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Principal's News

Hopefully the weather will be a little more consistent in the future. Let's hope the sunny days will far outnumber the rainy ones!

Whatever happens, this Friday, June 2 with the weather, either way we will still go ahead with our **Walk-A-Thon**--even if we have to have it in Canning Hall and walk in circles!

I was hoping I didn't have to keep reminding parents on this, but we still have many parents who have not **registered their child for the 2017-2018 school year** which begins at the end of August (more on official dates later this summer). With only days now left for the current school year to end and our school budget due in two weeks, we must know what our enrollment is going to be. Be it having to hire or not hire extra teacher assistants to hours for staffing, we need for you to get your **registration form in NOW** (the registration fee of \$150 can be paid later--as I have been saying for months now).

I'll mention it again and it will be in the school calendar, but please set aside **Saturday, June 10th** for the **Gaspee Parade** beginning at **10:00**. We have a float that Mrs. Lui along with the assistance of Mrs. Yattaw and students that is fantastic! We need a good turnout to represent St. Paul School that day (we have some St. Paul School shirts to wear that day too).

Continued Principal News...

Graduation Dates & Ceremonies

Graduation Mass for the **Class of 2017** will be held on **Thursday, June 8 at 5:30 pm** in **St. Paul Church**. An **Awards Ceremony** and refreshments for the graduates and their families will be held in the school auditorium after Mass.

The **Closing Ceremony** for **Pre-K** and *formal graduation ceremony* for **Kindergarten** will be on **Wednesday, June 14** beginning at **9:00 am** for **Pre-K** and **Kindergarten** immediately following at **11:00 am**. Children will be dismissed after each ceremony with their parents.

Field Day is on our last day of school on **Friday, June 16**. Students will walk to Beachmont Field starting at 9:30 or so and returning by noon time for Hotdogs & Chips. At **1:30** we will have our **Award Ceremony** in the school auditorium with final **dismissal at 2:00!**



Summer Camp begins on
Monday, June 26-
August 18
(8:00-5:00)

Home & School Association

The Home and School Association had a busy year. Thanks to all who participated and all our helpers!

The Semi-Formal Dance that was scheduled for Friday, June 2 has been cancelled. We did not have enough families signed up to make it a success.

Many thanks to all who supported our Book Fair earlier this month.

The Field Day for Grades 1-7 and the class of 2017 will be held on June 16th, the last day of school. Any parents who have taken the Safe Environment Training are encouraged to volunteer. We also need donations of hot dogs, rolls, condiments, chips and cookies/brownies and water bottles.

We want to congratulate the eighth graders for their achievements and wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors!



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Pre-K 4

Pre-K 3 & 4 News

May has been a busy month with so many ways to learn! The children are getting ready for the close of the school year! We enjoyed observing how flowers grow, how caterpillars become butterflies, how much our Moms love us and we were even able to take our "vacations" in each class! Pre-K 4 had a wonderful time in Italy, seeing so many great sights and experiences. Pre-K 3 liked their camping trip too, spending a lot of time around the campfire! In June, we are looking forward to our field day, talking about summer and preparing for our End of the Year celebration, which is on Wednesday, June 14th at 9:00 a.m. (This is the children's last day of school; they will be dismissed at the conclusion of the program) All families are welcome to attend!

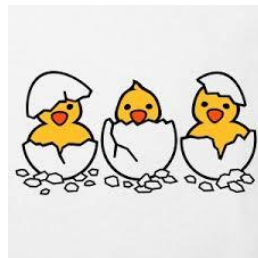
As another school year comes to an end, we would just like to say thank you to all of our families who gave us the opportunity to watch your child grow and learn.

We wish you a happy and safe summer!



K News

With only a few weeks left of school, Kindergarten is getting ready for Graduation and summer vacation! This past month was very busy and exciting! We started off the month by writing our book on Spring poems. We learned all about different kinds of poetry and focused mainly on list poems.



We then had a visit from Casey Farm and Farmer Shelly dropped off 19 chick eggs for us! We tracked the egg's development for three weeks and were thrilled to have 15 baby chicks hatch! After taking care of them for a week, the chicks went back to the farm. We

look forward to visiting them this week!



In June, Kindergarten will also have their annual Field Day and will celebrate our graduation on Wednesday, June 14th. We have been practicing every day and can't wait to share this special day with you!



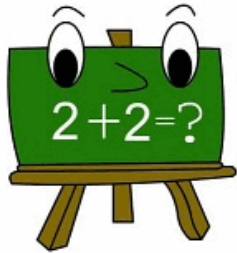
Grade 1 News

Last week we released our Painted Lady butterflies. The children seemed to really enjoy watching as our caterpillars grew and changed and it was a very good learning experience for all. For the next few weeks, we will continue our weather study our ocean study and begin learning some fun facts about Rhode Island.

We are currently finishing up our Reading Street program. This week we are working on our Benchmark Test. Next week we will

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read a biography of Ben Franklin and study our last list of spelling words for this school year. We'll finish up by making our own kites just like Ben Franklin did in the story.



In Math, we'll continue working on money and time and begin working on measurement and two digit addition and subtraction. Don't forget to continue practicing addition and subtraction facts with your child this summer and keep reading too!

Your first graders have grown so much this year. You should be very proud of them. Thank you for all your support during the school year. It was my pleasure to be your child's first grade teacher. Have a great summer.



Grade 2 News

Second grade has worked very hard this year and I

am so pleased with their participation and involvement! You should be very proud of them! In Reading, we are finishing Unit 6 and reviewing grammar skills.



In Writing, we are working on making a second grade prayer book. The students have been able to type out their prayers in computer class and add clip art to decorate. This activity was a great way to review the 4 kinds of prayer.



In Math, we will be finishing up our review on Place Value and Adding/Subtracting Three Digit Numbers. I know my class is looking forward to hosting the school liturgy on Friday, June 9th at 9am. Please note that all are welcome to attend. The class has been working hard preparing for this special event. During the summer, please have your child review their reading and math skills. It will be helpful in their transition to third grade. Your child should continue

their work with Xtra math over the summer, too! Thanks again you for all you do especially all the support and donations throughout the school year! Have a wonderful summer! God bless!



Grade 3 News

The last chapters in religion deal with the sacraments of healing and our call to continue the work of Jesus. In bible study, we have read all four gospels in the New Testament and have voted to read about creation and Moses in the Old Testament.



Last week we completed our reading book and this week we will take the unit 6 test-look for the results in

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your child's folder. Over the summer, in helping your child with summer reading, it would be advantageous to refer to the skills help letter you received after the unit 1 test. If you need a second copy please let me know. We have begun reading "The Return of the Indian", which is the sequel to "The Indian in the Cupboard".



We will complete chapter 8 in our study skills, hopefully you've heard your child using the new vocabulary words in their speech. In language arts we continue to work on our writing by knowing the parts of speech and how they fit into sentences and the figures of speech which add a colorful flare to our sentences.

Our study of the civil rights era continues as we learn about such historical figures as Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, Jesse Owens, Jackie Robinson, the Jubilee Singers, Marion Anderson and Duke Ellington. If time permits, we will learn a bit about ancient Egypt.



We "planted" our green bean seeds so that we can observe their germination through the clear plastic cup. When they come home they can be put into the ground or potted. Also over the summer, continue to work on the multiplication tables with your child, as well as regrouping and reasoning skills. It can be very easy to turn simple activities you do each day into a problem solving activity. Thank you for your support this past year and have a great summer!



Grade 4 News

The end of the year is upon us! We've had a wonderful and busy school year. I'm so lucky that we get to continue our experience next year as part of our looping program.



In Language Arts, we completed our story on the Komodo Dragons and continued our unit by working on a research project based on different animals from Indonesia. They've loved researching and sharing their new material. In social studies, we were placed into families of four taking the journey on the Oregon Trail. They've had to plan their trip, materials needed, and create a covered wagon out of popsicle sticks. The class has really loved this assignment and is continuing their final touches on all that they need on the great journey ahead.



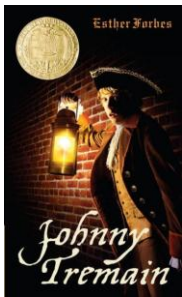
Please join us on 6/9 at 6:30pm for our first school production of Annie. The students have been working very hard and we are so proud of them!

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Grade 5 News

Grade 5 has been learning about the American Revolution. We are creating "pocket" books to help us learn about many aspects of the American Revolution. Each pocket focuses on a different topic such as: causes of the war; famous patriots; what the life of a soldier was like; battles; spies and traitors; the birth of a new nation. We are continuing the study through our read aloud book "Johnny Tremain". We are learning how every day people were affected by the events leading to and through the American Revolution.



In science, we have been learning how species change and adapt to their ecosystems. We are now learning how those changes can cause more changes. We will review the chapter and have a test on it next week.



For the last few weeks of math, we will focus on geometry. We will learn about angles and different polygons. We will also learn how to find the perimeter of various polygons and the diameter, radius, and circumference of circles.

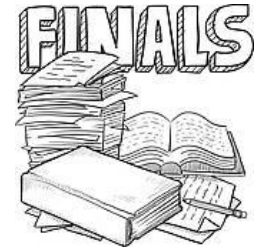
It has been an honor teaching this class. They are full of enthusiasm and have a genuine joy for learning. I look forward to the many wonderful things they will do when they are in middle school. Best of luck next year and enjoy your summer!



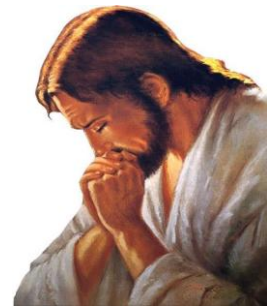
Middle School News

The **sixth grade** Math class has started a section which explores the topic of Integers and the methods

used to compute them. The **seventh grade** Math class is currently working with signed rational numbers and their computations while the **eighth grade** is reviewing for their final on May 30th.



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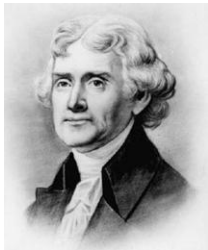
With approximately three weeks of school left the **sixth grade** Religion class will begin a chapter covering Jesus in his role as Redeemer and Savior which explains why Jesus gave His life for us. The **seventh grade** class is finishing a chapter describing and explaining prayer and its' forms. Finally the **eighth grade** class has begun a chapter covering the history of the church from 1960 to the present and the reigns of the popes during that period.

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The **6th Grade** has been studying the exciting period known as the Renaissance, as well as both the Protestant and Catholic Reformations. We have been looking at how art can be influenced by science and mathematics, and how religion can be influenced by technology, such as the printing press.

In **grade 7**, we have been looking at the Early Republic, the creation of political parties, and the presidency of Thomas Jefferson. We have likewise been discussing the merits of both big and small central governments.



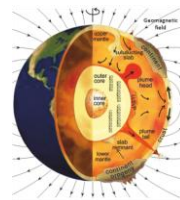
Grade 8 has wrapped up World War II, and we have touched on the early beginnings of the Cold War. We have been spending some time reviewing, as

well as working on practice questions for their final exam.



In **sixth grade** science we started dissecting owl pellets, in conjunction with our unit on owls.

In **seventh grade** science we are continuing to work with the Kites Kits, dealing with asteroids. The students have created a business and company logo to inform the public of the impending asteroid strike. They finished designing and conducting experiments on impact craters, and have finished their time lines. They have determined the correlation between major impact strikes and mass extinctions. They are now creating power points on various planets in our solar system.



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In **sixth grade** literature we finished reading “The Egypt Game”, and have been focusing on their vocabulary books. The students will also be reading short stories and working on comprehension skills until the end of the year.

In **seventh grade** vocabulary the students just finished the book and have a unit review on the last three chapters. The students will have their final mastery test, which consists of the entire book for their final exam.

In **eighth grade** vocabulary the students finished the book and will have the final mastery test.