

Happy Springtime and Easter Blessings...

I hope that Easter was a blessed time for your family and friends, and that you truly felt blessed because we know the Great Love of God. May we, as a St. Thomas the Apostle School community, continue to be people of faith, right relationships, peace and "Easter Joy".

There were days this winter when I wondered what season we were experiencing. Believe me, I'm not complaining, but now that spring is really here, the hope that new life and fresh growth is just around the corner, excites me.

As we continue to register new students at St. Thomas School, I am fortunate enough to be able to tell our story to families who are looking for the right educational experience for their children. We have been giving families the opportunity to come and see our school during the week after our children have left for the day. Believe me, I speak to them with a great deal of pride. It gives me the chance to show them our wonderful school. I don't let the opportunity go by without sharing a few insights, for instance, that some educational researchers promote the strength and value of a kindergarten through grade eight elementary school experience. Unlike other schools where multiple rooms of the same grades are housed together, kindergarten through grade eight schools like St. Thomas, offer an ongoing age and grade progression that allows the very young students to see where they are able to go, and challenge older students to model learning behaviors and traditions with our younger students. I see it every day at St. Thomas!

Spring is here, bringing new life for all of us.

*Peace,
Sr. Patty*

APRIL NEWS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL 26TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - FRIDAY, MAY 17TH!
Golfers and sponsors are needed to make our 26th annual golf tournament successful. Please consider these options to support the students at St. Thomas the Apostle School! The golf tournament is a major fundraiser for our school. Reminder - No School on Friday, May 17.

April Dates to Remember!

Monday, April 1 - PTO Meeting at 6:30-7:30 in the Club Room - All are welcome to attend!

April 15-19 - Spring Vacation Week

April 24 - Grandparent Morning - 8:30-10:30 - Information to be sent home soon.

DID YOU KNOW?

We were delighted to welcome guest readers to St. Thomas School on March 7th for Read Across America Week. Guest readers included: Fr. Jack Sheaffer, Diocesan School Superintendent Maria Wagner, Mayor William Reichelt, WSPD Chief Paul Connor, WSFD Chief Christopher Bartone, School Board Member Ray Hershel, Parish Secretary Joyce Reichelt, WS 2024 Member of the Colleen's Court Eibhlinn White, our Art Teacher Mrs. Terry Vosburgh and retired teachers, Mrs. Denise Hammond and Mrs. Winona Whalen. Along with our guest readers there were many classroom activities during the week which included "DEAR" time, Drop Everything and Read, creating bookmarks, buddy reading time, dressing like a favorite book character and decorating classrooms doors to celebrate Read Across America!

Our preschoolers were so LUCKY during the month of March! They celebrated Read Across America with some special readers. Mrs. Hammond visited our 3 year old classroom, and our 4 year old classrooms enjoyed a visit from our art teacher, Mrs. Vosburgh. The fun continued for the whole week with Silly Sock Day, Wacky Wednesday and Green Eggs and Ham Day - all the preschoolers tried their green eggs and ham! Preschoolers were busy setting up traps to catch some silly leprechauns, none were caught but they had fun trying! They were also busy celebrating spring and getting ready for Easter. They were all very busy with many Easter activities but their favorite was the Easter egg hunt with their buddies!

Miss Malouin and Mrs. Leclair's kindergarten class has been learning about responsibility. The Easter Bunny delivered peeps for the class. The kindergarteners are working hard to show their peeps how to make good choices, learn new things and how to do great kindergarten work. Such a fun way to learn all about responsibility!

The month of March in Mrs. Doyle's class was lots of fun as they celebrated St. Patrick, leprechauns, Irish stories and music. The highlight of the week was the lively parade. The children circled around the school giving St. Patrick's Day greetings to all! March 19th was St. Joseph's Day and the children designed pictures and wrote notes to Sr. Patty on her special day. They learned about the water cycle, and each morning there was practice in addition and subtraction of three digit numbers.

Mrs. Bonfitto's grade three class MARCHED right into the month! During Read Across America Week, they had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Ray Hershel as their guest reader. They enjoyed the books he read, Mr. Peabody's Apples and Peanut Butter and Cupcake. The students loved seeing a YouTube clip that featured Mr. Hershel when he was a news anchor at channel 40. For St. Patrick's Day, grade 3 and their preschool buddies enjoyed the book, How to Catch a Leprechaun and together they created leprechaun sticker designs. STEM projects were also a highlight during the month of March. One STEM project involved trying to capture a leprechaun. They designed a trap in their notebook and listed the items needed for their project. The traps were all created in class and were all beautiful and creative. It was a sweet defeat because even though a leprechaun wasn't caught, he left treats and a note. Another fun STEM activity was at Interskate 91 where a STEM educator helped the students in grades 3, 4 & 5 do a Reverse experiment by taking a skate apart.

Mrs. Neffinger's 4th and 5th grade language arts students have put their imagination and creativity to the test. To honor Dr. Seuss for his outstanding contributions to the world of literacy, the students were asked to create poems inspired by the author himself, written in Seuss fashion. These budding poets crafted verses that would make even Seuss himself proud, using vibrant imagery, playful language and a sprinkle of Seussian charm. Well done, 4th and 5th grade students!

Miss Hawley and her math students welcomed Mr. and Mrs. John Mruk for a morning of great Pi Day lessons and activities! The students learned all about circumference and radian measure of circles, which were the highlights of the Pi Day, as well as the delicious cookies Mrs. Mruk made for the classes!

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT ST. THOMAS SCHOOL!