renovations. The cornerstone of this plan is a 40'x100' "grass" field that will provide a year round play area for our kids. And the demand for tuition assistance continues to grow. A portion of the money from this year's "Fund an Item" will also go toward the school's tuition assistance program that supports families who want Catholic education for their children. Thank you for helping make our school accessible for families and children.

In honor of our 60th Anniversary we're aiming for \$60,000 for the "Fund an Item." Let's make this a reality.

4) TIKI TICKET – GRAB THAT DREAM ITEM

Win a dream vacation to Hawaii for the price of cab fare to the airport. Or why not try fishing in Alaska? Sunbathing in Bali? Golfing in Palm Springs?

Enter the Tiki Ticket Raffle and odds are at least one in 100 that you will win the Live Item of your choice (minus class projects). And though we'd love to see you at the auction, you don't even need to attend the event to walk away the Big Winner. But if you do attend the auction, then your \$50 ticket will also get you a glass of "Tahitian Tea".

AUCTION PRE-SELL ORDER FORM DUE MARCH 3RD, 2010

1) #__ X \$25 = \$_____ **FREE DRESS**

2) #__ X \$50 = \$_____ **TIKI TICKET RAFFLE** (Max 2/person or 4/couple)
Item list may be seen at www.OLLAuction.org -
Catalog

I choose _____ **LIVE Item**

3) #__ X \$20 = \$_____ **RETRO OLL T-SHIRT**

SIZES:

Green #__ Ad-3XL #__ Ad-2XL #__ Ad-3XL -XL, #__ Ad-L #__ Ad-M, #__ Ad-S
#__ Ad-XS

Yellow #__ YouthXL, #__ YL #__ YM, #__ YS #__ YXS

4) \$_____ **FUND AN ITEM – TNT**

\$_____ **TOTAL** (Make Checks Payable to OLL School)

Credit card number _____ ex _____

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Are you attending? Yes _____ No _____

Questions? Contact Eileen Shiley theshileys@q.com or Kim Killgore kimkillgore@yahoo.com

