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SCHOOL NEWS

"If one is lucky,
a solitary fantasy
can totally transform
one million realities."
-- Maya Angelou

Events Calendar

April 4-7
Scholastic Book Fair
(Angelus Center)

Wednesday, April 6
Grandparents Day
(Grades 3-5)

Friday, April 8
No School
(Diocesan In-Service Day)

Friday, April 15
Earth Day Celebration
Parish/School Clean-Up Day
(Grades 6-8)

Friday, April 15
Jelly Bean Bag Collection Day
(Boatsie's for Baghdad)

Friday, April 15
Junior High Dance (7/8)
(7-9:30 pm, Angelus Center)

Monday, April 18
Young Readers Day
"Beatrix Potter Tales"
(Grades 1 & 2)

Tuesday, April 19
Noon Dismissal
(Easter Break)

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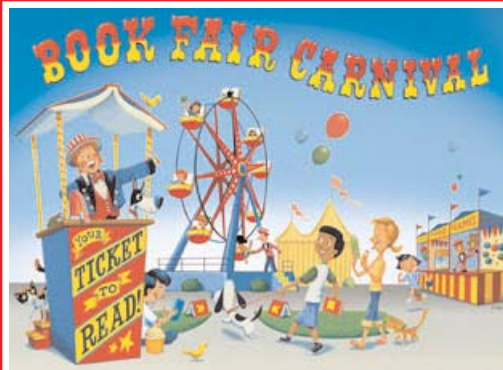
'Zoo to You' Program a Big Hit with TK

It definitely wasn't your typical classroom birthday party for Evan Wilson, one of Mrs. Paula's transitional kindergarten students. Instead of party favors, games and balloons, there were live animals to pet and learn about, including a python snake!

Evan's parents, Dr. Tim and Pam Wilson, wanted to share one of Evan's favorite passions with his classmates -- animals! So they sponsored Oglebay's "Zoo to You" program to come to the TK classroom offering each child an upclose look at some very interesting critters. Miss Trista from Oglebay's Good Zoo first discussed the seven major classifications of animals with the students, including amphibians, mammals, fish and reptiles, along with their unique characteristics. Then it was time to introduce the guests...Belle the Ferret, Mr. T. the 74-year-old Tortoise, and finally Nigel the very friendly Carpet Python. It was a wonderful way to learn more about the inhabitants of the Good Zoo as well as to appreciate God's beautiful creatures!



Trista from Oglebay's Good Zoo introduces Nigel, a Carpet Python, to the students in Miss Paula's TK class as part of the 'Zoo to You' program. This special presentation was brought to SMPS by the parents of TK student Evan Wilson in celebration of his 6th birthday. What a special treat!



Special Activities & Prizes

GRANDPARENT LUNCHEON
Sunday, April 3 (noon to 2 pm)

BOOK FAIR KICK-OFF
STUDENT ASSEMBLY
Monday, April 4 (8:30 am)
Teacher Costume Contest
Plus! SURPRISE Contests

FAMILY NIGHT
Monday, April 4 (6-8 pm)
Carnival Games & Prizes!!!

RAFFLES (April 4- 6)
Kiss A Pig Raffle (winner chooses a teacher to kiss a live pig!)
Wii Raffle (winner of Wii also gets a dress down day for his/her classroom)

"ONE FOR BOOKS" Stewardship Project
All monetary donations go toward purchasing books for the children at King's Daughters Day Care Center in downtown Wheeling.

STUDENT NEWS

First Annual Golf Invitation for WPL students



Middle school students in Wheeling's Parochial League are invited to participate in the WPL First Annual Golf Invitational to be held on Monday, May 2 at the Moundsville Country Club. Warm-ups start at 12:30 pm with a 1 pm shotgun start (18 holes of golf). A buffet dinner and awards ceremony will follow at 5:30 pm.

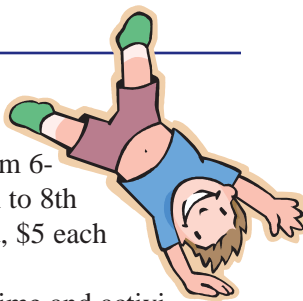
To participate, students must complete a registration form (previously sent home with students) and pay the registration fee by April 10. Registration is \$30 per golfer; however, SMPS will pay 50% or \$15 for any SMPS student who registers. All participants must have proper golf attire and equipment. This is a great opportunity for our young golfers to compete in an invitational event. For more information, please contact Assistant Principal Lee Gruber, co-chair of the event.

Kids' Night Out Event on April 9

The SMPS Parent Association will be sponsoring a "KIDS' NIGHT OUT" event on Saturday, April 9 from 6-9 pm at the Angelus Center. All students, ages pre-K to 8th grade, are invited to attend. Cost is \$10 for first child, \$5 each additional child.

Activities will include movies, board games, gym time and activities. Food and drink will be provided.

All proceeds will go to the St. Michael Double Blessings Campaign! For more information and to register, please contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at kathleend880@aol.com.



SMPS Talent Show changed to May 4 at 7 pm

The talents of St. Michael's students will be showcased on Wednesday, May 4 with a 7pm public performance of the 2011 Student Talent Show. (Please note the show date was changed from May 5 due to a scheduling conflict.) In order to participate in the talent show, students must complete a Tryout Form and take part in the tryout session on Wed., April 6 at 3:15 to 5 pm in the School Hall. Students in grades TK-8 are eligible to participate. For more information, please see Miss Payne.



SCRIP PROGRAM

SCRIP Raffle entries welcome April 4 thru April 29

From April 4 through April 29, every \$50 you spend in scrip card purchases (excluding Kroger Plus Card purchases) at St. Mike's will earn you one entry in the SMPS Spring Scrip Raffle! The lucky winner will be drawn on Monday, May 2 and will receive a \$100 scrip-certificate redeemable for any scrip card(s) of equal value. Remember, scrip cards make great Easter, Mother's Day and Graduation gifts!! Visit our website (stmikesparishschool.org) to download a Scrip Order Form or order online at shopwithscrip.com. For more information, contact the Development Office at 304.242.3966 or ahurley@stmikesparish.org.



CONGRATS MADDI & VICKI

We congratulate Maddi Taylor and Vicki Irr, both 7th graders, for earning 2nd place ribbons at the WV State Regional (RESA 6) Social Studies Fair!! The fair was held at Paden City Elementary on March 26. Maddi and Vicki were among hundreds competing from Ohio, Brooke, Hancock, Marshall and Wetzel counties. GREAT JOB, girls!!

Double Blessings for St. Michael Parish!

A blessing has come to St. Michael Church and School in the form of a matching gift opportunity. A generous donor has offered to match all contributions made to our new Double Blessings campaign up to \$500,000. We have until Dec. 31, 2011 to reach our goal of \$500,000. All proceeds raised will go toward parish debt reduction. Our students, parish staff and parish organizations are fully committed to this effort. We hope you consider making a tax-deductible gift to our Double Blessings campaign.

Mark Your Calendar!

Night At the Races
Saturday, April 30

7-11 pm ♦ Angelus Center
General Admission: \$15
Grand Horse Purchase: \$30
(includes 1 free admission)

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

Welcoming children of all faiths.