



Tiny Tales



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2010

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parents,

As we welcome February you will soon see red hearts, cupids and three-cornered hats abound in the school. Old man winter has made himself known to us with snow, wind and cold temperatures. We have been fortunate so far this year in that the children have not missed a day of school due to inclement weather. As for the rest of the winter, all we can really do is wait and see what Mother Nature has in store for us.



Our January Open House was very successful this year. We had quite a few visitors throughout the week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff members who volunteered their time to act as guides for our visitors. Registration was open to the community last week. We still have a few openings available so, if you have any friends or neighbors who are interested in Trinity and missed registration please ask them to call for an application or pick one up from the office. **As a reminder, your last tuition payment was due February 1. Your child's placement for next year cannot be finalized until we receive that payment. Thank you for your cooperation in this**

matter. If you have any questions, please stop by the office.

Our school will be **closed** on Monday, February 15 in honor of Presidents' Day.

All of our children will participate in Trinity Day School's "**Read To Me**" reading incentive program during the months of February and March. A packet of information was sent home last week. If you have not received the information concerning this reading program, please ask your child's teacher. The children will receive a book from their teacher at the start of the program and a gift book and bookmark at the end of March. An article highlighting the importance of reading to your child on a daily basis is attached to this newsletter.

Attached to this newsletter please find information and an application for Trinity's **Summer Nature Camp**. We will be accepting applications beginning February 15. The camp is open to both our students and the community. If you have friends or neighbors with children ages 3—8, please tell them about our camp. Applications are also available on our website.

Trinity's biggest fundraiser of the year, our fourth **Silent Auction**, is right around the corner. Volunteers are still needed to guarantee that the evening will run smoothly. A sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby. Please lend a hand if at all possible. We have gotten some fabulous donations for auction items including vacation homes, skiing lessons, restaurants, jewelry and much, much more! All of our teachers are donating fun activities for the children ranging from pony rides to tea parties. Please **mark your calendar for Friday, March 5** so you don't miss out on all the fun. The evening's festivities begin at 7 p.m. Hope to see everyone there!

With winter weather upon us and the cold and flu season in full swing, please refer to our school handbook for guidelines regarding school policy and illnesses. Additionally, please note that if your child is diagnosed with a contagious illness such as strep throat or pinkeye, they **may not** return to school until they have been on an antibiotic for 24 hours.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by the office.

Sincerely,
Lynn

FROM OUR RECTOR

Lent is the time from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day, and traditionally has been a time for self-denial and charitable giving. When I was a child, we collected coins throughout Lent in small boxes that we brought to church on Easter Day. This money would go to help children less fortunate than we were. I continue to practice self-denial and charitable giving as part of my spiritual preparation for Easter, and encourage you to begin this practice with your children.

As I wander through the Day School and peek through the doors, I see students happily learning in a very pleasant, clean and warm building. I rejoice that we were able to make the expansion happen so that your children, and more children in the years ahead, can benefit from a superb early childhood education program. We are indeed blessed at Trinity. I find my thoughts turning from the blessings we enjoy, to the tragedy the people of Haiti face after the massive earthquake of a few weeks ago. While the short term needs are for medical care, food and clean water, long range rebuilding will need to be done as well. After considering both our blessings and Haiti's need, I have decided that this year's Lenten project for the church and day school will be to fill coin jars with pennies, nickels, dimes and other donations to be sent to Holy Trinity Music School in Haiti. This school is part of the Anglican Church in Haiti and shares a long term relationship with the Rev. Tracy Bruce and St. John's Glyndon, MD. You can find more information on their website www.stjohnsglyndon.org. By sharing a small part of our blessings, we can help the children of Haiti recover from this disaster and rebuild their school as we have built ours.
Blessings, Fran+

MUSIC NOTES

In January, all the classes learned a poem with hand movements, "The Chubby Little Snowman". The 4's classes also set it to music using various rhythm instruments. The students participated in a freeze march activity to LeRoy Anderson's music, "Sleigh Ride", and learned several snowmen and icicle songs.



In honor of the Martin Luther King holiday, Mrs. Kelley Jo's students learned a song, "Freedom, Freedom, Let It Ring". All the 3's and 4's classes practiced several songs (with signs) about diversity and peace to share at Wednesday Chapel: "No One Like Me", "Peace Is", and "Peace Like a River". The 2's learned a hymn, "Loving One Another".

All the classes, except the 2's, have begun preparing songs for Easter Chapel (Wednesday, March 31st) and for our spring musical. This year, we'll be singing songs from Mother Goose. More details later.

In February, we will be learning songs about Ground Hog's Day, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.
Musically,
Sue Cusick

EXTENDED DAY NEWS

Warm up to February's chill at Extended Day with good friends and a cup of hot chocolate. It's the time of year for flowers, candy and hearts. Come help us spread the joy of Valentine's Day with sparkling crafts and sweet treats. Our Valentine's Tea Party will be held on Wednesday, February 10. We will also be baking pretzels for the start of the Lenten season. Plan on joining us. We look forward to seeing you!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to our Trinity friends who celebrated birthdays in **January:**

Cooper Janson, Parker Janson, Will Sento, Quinlin Coker, Sabine Buccheri, Anastasia Terry, Charlotte Goldman, Lucy Goldman, and Mrs. Amy Ervin.

And in February: Wallace Radebaugh, Kaili Bruso, Tyler Carlisle, Mrs. Martha Wheeler, Kamryn Cowan, William Talbot, Luke McGee, Susan Radebaugh, Emma Carroll, Mrs. Jean Carder, Megan Hartka, Ellie Anderson, and Eva Voxakis.

TUITION PAYMENT #4 for the 2009-2010 school year is due February 1. Tuition fees are as follows:

1 day 2's	\$127.00
2 day 2's	\$375.00
2 day 3's	\$330.00
3 day 3's	\$495.00
3 day 4's	\$495.00
3 day 4's +Enrich.	\$989.00
5 day 4's	\$823.00
5 day 4's +Enrich.	\$1318.00

As a reminder, enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year will not be finalized until tuition for the 2009-10 school year is paid in full.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thanks to all who have submitted Box Tops this year. With our combined efforts we have already earned over \$200.00 this year! Our next submission is due the end of February. Please bring any Box Tops you have at home to school by the end of this month. Collection boxes are located throughout the school.

PARENTS' CLUB NEWS

As the dreary winter weather conditions continue, I know we all look forward to warmer weather and springtime. Thoughts of warmer weather makes me think of the Silent Auction which is quickly approaching on March 5th. The Silent Auction is a great night to get out without children, mingle with other Trinity parents, and purchase great items which benefit our wonderful school. Please feel free to invite family members, friends, alumni, and anyone else to make this night a huge success.

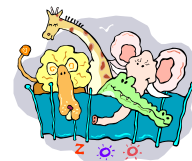
Sign up sheets have been distributed for volunteers. There is also a sign up board located in the school lobby. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated. If you have donations, questions, time to give, etc. please don't hesitate to contact the chairs of the Silent Auction who we all know are working so hard to make this night a big success for Trinity.

Many Thanks,
Kate

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

are attached. Orders are due by Monday, February 15. Please make checks payable to **Scholastic**.

TRINITY SUMMER NATURE CAMP
"GOD'S AMAZING CREATURES"



AGES 3—8
Weekly sessions from
June 14—August 6
9:00 a.m—1:00 p.m.
After camp care until 5:30
Registration begins February 15

“HELP GROW OUR FUTURE” SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

March 5th is fast approaching and donations have steadily been coming in! We want to sincerely thank everyone that has put in the time and effort to help solicit and obtain donations for the auction. Having the help of friends and family of Trinity will ensure the success of this year’s auction!

For those of you still working on donations, we would like to have all donations in hand by February 15th. Please call or email Lisa Carroll with updates or if you have any questions.

There is a large sign up board posted in the school lobby for help with the auction. Please stop and take a look to see where you can help out. There are many responsibilities now up to the day of the auction and volunteers are needed!

Invitations to the auction will be sent out shortly. Tickets can be reserved in the school office. Remember, all friends, family and alumni are welcome, so please spread the word! We have exciting vacations, OC parasailing, fine jewelry, sports memorabilia, WBAL radio/TV tour and sit-in with Dave Sandler, golf outings, and numerous certificates for restaurants and spas just to name a few! This will be a fabulous night of good food, fun and fundraising all the Help Grow Our Future!

DON'T MISS IT!

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