**THURSDAY TIMES**

**PRINCE OF PEACE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

**WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!**

**We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful spring break and you had some time to rest and relax before we start the home stretch of school. We have a lot to share this week in the folders, so please take a moment to review the handouts. A few items from the office to review with you are the following:**

* **There is a handout in the folder regarding upcoming VIRTUS training that is local. The Diocese has added quite a few classes for the upcoming weeks. Please visit the Virtus website to get enrolled and complete your background check as well. The additional paperwork will come from the school office to complete the process. This is necessary for all volunteers and coaches in all diocese schools.**
* **If any family is interested in applying for the P-EBT cards and you have been approved for the free/reduced meals for the school year in the past, these are now available for the summer months.Please fill out an application at lunchapplication.com For more additional information, please contact Ms. Jackie Kaiser at the Diocese office @ 859-392-1500.**
* **The new May- Lunch Calendar is included in your folder today. Please denote Field Day for the entire school on the calendar. Also, the last day of school is Thursday, May 26th and the children do attend all day.**
* **Mrs. Middendorf will be out of the office next week on Wednesday, May 4th- Friday, May 6thattending a family wedding in New Orleans. Ms. Cool will be filling in. Please continue to send in fee payments etc. to the office. If you are in need to call the office, please call extension #751. Ms. Cool will be checking messages.**
* **Thomas More College has sent another Summer Camp opportunity our way. The handout and registration information is included in the folder!**
* **SCHOOLBELLES is having a Spring sale. The flyer will give you all the information necessary to shop early and avoid the crowds. 30%- 20% off all school items and some items are buy one and the second item 50% off. They have on-line shopping and a store located in Taylor Mill, KY.**
* **IT IS BOOK FAIR WEEK!! Please read the attached flyer for more information and the shopping days etc. All children and all classes will get time to attend the Book Fair and pick their favorite titles. We also have a Parent/Grandparent Day on Wednesday, May 4th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Our school librarian, Ms. Karen Kleman will be available on this day. If you have any specific questions regarding ordering, payment etc. please reach out to Karen @** **kkleman@popcov.com** **Please support the Book Fair and help us get new books into the classroom and our new Library!! BOOK FAIR WEEK IS MAY 3RD- May 6th.**
* **IMMUNIZATIONS FORMS will be sent home in the next week or so with ALL children who expire over the summer. If you have a child entering Kindergarten or Sixth Grade, your child will be due for updated immunizations if they have not already received them.**

 \*\*\***FIELD DAY REMINDERS**

**\* May 5th, from 9:30-2:00 P.M. at President's Park (Edgewood)**

**\* PreK-Kindergarteners must be dropped off and picked up at the park itself by parents/guardians. Please make sure they bring a packed lunch (if they are staying for lunch).**

\* 1st-8th graders will arrive at school by 8 A.M. and have the usual dismissal time from school. 7 staff members and parent volunteer drivers will transport students to and from the park. NO need to pack a lunch, as they will pick up lunch to go from the cafeteria in the morning before our ~9:20 departure for the park.

\* Mini bottled waters will be provided for all students as well as THE KONA ICE TRUCK WILL BE DELIVERING SNOW CONES!!

\* If your child burns easily, **please remember sunscreen** and/or a hat. We will bring First Aid...and plenty of games!

**\*If you opt to pick your child up directly from the park by or before 2 P.M.,** PLEASE check in with the child's teacher and/or the principal so that we can account for each child. \*If your child attends after care and will not be attending, please let Beth know in advance not to expect them on Thursday afternoon. Thank you in advance for all your understanding and participation…Field Day is one of the most special days of the year and the students look forward to it all year!

**Graduation for Kindergarten and 8th grade, May 25th**

\* As you know, our final school Mass will be Wednesday, May 25th, at 8:45 A.M. All are welcome, as usual. We will be sending our 8th graders off after that Mass--Mass is the ultimate celebration and a wonderful way for us to send them off to summer and high school!

**\* At 8:00 A.M., just before Mass,** we will have a very short but sweet diploma

presentation to the seven Kindergarteners and four 8th graders on the stage of our school gym. I (the principal) will call each student up to receive a diploma. We will have chairs set up in the gym for any and all parents able to attend. You are free to take any photos you wish! We will make certain that photos are taken for each student as he/she receives the diploma, in case you are unable to attend. The ceremony will only take about 15 minutes, after which point the entire school will head to the church for our final Mass.

**MIII King's Island Day, May 25th**

\* The 7th and 8th grade class will be treated to King's Island from ~10 A.M. - 2 P.M. immediately following the final school Mass. We already have 2 parent chaperones, which is all that is needed for such a small group; however, any parents of 7th and 8th grade students are welcome to join. If you are unable to come, please pick up your child at school at the usual 2:45 P.M. time. Regardless of whether you come, please send your child with money for lunch. The school will fund the admission tickets for the students. (I will be sending home field trip forms for parents/guardians to sign about a week prior to this trip, per diocesan policy.)**\*\*\*A special note, the parents may work out the time frame for the special day. You may stay at Kings Island as long as you want as long as all parents agree and the chaperones are on board! Again, if you are interested in chaperoning, please let Claire Therese know asap.**

**NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE SENDING HOME A REMINDER FOR THE SUMMER BASEBALL GAME AT FLORENCE FREEDOM.**This is a family-friendly event for all families. It is not too late to buy tickets and participate. The Florence Freedom ball park is a fun night for families to enjoy a good baseball game, play on the playground area, enjoy refreshments and catch up with all of our POP families during the summer. Ticket info will be coming home next week! Stay tuned! The event will be held in July

**THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS THURSDAY, MAY 26TH THIS IS A FULL DAY!**