



St. Michael Elementary School

November 5, 2009

Dear Families,

This will be a short bulletin with **important information**. I just spent the last two and a half days going through Anti-Racist training provided by the Archdiocese. It was very intense, and, without a doubt, we all know that racism affects the quality of our lives as a church, school, family, society, world. I will share more later.

As part of our mandated Security Plan—now a federal law—we just purchased a **defibrillator**—a machine that shocks the heart in the event that someone's heart would stop beating. Mrs. Sandoval, Mr. Ortiz, Mrs. Botello and I are now taking intense training to **complete CPR training so that we can be certified to give CPR** and we will be engaged in training this coming Monday and Tuesday from 8:00-4:00.

Tuesday is our **Parent-Teacher-Child Conferences** so that you can see what progress or what needs your child may have at this time. The purpose of these conferences is to create a plan that both teacher and parent can work on for the second quarter. Perhaps your child may need testing for attention deficit or some academic counseling or a full academic evaluation—these will be discussed. **No report cards will be given unless a parent attends the conference. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on that day. Conferences will run from 1:00-6:30. Grades 5-8 will conference in the cafeteria. All other teacher will conference in their rooms.**

CANDY ORDERS with money are due in the office tomorrow, the 6th of November. The orders will then be delivered on Thursday of next week.

CALENDAR...CALENDAR...CALENDAR...CALENDAR...CALENDAR...
Early dismissal on Tuesday, November 10th so that Parent Teacher conferences can be held. Extended day will be open. THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH—VETERANS' DAY.

SWINE FLU—if your child has a fever, a deep cough, is vomiting or complains of any other symptoms, PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME

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rather than exposing the rest of us. Cases are beginning to be seen. Right now we have about 25 children out a day while last week we had almost 100% attendance. Illness does not mean that your child has the swine flu. You would have to see your doctor. In the meantime, we do not have any plans to close our school for any reasons. The BEST thing is to KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME rather than spread colds or strep throat or any other illness.

Thanks to all of you who have paid your tuition for November and are updated at this point. We still do not have nearly enough money to meet payroll next week. If everyone sent in a portion of what they owe from November, that would make things work for us for next week's payroll.

SPECIAL THANKS TO MRS. SOLIS AND HER TEAM OF PEOPLE WHO MADE THE HALLOWEEN PARTY SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS. 247 tickets were sold, and a profit of \$942 was earned. That is sensational news!!c The volunteers we have to thank are the following.

- Mr. Leno—Kitchen Coordinator and his volunteers—Ms. Lydia Galvan and Mrs. Collins
- Popcorn and Candy Bags—Mrs. White, Mrs. Hollins, Mrs. Cortez, Mrs. Camacho
- Decorating—Mrs. Vesely, Mrs. Reyes, Mrs. Alvarez, Lisa and Anna Veseley
- Cleaning Crew Coordinator—Mrs. Gonzalez and Mrs. Cortez, Mrs. Martinez, students Undre, Donny
- Supervision of Children coordinator—Elizabeth Avila and her sister
- Hall Security—Mr. Farmer and Joe Perez
- Donations from Joe Perez, Mr. Ortiz, and ACE Hardware
- Other volunteers—Martha Lopez, Gabriel Blanco

Again, we are so grateful for the volunteer help and the families who joined us for a delightful party. Special thanks to the 8th graders who prepared the Haunted House. From the screams I heard, it was frightening. Thanks also to the 7th graders who supplied games for little ones to play and receive prizes.

Stay well.

Ms. Lee

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