FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Academy Families,

I recently came across this poem written by Max Erhman, and I seem to find myself reading it over and over again this week. It's one of those writings that you cannot let go.

Even though this poem was written almost 100 years ago, it's amazing how much of it remains true in 2015. There are so many lines I related to, but I'll highlight the first two. "Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and... [Click here to read more.]

MR. REICHERT'S SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS

Sixth graders in Mr. Reichert's World Cultures class have been studying Africa. During the unit, students researched specific nations with their partners to create outlines that detail the country's geography, culture, history and economy. They then work together to design a board game or create a digital story which then introduces their classmates to everything they'll learned about their country. They really responded and were very supportive of each other!

DELAWARE ALL-STATE JUNIOR CHORUS

Congratulations to Matthew Witterholt '15, Andrew Martin '15 and Riley McAvinue '14 for auditioning and being chosen for the Delaware All-State Junior Chorus. We wish them well as they prepare for the concert in February at Mount Pleasant High School.
MRS. ALCARESE'S K-1 CLASS

The boys in Mrs. Alcarese's Kindergarten class have been learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They are discussing how he sought to bring about change by leading peaceful protests and fought for equality for all men and women. The boys heard all about the historical speech that Dr. King delivered in August 1963 and decided to write their own 'speeches'. They went to the Rollins Center, stood at the podium, one at a time and delivered their own dreams. They dreamt of more hugs, less fighting, feeding the hungry, loving 'even robbers', and that no one should ever have to play alone.

It was a really special moment at the Academy.

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL PROGRAM

The Instructional Basketball Program (Grades 1 & 2) began January 10th and runs from 9am-10am for 4 more consecutive Saturdays (1/17, 1/24, 1/31 and 2/7). Signups were in November. Please contact Ryan Holsten with concerns or questions.

LOWER FORM READING BUDDIES

The Lower Form celebrates reading on the first Friday of every month by inviting family members in to be 'reading buddies' during drop-off. They find cozy spots and read with their son. We began this program five years to help students see that the adults in their lives love and value reading, too!

LONG DIVISION TEAMS!

will be posted next Friday.

LETTER DAYS

Tuesday, 1/20 'b'
Wednesday, 1/21 'c'
Thursday, 1/22 'd'
Friday, 1/23 'e'

LUNCH MENU

Monday, 1/19: No Classes!
Tuesday, 1/20: Deli Sandwich w/ Chips ($3.25)
Wednesday, 1/21: Meatball Sandwich w/ Chips ($3.50)
Thursday, 1/22: Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich w/ Whipped Potatoes ($3.50)
Friday, 1/23: Pizza ($2.00) ($2.25)

CAMP FAIR

Click here for details about the annual 'Camp Fair' at Tower Hill. It's never to early to plan for summer!

SPIRIT WEAR
This week the faculty rallied around the 3rd grade as they took on the difficult task of mastering long division. Learning this requires repeated practice under the eye of someone who knows what they are doing. Faculty members gave up their lunch period or planning period to work with students in groups of 2 or 3. This small group instruction proved to be beneficial as all boys left class feeling excited and confident that they could ‘teach’ their parents the lesson that evening. Thank you to all of the Faculty!

**PROGRESS REPORTS and CONFERENCES**

We’ll publish a [Signup Genius](#) for scheduling Parent/Teacher conferences around 4pm Friday, January 23rd shortly after Progress Reports (all grades) are posted in NetClassroom which you can access via ‘[My SEA](#)’. We’ll send you details on 1/22 and the actual link on 1/23.

**MUSIC SCHOOL of DELAWARE**

There is a free open house at the Music School of Delaware. Come enjoy live music, refreshment, sample lessons, demos and consider Spring and Summer registrations. The event will take place from 5-7pm on Monday, January 26th at their 4101 Washington Street (Wilmington) location. RSVP by clicking [here](#) or calling 302-762-1132.

**PARENTS’ GUILD UPDATE**

Thank you to those who attended our meeting last night!

**SAVE THE DATE**

- **Saturday, 1/24:** Bunco/Family Night (...and [Grand Raffle](#) Kickoff)
- **Saturday, 2/28:** 2nd Annual Parents’ Social Night (‘The Beef & Beer’...and the [Grand Raffle](#) Final Drawing!)

The Lancer Club’s **AL’S SPORTING GOODS Online Sale** is now open! Please [log on](#) to place orders for P.E. uniforms or Spirit Wear. **This sale closes on Tuesday!!**

**STUDENT DANCE**

St. Mary Magdalen is holding a student dance for students in grades 6-8 on 1/31 from 7-10pm. Click [here](#) for details.

**IPAD INSURANCE**

Click [here](#) for details about participating in the Academy’s iPad insurance plan.

**SOCIAL SKILL**

Napkins are to be kept on your lap and used as needed.

**WINTER CLASSIC**

Please join us this weekend as we cheer on our
CAFETERIA HELP REQUESTED!
If you haven't yet signed up to help in the cafeteria, please do so. We need at least 3 volunteers for each day, and we're asking all families to sign up for at least one day! Click here to see our list of immediate need.

Click here to sign up on VolunteerSpot

the annual Winter Classic. All SEA CYM teams will play at home tomorrow beginning at 9:00am. Contact Mr. Holsten.