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# SCHOOL NEWS

"The best way to bring focus into your life is never to place a question mark where God has put a period."

## Events Calendar

**Tuesday, Sept. 21**

"Internet Safety" Parent Education Program  
Presented by Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer Terry Huffman  
6 pm (School Hall)

**Friday, Sept. 24**

Noon Dismissal  
Bucketfiller Friday!

**Wednesday, Sept. 29**

No School Mass  
Feast of St. Michael Mass & Reception  
5:30 pm

**Sunday, Oct. 3**

Spirit Week Kick-Off

**Tuesday, Oct. 5**

School Pictures

**Sunday, Oct. 10**

Family Pasta Night Fundraiser  
Noon to 6 pm (Angelus Center)

### You're Invited

Please join us every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. as we celebrate our School Liturgy with SMPS students participating as lectors and cantors.

## Everything You Need to Know About SMPS...

Bookmark our school website:  
[stmikesparishschool.org](http://stmikesparishschool.org)

Become a Fan of our Facebook Page:  
**The Official Site of St. Michael Parish School**

Get all Mustang Athletics Information:  
[leaguelineup.com/stmikesmustangs](http://leaguelineup.com/stmikesmustangs)

Join our mailing list for the new weekly Parent E-Newsletter!

## 300 New Books in SMPS Library Librarians buy 112 books with Book Fair proceeds

Thanks to the generosity of so many parents, grandparents, neighbors, and friends of SMPS students who attended last spring's Scholastic Book Fair, as well as made individual donations last year, our librarians were able to stock the library shelves with more than 300 new books this summer. Librarians Emma O'Leary and Nancy Endrizzi say they have built up the library's non-fiction section, as well as focused on Caldecott and Newbery award winner collections for our students to enjoy.



Library volunteer Nancy Endrizzi displays some of the many reference books purchased with the \$1,800 proceeds from last spring's Scholastic Book Fair.

"A complete set of *Nancy Drew Mysteries* was donated last year and we now have all the newest Scholastic fiction titles available," O'Leary said. "We also have some great new history hardback titles pertaining to the U.S. and World Wars, new collections on states and countries in our geography section, as well as the 20 easy read biographies from the popular 'Who Was...' series."

O'Leary said the library team obtained 48 books at the book fair (through wish lists) and also purchased 64 more books with over \$1,800 in Book Fair profits.



Above fourth graders Audrey Blust and Ryah Rotilio check out available titles on the SMPS library computer. Left, second graders Eli Kutrovac and Gage Michael explore sports-related books during their designated library period.



The 2011 SMPS Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled to kick-off on April 3rd with the Grandparents Luncheon. We invite all parents, grandparents and friends to stop in and check out the new book selections at our fair!

## STUDENT SERVICES

### SMPS Creative Playgroup, Extended Care service fill gap for working parents

**Creative Playgroup...** Mrs. Debby Burkhart supervises the Creative Playgroup from 7 am to 4 pm daily (M-F) at St. Michael's for children ages 3-5 years old. This program is a wonderful complement to our Preschool program, as children are escorted to and from their Preschool classrooms. At Creative Playgroup, Mrs. Debby plans interesting activities including crafts, coloring, finger-painting, reading and outside play. The children also have a 20-minute "quiet time" period each day. Each child brings his/her own snack and lunch; SMPS provides the milk at snack time.



*Some of last year's Playgroup kids visited Mrs. Debby during the SMPS Open House event. Pictured with Mrs. Debby are (from l) Aaliyah Scenna, Tailynn Scenna, Jayden Burge, and Meredith Romanek.*

The Creative Playgroup room is located adjacent to the School Hall. The per child cost is \$5 per hour. For registration information, please call the school office at 304.242.3966.

**Extended Care...** Another helpful service for our working school parents is the SMPS Extended Care service, which operates from 3 pm to 5:45 pm daily in the school's old gym. Students registered for Extended Care have a snack right after school and then have a 30 minute quiet time to complete their homework. SMPS provides snacks, but children may also bring their own. On nice weather days, children are supervised on the back parking lot and on the new playground area. This service is also available on early dismissal days from noon to 5:45 pm.

The Extended Care rate is based on number of children and length of stay (e.g. 1 child @ 1 hour is \$3.75; 2 children @ 1 hour is \$6). The program is managed by Jackie Hamm with assistance from Amanda Burnopp and Julie Blake. To register your child, please call the school office at 304.242.3966 or the direct Extended Care phone number at 304.830.3000.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

### 'Cookie' visits Miss Gretchen's PreK-4 Classes

The students in Miss Gretchen's 4-year-old preschool program welcomed a special guest recently -- *Cookie* the Cockatiel. Cookie's owner, Mrs. Dawn Ann Dean, brought her pet bird in for the class visit to share information about Cockatiels and their care.

Students enjoyed watching Cookie play in her cage and sit tamely on Mrs. Dean's shoulder. Each child also had the opportunity to pose for an individual photo with Cookie on their own shoulder. It was quite a special day!



*Preschooler Troy Anthony had his photo taken with Cookie, the pet cockatiel of guest speaker Dawn Ann Dean, earlier this month.*

## GRANT PURCHASES

With a \$10K grant award from a local foundation, which wishes to remain anonymous, SMPS recently purchased the following computer equipment with its \$10K Grant Award:

**SMARTBoard, Video Card, Projector and Mount for PreK-3 classroom**



**Cisco ASA Internet Appliance with 1-yr Contract Support**



**Dell PowerEdge T710 Windows 2008R2 Server**



**Ultra 320 SCSI Adapter for external tape drive**



**85 Windows Server 2008 Client Licenses**

With a grant award from the Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley for the SMPS Mustang Media student news team, we recently purchased:

**New Video Camera**

**An External Hard Drive**

**Four 2GB Memory Sticks**

**Mini-DVDs for Video Camera**

**Pinnacle 12 Editing Software**

**DVDs for News Broadcast Airing**

We are also investigating the purchase of a small lighting system with the remainder of the grant.

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For registration or class shadowing information, please contact Mrs. Marilyn Richardson, school principal.

*Welcoming children of all faiths.*