

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful first week we had! I hope your children enjoyed being treated like celebrities that first day. It has been a good week, and the students and teachers are getting back into the school routine. Our morning gathering has centered on kindness, and the bible readings have pertained to kindness. Each child is to do an act of kindness for a classmate, a teacher, and for his/her parents. I am pleased to have witnessed several acts of kindness. Today we talked about the Golden Rule, so you might ask your child about that.

Next week we have the vision screening scheduled for Tuesday after Mass. It is being conducted by the Decherd Lions' Club, and the school appreciates their volunteering to do this.

We began Brain Gym today, and we will continue with helping children exercise and use both sides of their brain. See if they can show you an exercise. This activity, if done consistently, will help your child focus during the school day.

I want you to know that if you need to talk with me about anything, I am always there to listen. You may call me at school between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

Thank you for your support, and may God bless each of you.

Kelly Doyle

Home and School

The first meeting of the Home and School Association will be Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Terri Bailey, the regional bookkeeper, will be there to explain your billing statement and will be happy to answer any questions. This is an important meeting, as many exciting plans for the coming year will be shared. We hope to see all parents there.

Girl Scouts

Beth Hazelwood, the Girl Scout Troop Leader for the past couple of years, would like to ask all interested parents to please contact her at haze111@bellsouth.net or call her at 636 9763. We are lacking leaders for this year. While we were able to offer a program for Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Caddettes in the past, this doesn't seem possible this year. Please consider being a leader !!!

Cub Scouts

Our very active Cub Scout Troop is starting off the year with the annual Roundup at the school pavilion on **Friday, August 21st at 5pm**. Come and see what we are all about – the boys Grade 1 through 5 will already have had the chance to listen and talk to the Cub Scout leadership sometime next week. The first Pack meeting will be Thursday, August 27th at 5:30 in the Cafeteria and the regular meetings for the individual Dens will be the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30pm.

We would like to invite ANY boy interested in Scouting – they do NOT have to be students at GS and can be in 1st through 5th Grade to join us.

Cub Scouting is a wonderful way to build character, improve physical fitness, learn practical skills and develop a spirit of community service.

Art Program

Ask your child if he/she had fun in Art today ☺

Our Art Program this year is an ambitious one and needs dedicated parents to sign up to volunteer. We would love to have 3-4 people permanently signed up with a couple of individuals as backups!

Art days will be EVERY 2nd Friday of the month – and sometimes (additionally) the 4th Friday of the month. Projected month for 2 Art Friday's are: August, October, November, January and February.

Planned as projects/artists are : Georgia O'Keefe, Auguste Rodin, M.C. Escher, the Colorists, Watercolor, Fabric Painting, Mosaics, Paper Mache and International Christmas.

WHAT WE NEED:

- VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEERS
- Any prints or other materials that pertain to our planned project: Do you have any O'Keefe prints in your home? May we borrow it in October?
- Paper towels
- Wax paper
- Tacky glue (the fast dry version)
- Thin ribbon
- Artist paint brushes
- Feathers, yarn, mesh
- Luan board

Your child will need a large shirt for the Fabric Painting we are planning to do as soon as possible (possibly August 28th or Sep 11th. It needs to be light colored, long sleeve and large enough to go over your child's clothing. Please let

the other parents know if you find a good deal somewhere or can pick some up at a yard sale...

For any questions or comments (or to VOLUNTEER) please contact Pam Wiedemer at preciouswonders@gmail.com or Barbara.wright@yahoo.com – or call Barbara at 931 308 5277.

You can always leave your donations in the front office.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children ☺

Just a Thought

It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well.

Rene Descartes