**THURSDAY TIMES**

**PRINCE OF PEACE MONTESSORI**

**A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL…**

**Hello Prince of Peace Family!**

**Homecoming was a blast! A heart-felt *thank you* to all of you who came and helped to make it a sweet success! We are continuing to have a good start to our school year, thanks in great part to all of you but also thanks to my amazing staff: their daily dedication, flexibility, competence and compassion are a joy and honor for me to witness. We said a farewell to Nicole Mangin and welcomed Sarah Wells, the lovely and joyful new teacher’s instructional assistant for the MI classroom. Thank you as well for the many supportive messages regarding our masking (remaining part of the uniform, as it was last year per the Parent Student Handbook)—the kids are handling it like champs, and we are all happy to have them in school. Our schoolwide cases are low: we have 2 positive cases but they are brothers who were quarantined immediately. We are doing our utmost at school to keep the kiddos safe and healthy. Please continue to do health assessments of your children at home before they leave for school and keep them home should they have any COVID-like symptoms. I am especially grateful for those of you who work at our local Children’s Hospitals—thank you for your support and service! Please stay extra safe over this holiday weekend and make wise choices. Please continue to join me, my staff, and our diocese in staying united over what matters most: our shared journey to Heaven and the physical and spiritual safety and happiness of our kiddos along the way.**

**On a side footnote, my after-school ballet class starts soon! I will host ages seven and up. The class will be held on Fridays (except for 1st Fridays) We will conduct class in the school gymnasium and the cost will be $10.00 per class. Stay tuned for a flyer (with registration info) next week.**

**Respectfully,**

**Claire Therese**

**We thought we would share our afternoon prayer with you. Our children take turns coming to the office and reading morning and afternoon prayer. This is their favorite, we read it every afternoon.**

**Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom Gods love entrust me hear. Ever this day be at my side, to light to guard to rule and guide. Amen.**

**We hope you get the opportunity to hear it too….it is a perfect bedtime prayer for all!**

**THE CARNEGIE AFTERSCHOOL ARTS PROGRAM IS BACK!!!This program is for children Kindergarten age and older. It is held after school on Wednesday afternoon in the ART Room. This program is sponsored by Carnegie Art Center and Theatre in Covington, KY. This program does have a $38.00 fee attached. The children will attend six sessions from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm each session. This session is entitled “In the Clouds” Students will explore what sparks imagination and, using prepared canvas, paint, marking tools, and collage materials, design their own “cloud” to be included in a collective art installation exhibiting at the Carnegie in 2022. HOW EXCITING! Payments are made to Prince of Peace School or cash is accepted for deposit. The deadline to enroll is Friday, September 17th. Forms and payments must be submitted to the school office.**

**THE KENTON COUNTY LIBRARYis back in full swing with their children’s programs. We will attempt to include the flyer of children’s programs and events in the red folders each month. Please take advantage of these wonderful events that are free to the public and so enjoyable for the children. They also offer numerous adult events and also support employment efforts through numerous classes. Visit the Kenton County library website for more information.**

**SKYLINE NIGHTS ARE BACK!!Prince of Peace Montessori participates in a monthly fundraiser with the Ft. Wright Skyline location. A flyer will come home next week with coupons for your visit. You may dine in, carryout or drive thru for your convenience. Mark your calendar for 9/27/2021 four our first event!**

**THE NOTRE DAME URBAN EDUCATION CENTER IS OPEN! The NDUC supports the HOMEWORK PLUS program which provides one on one tutoring for students, utilizing nearly 100+ adults and high school volunteers. This program features three components: one-on-one tutoring, enrichment, and academic skills. The program provides a safe environment in which students are supported by caring adults who assist them to become responsible students in completing homework in a timely manner.**

**We have attached a packet of information for your convenience. \*\*Please note that individual tutoring is always available and Sr. Maria Therese, will assist you at any time. For more information and assistance, please call: 859-261-4487 or** [**www.nduec.org**](http://www.nduec.org)**.**

**SPIRITWEAR ORDERS ARE DUE THIS FRIDAY!!Order those hooded sweatshirts, gym clothes and other items with the POP logo! Please return payment and order forms in your red folder or drop off to the office.**

**LIBRARY BOOKS are property of the school. Please make sure your children are returning the books each Tuesday for library class. Mrs. Kleman works very hard at keeping our list of books current and making sure all children get turns checking out their favorite book. Speaking of the library, we do have exciting news…. we are working on the transition of moving our school library to the second floor. The library will be located in the corner of the building behind the mentor room. It will be a bigger space with natural lighting. It will also be able to house more of our computer hardware and allow for new smart boards to be installed…exciting news!**

**SCHOOL CALENDARS WERE DISTRIBUTED AT ORIENTATIONbut we have had numerous parents request a list of days off that will take us through the end of the year. This can be found on our school website as well for your convenience.**

**Monday, September 6th ………….Labor Day**

**Friday, October 8th……………….Professional Development Day**

**Monday, November 1st…………...Holy Day/All Saints Day**

**Wedsnesday-Friday, Nov. 24-26th..Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Wednesday, December 8th………..Holy Day/Immaculate Conception**

**Dec. 22nd – January 2nd……………Christmas Holiday/Break.**

**\*\*\*Mark those calendars!!**

**CLASSROOM WISH LIST FOR POP!Each year the teachers and staff develop a Wish List for the purpose of enhancing their classrooms or adding to their environment. Some of these items may not be something we can budget for or we have a classroom allowance for. We have many parents who will ask what they can do or grandparents want to donate or a church member wants to support the school. Enclosed this week in the red folder is the current Wish List divided up by classroom or program. We ask that you keep our After- Care Program as a priority as well because we run this on a tight budget to keep it more affordable. If you have questions regarding a certain item, please reach out to your child’s teacher for clarification.**

**PICTURE DAY IS COMING!FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH**

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**\*REMEMBER to visit the school website for updates and information.**

**Have a safe and happy holiday weekend!**