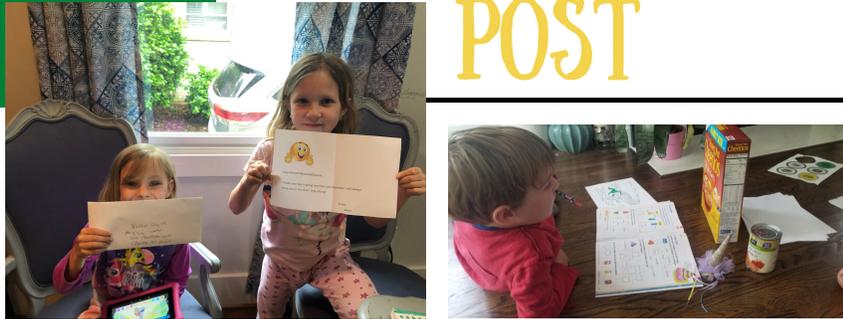


What's in This Week's Issue:

**LETTER FROM MRS. TOBERGTE
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THE ST. PATRICK POST

WE'RE BACK!



Dear Families,

Welcome back! I was able to visit many classes this week, and it was such a joy to see all of our boys and girls again! To say that we all miss them is an understatement. Our staff met this week to review feedback we have received, as well as feedback we have sought out, to adjust our distance learning model. We are committed to a process of continual improvement, and we look for trends in feedback to guide our decision making and adjustments. We will role out some changes to distance learning the week of **May 4th**. Here's what you can expect to see from us:

- **More live teaching.** We would love to be live with our students all day every day, but we also realize that most families can not accommodate us in their homes all day long. We also know that children do not need to be in front of a screen all day. We have received requests for video lessons, but a video lesson would provide about 5 minutes of learning without any follow up or feedback from the teacher. With elementary-aged children we find best practice to be where the teacher interacts with the student and provides feedback and support. In the traditional classroom students receive direct instruction from the teacher for about 5-10 minutes, after which point they begin to work on their own or in small groups with teacher support. This allows for guided practice before a student works independently without teacher support. We are going to work to create that environment virtually for k-3 students. Classroom teachers will continue to offer whole-class Zoom lessons to provide new instruction and will add additional whole-group, small group, and one-on-one time each week. This will allow families to opt in to more support as needed, without requiring more class time of all students. Our 4th and 5th grade classes will add sessions to support science and social studies as well as increase the availability for one-on-one support. We hope this will be a nice balance for all of you. If your child is not able to make a Zoom session, that is ok. Communicate with your child's teacher, and they will continue to offer options to meet the needs of your family.
- **More assistance with work completion.** We recognize that many of you are working at home and supporting your children academically. We want to help your child complete their assignments, so that you can focus more on your work. Each teacher will be available for one-on-one sessions with children throughout the week. Specials teachers will begin to remain in their Zoom lessons after the whole-class session to support students with completing their assignments as well, or parents can sign up for one-on-one time with the specials teachers to guide children through the assignment. Specials Zoom sessions continue to be optional--students can either join the Zoom and have assistance completing assignments, or they can choose to complete assignments on their own at their own pace or through a one-on-one session with support. Our goal here is that our teachers will be available to support work completion, so parents can focus more on their careers and work at home.
- **More consistency with the schedule.** Up until this point, our schedule has changed almost weekly. We recognize that this is extremely challenging for parents to manage at home. We will begin a new schedule the week of May 4th which will remain the same for the duration of Distance Learning. This will mean that you will be able to rely on logins and passwords to Zoom meetings, because they will not need to change from class to class. It will also create more of a school feeling for students. There may be times when a teacher needs to adjust the schedule if we find that there are sibling conflicts, but once adjusted the new times will remain the same. Our goal is for parents and students to feel more secure in the daily routine of school, and we trust these adjustments will assist with this goal.

Our overall goal in these changes is to better support our students and families during distance learning. We also recognize that every family dynamic is different, and that for some these changes will not meet your needs. Please continue to communicate with the teachers directly to find solutions that will work for you. Thank you for your continued support of our school. I hope you enjoy the weekend!

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Tobergte

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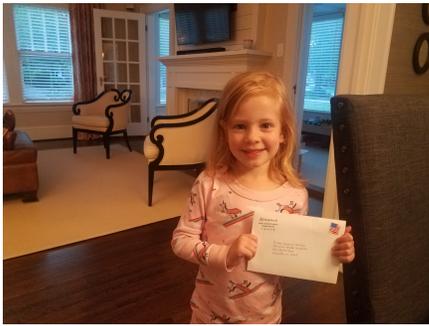
RESOURCES AND MORE

Re-Enrollment Update from MACS

The re-enrollment deadline has been adjusted to Friday, April 17, 2020. A \$30 late fee per student will be charged AFTER May 15, 2020. Please contact the MACS office if you are planning to re-enroll but are in need of assistance. (704) 370 - 3272

LEAP Student Novel Pick-Up

4th and 5th grade LEAP students will have a novel pick-up day on Monday, April 27th from 10:00-11:30 in the school parking lot. Please drive through the carpool line and stay in your cars to comply with social distancing guidelines. If you are unable to come on Monday, please email Mrs. Lee @ chlee@stpatrickschool.net.



Send Letters of Thanks

One of Mrs. Healy's assignments this week was to send a handmade letter of thanks to members of our community who support those who are sick or elderly. Thank you to all who have participated already. It's not too late to get involved!

The Great St. Patrick School Bake Off!

One of my favorite hobbies is baking! This weekend, I am thinking of doing a little baking myself, but I am not sure what to make! Do you have a delicious, kid-friendly recipe that you love to make? If so, send me a picture of you in the kitchen cooking up a storm AND the easy-to-follow recipe you are making. I'll share the recipes I receive and your pictures on our social media accounts in the Great St. Patrick School Bake Off! Send recipes and pictures to amtobergte@stpatrickschool.net.



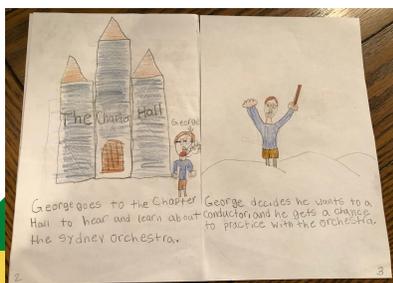
Doing Good in the Neighborhood

One of the organizations that we serve throughout the year is Urban Ministry by supplying sandwiches to their soup kitchen. They are currently in need of sandwiches, and Arden has been hard at work to help! You can help, too! To get involved please email sandwiches@urbanministrycenter.org to find out what days sandwiches are needed, the types of preferred sandwiches, and the amount they need. Great job, Arden, letting your light shine brightly!

DISTANCE LEARNING SUPPORT

Need to Get in Touch with a Specials Teacher?

Art, Mrs. Davis - acdavis@stpatrickschool.net
Music, Mrs. Gabriel - imgabriel@stpatrickschool.net
STEM, Mrs. Noonan - aknoonan@stpatrickschool.net
Library, Mrs. Laney - jplaney@stpatrickschool.net
Spanish, Senora Jones - yljones@stpatrickschool.net
PE, Coach Topper - patopper@stpatrickschool.net
Guidance, Mrs. Sproul - asproul@stpatrickschool.net
Computer, Ms. Healy - kkhealy@stpatrickschool.net



Need Some One-On-One Help?

Ms. Noonan and Ms. Nagel are here to help! Email them to set up a time to meet:

Ms. Noonan:
aknoonan@stpatrickschool.net

Ms. Nagel
lnagel@stpatrickschool.net

