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The "Knighly" News

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR ELEMENTARY PARENTS AND STUDENTS
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School begins at 8:15 a.m. – School is dismissed at 3:20 p.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Jan. 20** - The S.O.S. will be doing the concessions at the Syracuse high school basketball games at Murdock. There will be root beer floats and brownie sundaes along with the other concessions items.
- Jan. 26** - Geography Bee for students in grades 4-6 at 1:00 p.m. in the library.
- Feb. 1** - Spelling Bee for grades 5&6 at 1:00 p.m. in the library.
- Feb. 9** - No school for Parent/Teacher Conferences. The Conferences will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Scheduling information is being sent home today.
- Feb 12** - No school for Winter Break.

Illness

This week we have seen quite a bit of illness throughout the school and we have had several cases of confirmed influenza, which is currently presenting as a headache and fever. As a reminder, anything over 100 is considered a fever at school and your child should be kept home. If you're suspicious your child has influenza, you can consult your doctor about possible treatments. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has excellent resources online. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm> for helpful information. If you have not received your flu shot yet, there is still time, as they project the flu season still has plenty of time left! If you have taken your child to the doctor and have tested positive for influenza, please let the school know. Many of you have already contacted us and we greatly appreciate it.

Cold Weather

Please send gloves/mittens, hats, and warm coats to school with your children as we will be going outside for recess as much possible during the winter months.

Weekly Driving Tips

Carry in your vehicle, in an easy to find place, all contact numbers that you may need as well as emergency contact information, personal information and any outstanding medical needs that you may have.

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1st Grade Art: Symmetrical Snowflakes

First Grade students made symmetrical snowflakes in art class this week. We talked about what symmetrical means and thought of lots of things that are the same on both sides. We looked at examples of snowflake photos taken by William Bentley. Bentley was nicknamed Snowflake Bentley because he was obsessed with trying to get the perfect picture of a snowflake, which was really hard at the time. They didn't have digital cameras they could look at right away. It took a very long time for them to develop pictures so Bentley had to take thousands of pictures until he got just the right one. Through studying his pictures we learned that snowflakes are symmetrical or the same on both sides and no two snowflakes are exactly the same! First graders practiced folding paper and cutting several layers to make their paper snowflakes. Once they had enough practice, we made several different snowflakes and glued them layered onto black paper.

S.O.S Meeting Minutes January 16, 2018

1. Meeting started at 7:02

- Jill May, Jen Justus, Mr. Friedrich, Jennifer Brettman, Dana Kollars, Jayne Day

2. Approval of minutes

3. Treasurer's Report:

- Checking: \$5,041.44 Savings: \$8,516.81

4. Bits and Pieces fundraiser

- \$100.00 received from Bits and Pieces.
- They may be changing how the fundraiser is done in the future.

5. Clothing orders

- Sold out of hats.
- Buy more to keep in stock.
- Jayne will contact person for rep.

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6. Shade

- Cantilever (Bid from the company that did the Elmwood Park).
- Received 2 bids for 2 different designs – bids are without installation.
- Everyone wants to see the designs/measurements as they relate to our playground – want the best “bang” for buck.
- Mr. Friedrich will follow-up to clarify questions.

7. Concessions – January 20th

- Root beer floats and Brownie Sundaes @ separate table
- 2:15 @ gate
- Nachos, Tacos, Hot dogs
- **Only 19 volunteers out of 35 needed**
- Donations are easier to get than volunteers

8. Spring Carnival – April 6th, 2018

- Working on newer / updated donation letter
- Updating addresses of donors
- Discussion of tickets vs. wristband concept
- Prices for ages (?)
- Games/inflatables
- Kindergarten registration – give concession voucher instead of “tickets”
- 14 possible games - 2 inflatables from company
- Made list choice
- Mr. Friedrich will follow up with questions
- Choose committees next meeting
- Concessions
- Raffle / Silent Auction – maybe worked together (Discuss with Brettmann letter donation)
- Volunteers

9. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m.

10. Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm