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April 29, 2010

Mass Dates
April 30
1:15 pm

Fri., April 30 Musical
Theatre 360 7pm
Auditorium

MAY (19 days of
school) Mass dates:
7th, 13th, 21st

Sat., May 1 New
Parent Orientation
9am Auditorium

Fri., May 7
May Crowning
Sports Banquet

Sun., May 9
Mother's Day

Mon. May 10
Mother's Day Mass
& Luncheon

Thurs., May 13
Ascension Thursday
Mass 1:15 pm

Sat., May 15
2nd grade
Communion
Celebration 10am
Chapel

NO SCHOOL
MAY 28-31

ALPHA RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

On May 11 @ 11:00 a.m., representatives from the Bridge Educational Foundation, Rep. Mike Turzai and Senator Jane Orié will be here to present a gift from Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program to the Alpha School Scholarship fund.

The EITC is a successful public-private partnership allowing businesses to contribute funds towards a non-profit scholarship or education improvement organizations. Through this program, the Providence Heights Alpha School Scholarship fund can award scholarships to families who meet certain income guidelines. These funds are crucial in keeping some of our beloved families here at the Alpha School.

This event will be held at Kearns Spirituality Center. We plan to have our 6th, 7th and 8th graders in the audience but would also like to have some of our parents there as well.

We hope that you will join us in support of the EITC program and if you are able to join us please contact Patti at pkachmar@alphaschool.org.

2010-2011 School Calendar

This is a **revised** tentative calendar for the 2010-2011 School Year. It gives you dates for planning vacations or other events. Once dates are confirmed, parents will receive a completed calendar at the Ice Cream Social in August. **(April 6 is a school day)**

In-Service Days (No Classes)	Mon., Aug. 23, Tues., Aug. 24, Wed., Aug 25
First Day of School	Thursday, Aug., 26, 2010
Labor Day (No Classes)	Mon., Sept. 6
In-Service (No Classes)	Fri., Oct. 15
In-Service (No Classes)	Mon., Nov. 1
Parent/Teacher Conference (No Classes)	Tues., Nov. 2
Veterans Day (No Classes)	Thurs., Nov. 11
Noon Dismissal	Wed., Nov. 24
Thanksgiving Break	Thurs., Nov.25 - Mon., Nov. 29
School Resumes	Tues., Nov. 30
Noon Dismissal	Wed., Dec. 22
Christmas Break	Thurs., Dec. 23 - 31
Classes Resume	Mon., Jan. 3
Martin Luther King Jr Day (No Classes)	Mon., Jan. 17
Clerical Day (No Classes)	Mon., Jan 24
In-Service (No Classes)(snow make-up day)	Mon., Feb.21
Clerical Day (No Classes)	Fri., Mar. 25
In-Service (No Classes)	Mon., Mar. 28
No-Classes (snow make-up day)	Wed., April 20
No-Classes Holy Thursday	Thurs., April 21
No-Classes Good Friday	Fri., April 22
No-Classes (snow make-up day)	Mon., April 25
No Classes (snow make-up day)	Fri., May 27
Memorial Day	Mon., May 30
Clerical Day (No Classes)	Wed., June 8
Last Day of School (11:30 am Dismissal)	Thurs., June 9
Graduation	Thursday, June 9 7:00pm

Student News

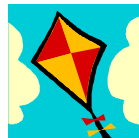
Lelah McCarthy is this week's 8th grade highlight, but with a twist; the highlight is written by Mackenzye Santos.

Lelah Shannon McCarthy is fabulous! She is an eighth grade student and is planning to attend Oakland Catholic High School next year where her older sister Julia is a junior. She recently received the Oakland Catholic Alumnae Scholarship.

Lelah is one of four children of John and Deborah McCarthy. Both her younger brother William, 6th grade, and younger sister Mary, 4th grade, are Alpha students. Besides her three siblings, Lelah has two dogs Percy and Lily, and three cats, Toby, Odette, and Coco.

Lelah plays Arsenal Soccer and is on the Alpha soccer team. She is a Libra who likes the color red, and the Beatles.

Mackenzye Santos



BRITE SMILES BRIGHT FUTURE

The 3rd grade Brownie Troop 264 is participating in BRITE SMILES BRIGHT FUTURE program collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste as their Spring Service Project to help Caring for Cambodia. Caring for Cambodia needs 9,000 toothbrushes annually, in order to provide each of their 3,000 students with 3 new toothbrushes per year. Access to toothbrushes and toothpaste is limited in Cambodia and children are not educated about how to brush their teeth. As part of Caring for Cambodia's program, students are required to brush their teeth after each meal and they need the tools to do so. Please send your toothbrush and toothpaste donations to Alpha between April 21 and May 15th. The home room who collects the most toothbrushes and toothpaste will earn a pizza party sponsored by BROWNIE TROOP 264.

Erin Amelio

UPDATES

- Please send any Box Tops for Education labels to the office.
- NO intramurals May 10th & 27th / June 7 is last intramurals day.
- The Recognition Award Ceremony for **grades 6-8** has been changed from May 26th to June 4th. The Ceremony will be in the auditorium from 6:30-7:30 and the dance from 7:30--9:00 in the Gym.
- Mother's Day Luncheon and Mass is Monday, May 10. **Please note Mass is at 1:00pm.** If you did not receive an invitation, please contact office. RSVP's are due Friday, April 23. Please contact Julie Tsounos with any questions.

11:30 am Lunch in Auditorium

12:30 pm Dismissal to youngest child's homeroom

1:00 pm Mass

- PARENTS OF 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A MEETING ON MAY 18 AT 7PM IN THE SCIENCE CENTER TO EXPLAIN THE MATH PROGRAM FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE RSVP TO OFFICE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

***Please do not enter the building after 6pm or on the weekends. Some parents are going to the Sisters' door and entering the building; this is not allowed.**

2010-2011 Tuition Contracts

The Non-Refundable Tuition Deposit (\$855.00) and the Non-Refundable Activity Fee (\$350.00) were due April 15, 2010 with your Letter of Intent. If you have not mailed your deposit and letter, please do so as soon as possible. We rely on your information to order supplies and books for the upcoming school year. Plan 1 and Plan 2 tuition payments will be due soon. Please contact Christina Ervin in the finance office with any questions you have about the contracts.

Spring into Reading Program

Alpha Parents!

Thank you for participating in the Spring into Reading program. As a reminder, the last day to turn in book badges is Friday, April 30th. We will be celebrating the success of the program with a school assembly on Thursday, May 6th and I am requesting your help for the Alpha Family Feud activity that the 6th graders and I have planned.

Please take a moment to help your child(ren) complete a short online survey about their favorite books, characters, and authors. Since this is a family program, anyone in your household can vote.

Please access the survey by clicking the link below:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7XHVB7V>

The survey will close on Tuesday, May 4th at 11 pm. If you have any questions or have problems accessing the survey, please contact me. Thank you so much for helping with this!

Sincerely,
Lynn Smokovich

Providence Heights

Alpha School

Fund Raiser Event

Present this flyer
Dine-in or take-out

Tuesday, May 11, 2010



**Come to the
PIZZA HUT
on Route 19**

**In the Wexford Shopping Plaza,
724-935-5400**

20% of all proceeds from customers who present this flyer will go to
the
Providence Heights Alpha School.



The \$10 MILLION CUT in the EITC Program

Help us lobby for this critical
education tax credit law.

Happy Birthday EITC!!!

Come out and join REACH, families, and legislators
for a birthday party celebrating the 9th anniversary
of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit!!!

*Where: Behind the Capitol
(Commonwealth Avenue - by the fountain)*

*When: Tuesday, May 4, 2010
12:00 noon to 1:30 pm*

Lunch and other giveaways will be provided.

THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH WILL BE PROVIDING A FREE BUS.

DEPARTURE WILL BE AT 7:30 AM
FROM NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS SCHOOL
2526 HAYMAKER ROAD MONROEVILLE.

RETURN ARRIVAL TO
NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS SCHOOL
APPROXIMATELY 6:00 PM.

Call Dr. Ron Bowes at 412-456-3090, if you have any questions

Participant's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

School _____