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Tiger Talk

“It’s About Them. .



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A Newsletter from the Office of the Associate Heads of School

Soccer team won against SACS 6-0

Ladies A team volleyball lost to Concordia Lutheran

Cross Country - first place boys all around winner Mackey Lopez, mile and half in
9.13 minutes,

He was also back to back 1st winner place at SAA meet last week.

Go Tigers Go!

Limit TV Time

Many experts recommend that children watch no more than ten hours of television (including videos) a week. By putting a limit on the time spent watching, you will make time available for more rewarding activities and for schoolwork. Decide together how much television your child will watch. Have him/her list programs he/she wants to watch. From the choices, make a viewing schedule and stick to it. Some families set a daily limit on total "screen time"(combined TV, computer, and video-game time).

Consider making one day a week Z Day for Zero Screen-Time Day. Provide alternatives to TV viewing, such as board games, books, magazines and craft projects. Do not put a TV set in your child's room.

From *Help Your Child Succeed in School-Simple Strategies for Parents*

Attendance Reminders:

Students must report to the desk of Ms. Becky or Ms. Margay when they are late to school. This permits Ms. Becky and Ms. Margay to change an absence into a tardy if teachers have already posted their class attendance. If students do not report in, they will be counted absent on TigerNET.

Interim Reports

We have completed the first six weeks of school. Don't forget to view interim reports through TigerNET. There will be a tab on the left of the screen that you can click on to

view teacher comments.

Carpool Procedures

By popular demand, we are going to attempt to state the procedures for executing carpool safely and efficiently. Most importantly, all students are always dropped off and picked up on the south side of the School and Church. All cars enter the School upper parking lot and proceed to the lower driveway that runs in front of the Middle School foyer and School Office. Cars drive to the very last person on the sidewalk for carpool duty. This person is usually standing near the double doors that lead into the Church narthex. Cars are to pull up as far as possible not stopping at the Middle School foyer for drop off. Students are to be prepared to exit your car when you stop, backpacks zipped, hugs and kisses exchanged. A School employee will assist your student from the car and onto the safety of the sidewalk area. Cars should then exit via the driveway that runs by the Church narthex doors. In the afternoon, three lanes may form as you approach the lower driveway. Please be safe and courteous allowing the lanes to merge into one lane that drives down the lower driveway for pick up. It is very helpful to have the last name of carpool students posted in the car window. This allows the person on microphone duty to call the name of the desired student immediately saving time. If your student is not out for carpool, please exit and re-enter the carpool line or exit the carpool line and park to wait for your student. If there are any concerns, please call or e-mail Cindy Cabello or Nancy Harwell.

CHECK OUT SCHEDULE for the Newman Library - Fall 2009

5th - 8th grades -- 5 Books for 2 Weeks

3rd - 4th grades -- 4 Books for 2 Weeks

Kindergarten - 2nd -- 3 Books for 2 Weeks

PreK4 -- 2 Books for 2 Weeks

Parents -- 5 Books for 2 Weeks

PreK3 will begin checking books in Jan.

Books can be renewed online. The link for the library can be found in the Library Assignments.

Parents are encouraged to drop by the library and sign up for library privileges. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Mrs. Milligan in the library.

HONORS TO SLES SEXTONS AND KITCHEN STAFF

The National Junior Honor Society promoted good citizenship by introducing and thanking the sextons and kitchen staff who help them everyday. Students made posters to celebrate the sextons and kitchen staff. Next time you see Dan, Ramero, Gracie, Sylvia, Art, Albert, and Nester, thank them for all the hard work they do in keeping our school clean. Maria, Gloria, Janie, and Sandra, keep our students well feed. Come join your child for lunch and thank these ladies for the healthy, delicious food they serve.

WHO IS TERK IN "TERK OUTDOOR SCHOOL"

David B. Terk was a true "Outdoor Enthusiast". We found it fitting to name the St. Luke's Outdoor School program this special outdoorsman. Born in Fargo, North Dakota in 1929, he was the oldest son of Russian immigrants. Always known to his friends as "Nature Boy", he was never without some kind of reptile, snake, or other creature. His mother helped nurture his love for the outdoors, by having him memorize all the original paintings of more than 500 birds done by John James Audobon. David B. Terk was the true definition of a Wildlife Conservationist Hunter. He had an immense love of nature and our natural resources while also enjoying a passion for hunting. Mr. Terk believed outdoorsmen are some of our greatest advocates in protecting wildlife and the world around us. That is exactly the way he lived his life continually fighting for the animals and their environments.

Church and School Celebrate Episcopal School Sunday

Sunday, September 27, was indeed a day for celebration as the St. Luke's Episcopal Church and School family welcomed a new school year and a new Head of School, Dr. Mark Reford. The School mission that *St. Luke's Episcopal School is a Christian community dedicated to academic excellence, lifelong learning, and service to others* was lived out in the finest tradition through the beautiful shared service of participants and congregation. We want to again express special thanks to SLES music teachers Kelly Ritchey and Meghan Barker, Church Organist and Choirmaster, David Eaton, Rectors David Read and Chip Prehn, Head of School, Mark Reford, the students, teachers, parents of SLES, and the parishioners of St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

Art Smart

The Art Department is very excited to announce that all the young artists have completed their personal masterpieces for the annual art fundraiser. This year we are working with the Square One company. The company will scan art work that will appear in a brochure. The brochure shows precisely how each item of art will look Mrs. Wendy Atwell, our art angel, has mailed the artwork off to Square One; hopefully it will be back in the hands of our young artists in a week. Watch for those brochures. This is a unique opportunity for you to get double benefits. The art department will receive funds to purchase the very latest and best supplies for students, and you will receive memorable and precious gifts for loved ones.

Sketch diaries for second grade! Second grade artists are working on improving their drawing skills this year. When they walk into class each day, they find a doodle on the Smart Board that they reproduce on their new sketch diaries. With these exercises, they will develop key thinking skills in visual perception, visual spatial organization, and visual attention to detail.

First graders are finding out that drawing, like speaking, is a natural form of human communication. By observing the drawings in the Caves at Lascaux, France, students have realized that our ancestors left us a narrative of what life was like thousands of years ago! Therefore, this week, First graders are pretending to be Stone Age people who are depicting hunting scenes on the walls of a cave.

Kindergarten students are learning about color and exploring different tools that can be used to paint. So far, we have used a variety of brushes, scrapers, and sea sponges to make the background of our artwork. Students have also discovered that they can use shapes to make animals.

Receiving Professional Development

Dr. Reford will be out of the office Thursday & Friday, October 1-2 to attend the SAES Newly Appointed Heads Institute in Houston, TX.

Sharing Professional Development

On Friday, Sept. 25, Mrs. Milligan participated in the 16th Annual Region 20 Library Resource Roundup. She started the day facilitating the meeting of the San Antonio Area Private School Librarians. Later in the morning, Mrs. Milligan presented the workshop *Encouraging Writing in the Library* which reviewed the **step-by-step process of producing the St. Luke's literary magazine, *Burning Bright***. The highlight of the presentation was having Cole Patterson, Taylor Sessions, Hope Vinson, and Susannah Wright read selections from their writing, which appeared in *Burning Bright*. Mrs. Milligan then performed in the reader's theater production of *The Library Dragon*, along with directors of the Northside, Northeast, and Edgewood School district library systems. Mrs. Milligan, thank you for representing SLES at the Library Resource Roundup!

FARM TO TABLE COMING TO SLES

On October 7th, part of the lunch menu will include serving produce, vegetables and fruit, that come from within 100 miles of the school. Ms. Maria will talk to the kids about using local produce etc. Sage will have lesson plans for different grades that teachers can access for class discussions. Visiting a Farmers Market will have new meaning for our students.

PK3 The Reggio-Emilia Way

The children in Ms. Karen's PK3 class have experimented with creating secondary colors and shades of colors. They learned that blue is the strongest primary color. Red is the next strongest. Yellow is the weakest primary color. They mixed paints as well as colored water during their discovery time. Their favorite shade was made when mixing white and red--the creation of pink! They were also introduced to the "light table" (a projector). The children were fascinated with the projection of light and used a variety of transparent shapes. Charlotte realized if she looked up into the projector top she would see the shapes there. Discoveries are so exciting!

PK4 IN BLOOM:

PK4 is employing Blooms' Taxonomy to inform curriculum and ensure our tiniest tigers are developing higher order thinking skills. Bloom's Taxonomy is a classification for levels of intellectual behavior important in learning. There are six areas arranged from simple to complex. These include Knowledge, Comprehension, Application, Analysis,

Synthesis, and Evaluation. In emergent literacy when our PK4 children use Venn diagrams to compare two stories to each other, explaining how the stories are alike and how they are different, they are using the *Application* level of intellectual behavior.

In emergent mathematics, when our PK4 students observe objects and sort the objects according to various attributes, they are using the *Application* and *Analysis* levels of intellectual behavior. When you observe children at academic tasks and at play what might appear simple may be very complex, higher order thinking. It all appears as fun and games to our children as indeed it should.

R.E.A.D. All About It

Pre-K-4 has concentrated on Spalding sounds /s/,/qu/, /b/, and /e/. Alpha Tales for these sounds and letters were read and discussed for sound application, comprehension, and vocabulary development. We continue to work on rhyming and matching pictures or objects to letters in the alphabet. We had lots of fun solving riddles with alphabet beanbags.

Kindergartners have been reading books from the reading room, doing word webs, Venn diagrams, and working on sight word development. We are also discussing how to summarize a story by telling what happened at the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

Kindergarten Happenings

Ms.Macha's,kindergarten class, has just completed their 4th Classroom Publication, which is certainly the best by far. The students are looking forward to Dr. Espy's visit on Thursday. Flat Stanley is off on his adventures. Check with any kindergartner for details on these exciting events.

2nd Grade Celebration

Chapel on Friday, October 9th at 9a.m.! All parents of 2nd graders are invited to sit next to their child in chapel. The 2nd graders will be teaching a new chapel song to the group on that day.

Fourth Grade Gets Clicking and Delving!

This week in Mrs. Urbanowski's science classes the students are busy applying their knowledge of circuitry and electromagnetism as they build telegraphs. Once the systems are built, the students are using codes to send and interpret messages across the lab. In meeting the challenge of hooking up two telegraphs, students must solve a number of problems, including circuit design, resistance imposed by long lines, and long-distance procedural signals. As part of their concept building time, the students are learning how people have used their scientific knowledge to meet human needs, such as communication, in the world around them.

In Mrs. Urbanowski's math classes, the fourth graders are bringing their unit on numeration alive with cool facts. For instance, do you know what a googol is? It is equivalent to ten raised to the power of a hundred (10^{100}) or the digit 1 followed by one hundred zeros. Did you know that Big Bertha, the world's largest bass drum that is

used by the Longhorn band, is 500 pounds! As students collect and discuss exciting facts such as these, they are compiling them into a one of a kind PowerPoint presentation. Furthermore, throughout the process, the students are deepening their understanding of numeration and gaining a wealth of knowledge about the world around them. Using interactive technology, pencil and paper, and manipulatives students solve for x, problem solve, and represent numerical values. As a fourth grader might happen to tell you, a quarter has 119 grooves on its edge, which in expanded form would be $100 + 10 + 9$. Check it out!

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONES IN ON WRITING

In keeping with author James Michener's words "I'm not a very good writer, but I'm an excellent rewriter," the middle school English classes are in the midst of learning editing and revision strategies with their first essay of the year. Following the reading of a biography, the students have honed not only their writing skills with the five-paragraph essay but also their research skills in preparation for the science fair. The students have worked diligently on note-taking strategies with print and online sources as well as the proper bibliographical formats for each source. When complete, this interdisciplinary project will enable the students to showcase their writing, thinking, organization, and research skills.

EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS VISIT SCIENCE PROCESS IN ACTION

In preparation for their own science fair projects, the eighth students went to visit Trinity University on September 28th,. Dr. David Ribble led the students on a tour of several science labs to discuss academic science research and proper experimental design. Dr. Ugolini discussed the physics of lasers, and our students used polarized lenses and interferometers to explore the wave properties of light. Dr. Johnson, from the biology lab, showed the students two biology labs that contained research on the evolution of the anole lizards of the Caribbean. While discussing her research, Dr. Ugolini showed several microscope slides of lizard brain and muscle cross sections.

SLES Tiger Pride Cross Country

St. Luke's Episcopal School hosted it's annual Cross Country meet on Saturday, September 26th at Olmos Park. Coach D sums up the event poetically.

15 schools

99 boys running

54 girls running

1 beautiful day to have a great cross country race, priceless! As one parent added, "one inspiring coach."

Congratulations to the Cross-Country team (Iyan Ali, Cameron Davis, Claire Hayne, Macky Lopez, Morgan Nester, Mary Louise Randolph, Leo Solis-Gonzales, Laren Spear, Evan Tanner, Andrew Watson, Christine Zachry) who represented SLES at the meet and never gave up as they ran the challenging course. Great job organizing the event Coach D and many thanks to the parents and faculty members who came and helped to make this a successful event.

SHOW YOUR SPIRIT AWARD

A huge thanks goes to all the fans who came last week to show their support to the Lady Tigers. The class with the greatest percentage of students coming to the game was the 4th grade class. Congratulations! Cross Country will race at 9:00 am on Saturday at Concordia Lutheran School, and the Lady Tigers play again next week on Monday and Tuesday at 4:30 pm in the McNab gymnasium.

SLES SAINTS FOOTBALL PLAY WITH THE "BIG GUYS"

Coach McGarity was able to organize a fun and exciting trip to watch an Incarnate Word football practice and visit with the coaches and players, this past Tuesday, September 29th. Upon their arrival, they were greeted by Paul Alexander, host of "Bringing It" and "Longhorn Pipeline" and then taken into practice. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn a little about football and spend some motivational time with older players.

BOOK-O-RAMA

Mark your calendars for the **St. Luke's Book-O-Rama at the San Pedro Barnes and Noble**. It will be a fun family event in support of the school library. Students and parents are invited to come in their costumes. There will be student presentations, games, and a Dad's Costume Competition. A portion of all sales (when you mention St. Luke's) will go to purchase books for the school library. Teachers will have a wish list basket for their classrooms as well as having a wish list of books they want to go to the book room.

Chess teacher, Selby Anderson, will be performing with the Mastersingers on Oct. 25 in a "Sing for the Cure" concert, to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Mr. Anderson will be singing a solo in the concert. More information on time and place will appear in the next Tiger Talk.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Change in location: St. Luke's Fall Book Fair

Oct. 29, 2009 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ Barnes & Noble (San Pedro Crossing) 321 NW Loop 410 #104. Costume party, games, student presentations & BOOKS! Dad's night evolves into Book-O-RAMA this year will be at Barnes & Noble.

Wednesday, September 30-Friday, October 2 Outdoor School for grades 7/8

Monday, October 5th @ 8:30 Blessing of the Pets South Lawn

Wednesday, October 7-Friday, October 9 Outdoor School for Grades 5/6

Wednesday, October 7 Dress Uniforms

Friday, October 9 Celebration Chapel for Grade 2

Monday, October 12-Student Holiday/Staff Workday

REMINDERS: Monday, October 12, 2009, is a student holiday.
Updated information for Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day is due on TigerNET by
October 1.

Learning the Art of Life