

QUEENS LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



February, 2009



BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

The students will be in charge of Chapel. On February 11th Chapel for the 1st - 4th grade will begin at 8:45 a.m. and on February 25th Chapel for the 5th - 8th grade will begin at 9:00 a.m. Parents, family members and friends are welcome to come. If the students wish to wear Afro-centric attire they may do so.

DRAMA CLUB:

Students from **Martin Luther High School** came to perform for our students in 5th - 8th on **Thursday, February 5**

MIDTERM EXAMS:

Will be given to our **Junior High students, 7th & 8th** on **Tuesday February 10, Thursday, February 12 and Friday, February 13**. A schedule may be found on our web page and each student received a letter, schedule and a release form for their parent or guardian to sign because Junior High will be dismissed earlier on each one of those days.

FIELD TRIP:

Our 5th - 8th graders will visit a local **Nursing Home** on **Wednesday, February 11**. **Ms. Hayley Kucich** our **Care Cards** representative will join us and help distribute Valentine's Day cards to the patients. Our students will sit with some of the patients and make cards with them. Patients unable to come to the sun room because they are confined to their room will be

visited by some of our students who will present them with a card. As many of you already know, *Care Cards*, is a non-profit organization founded by a Manhasset, New York resident, that strives to get communities and individuals involved to help brighten people's lives through the making and sending of handmade cards. *Care Cards* has sent thousands of cards to the U.S. soldiers serving overseas, to families affected by Hurricane Katrina, children's hospitals, nursing homes, homeless shelters, foster care, and various other organizations. Their website is www.care-cards.org

SCHOOL CLOSED: Monday, February 16 through Friday, February 20 for our Winter Recess.

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 25. Ashes will be distributed in Chapel on this day.

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS:

The program started on January 26. We will be collecting coins and bills for **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, NYC Chapter**, throughout the month of February. This organization needs our help to ensure that the Pennies for Patients meets its goal to raise \$365,000.00 for research and patient services. We thank you in advance for your donations no matter how big or small it may be. Please see that your son/daughter brings in coins daily or weekly. You may want to ask your family and friends to donate coins or dollar bills to this very worthy cause.

FOOD FORMS: For March will soon be distributed. They are **due back by Thursday, February 26, 2009**. Please adhere to the deadline

RE-REGISTRATION FORMS:

The packets were given to the students on Friday, February 6th. Please **take advantage of the Early Bird special**. If you send in your forms, signed and dated, **by February 27th**, the **Re-registration fee will be \$100.00**. You **must also include all the fees on the green sheet which pertain to your child**. Send them all back to us with a check or money order payable to Queens Lutheran School.

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AND READING: We have two teachers working with some of our students to enhance and improve their knowledge in these areas.

GOOD NEWS: Our **Art Teacher, Mr. Keith Hanson**, put some of the **5th - 8th graders' art work on display at Rivington House Health Care Facility**, a Village Care of New York Facility, where Mr. Hanson works. The pictures of the art work made their monthly newsletter. Thank you Mr. Hanson. Parents, guardians, family members and friends, please come to the lower level and see the new Art Wall with our students' new work.

MANDATED SERVICES

BUDGET CUTS: Thank you for signing and sending back the 3 letters we sent home to you. They will be mailed to **Governor Patterson, Senator George Onorato** and **Assemblymember Michael Gianaris**. Most of you sent them back and many may have done this on line.

YANKEE CANDLE

FUNDRAISER: **We will distribute the packets this week.** Our last fundraiser was a great success and we hope that this one will be too.

CLEANING BASKET

FUNDRAISER: Yes, we have another one we're raffling off. Raffle tickets will soon be sent home for you to purchase or sell and at the same time raise money for our school. **This is a Spring Cleaning Basket** for your husband, boyfriend or significant other. Why should the women do all the cleaning?!?

AFTER SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES: Started this month and will take place every Friday, February 6th, 13th and 27th. **FREE RECORDER LESSONS** will be offered to our students, in all grades, from 2:30-3:30. The class is now full and closed.

- ▶ Mrs. Spellman is offering the **Theater Performance, Movement and Dance and Cheerleading**, for a fee, on Monday and Wednesday from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Every student received a handbook about this class. There are still spots available.

OPEN HOUSE DATES

March	11 th	Wednesday	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	29 th	Sunday	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
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<b>April</b>	8 th	Wednesday	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	26 th	Sunday	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
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May	13 th	Wednesday	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	17 th	Sunday	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:

Please **save the box tops for education** found on all General Mills Products, Kleenex boxes and more. Please save Campbell soup labels as well. Please bring them to school. For every 20 box tops or labels brought in your child will receive a N.U.T. card. This is a great incentive and at the same time the school will earn \$0.10 for each coupon.

Please check the Queens Lutheran School Website for information, up-dates, pictures, fun stuff. It is updated often especially the photo album section

www.queensluthेरanschool.com

1st & 2nd Grade - Ms. Gigler

- ◆ **First and Second graders are anxiously anticipating the *100th Day of School*. This year it will fall on Tuesday, February 10th. The children have voted on things to do including:**


- ★ Collecting 100 water bottles for recycling
- ★ Collecting 100 boxes to be used to build a city neighborhood
- ★ do 100 Math problems
- ★ do 100 jumping jacks
- ★ Make a hat with 100 stickers on it
- ★ Be silent for 100 seconds
- ★ Eat 100 Cheerios



- ◆ **We have worked on cooperative activities creating large murals that feature tigers. Please come see them in our hallway.**

- ◆ **Our dioramas featuring Dr. Martin Luther King preaching in his church and giving his famous speech in Washington D.C. are also on display.**



- ◆ **Sparkling, noodle snowflakes and Valentine's  paintings are part of our Art Gallery.**

- ◆ **Mrs. Caussin introduced us to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. We enjoyed listening to the Turkish Ronde and learning about his life. Ms. Gigler played some other selections, and Alex announced, "Let me guess, Mozart, right?" (Okay clever one-wait for Beethoven!)**

From the desk of Ms. Costanzo

**5th through 8th grade have a lot of exciting news
to share with you this month**



- ◆ **On Wednesday, February 11th we will visit a nursing home with our friends from *Care Cards*. We will be delivering Valentine's Day cards to the residents.**

- ◆ **From now through February 23rd, 5th through 8th grade are taking pledges for St. Jude Children's Hospital. If you would like to pledge a donation, you can write a check to: St. Jude Children's Hospital and send it to school with your child.**

- ◆ **Grades 5th through 8th will be responsible for our Chapel presentation on Wednesday, February 25th and would like to invite you to join us. We will be honoring African Americans while celebrating *Black History Month*.**

- ◆ **5th - 6th grade have done a beautiful job on their Food Pyramid Guides. You may come and see them on display outside our classroom in the lower level.**

- ◆ **The new Art Wall is up. Mr. Hanson, our volunteer Art teacher has done it again. With his direction, our 5th through 8th graders have created a spectacular work of art. Please stop in and check out the amazing work our children are producing.**

**I would like to Congratulate the 5th & 6th graders
who made Honors.**



Principal's List

6th - Gene Choi
6th - Anthony Stefanidis

High Honor Roll

6th - Priscilla Trieu

Honor Roll

6th - Diamond Soto
6th - Tattiana Peters
5th - Nina Rivenson
5th - Marc Anthony Sirois

Using God's Given Talents

6th Daniel Oh

Student Council is selling

Candy-grams

for Valentine's Day

Buy someone special a candy-gram

(.50¢ each)

**Write your message inside and Student Council will deliver it on
Friday, February 13th.**

Mrs. Raspantini - Computer Class

Computer News

The month of February is a short and busy month.

The 7th and 8th grades will be taking computer Mid-Terms. It is also Black History month. From athletes to scientists, activists and adventurers, the students will be asked to delve into the lives and careers of the people that made black history. Black History Month is a remembrance of important people and events in the history of African Americans. Some of the classes will be doing special assignments to acknowledge African Americans, who through their lives and careers, have contributed to this nation. The 5th and 6th graders, in particular, will be asked to choose a famous person in history, research his or her life and career, then compose, design and arrange a PowerPoint presentation on this person's life and accomplishments.



3rd & 4th grade - Mr. Busch

January was a very cold month.



- ▶ Grades 3 & 4 read “Where Do They Go When It’s 40 Below?” We learned about geese, whales, wolves, bears, moose... We made a bulletin board to go with what we discovered.

- ▶ We decorated our classroom for Chinese New Year. We made a dragon and put up lanterns and other symbols of the New Year. On January 23rd, we performed a lion dance. We ate Chinese food and had other Chinese treats. Special thanks to Mrs. Gomez and Mr. & Mrs. Munoz for their contributions to our fun day!

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7th & 8th grade - Ms. Darden

- ▶ **Junior High will be taking their Mid-term exams on February 10th, 12th and 13th. They are studying hoping to get a good grade and maintain or raise their average.**
- ▶ **Students in 5th - 8th grade will go on a field trip and visit a local nursing home on Wednesday, February 11th. The hand made Valentine's Day cards will be given to the seniors and they will also sit with some of them and make new cards.**
- ▶ **We are all looking forward to our Winter Recess - - - Monday, February 16 through Friday, February 20.**
- ▶ **On Wednesday, February 25th the 5th - 8th grade will be in charge of Chapel celebrating Black History Month. Parents are invited.**