



Notes from the Office

February 6, 2012

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Attendance email: attendance@mmredeemer.org

Snow Closing Number 547 (KYW)

Attachments this week:

- North Penn Community Update
 - Summer Skills Workbooks
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There will be no school for students Friday, February 17th due to a faculty in-service day and next Monday, February 20th in recognition of Presidents' Day.

Terra Nova Testing

Our annual Terra Nova testing will start with In-View tests on Thursday, March 1st for all students in grades 3-7. All subject areas will be tested for grades K-7 beginning Monday, March 5th. Testing will extend throughout the week. Please try to avoid morning appointments during the dates as students cannot begin timed tests late. Make-up testing will be given on Friday, March 9th and Monday, March 12th.

Summer Skills Books

The Order Form for Tri-C Publications Summer Skills books is attached. These books are grade and subject specific as indicated on the bottom of the form. Sample books are available to be viewed by visiting the company website at www.summerskills.com. It is recommended that orders be placed for the grade in which your child is currently placed. An order will be placed from school on March 5th to obtain a bulk order price of \$17 per book and free shipping. Please return the order form and your check, payable to MMR, by this date. No late orders can be accepted. The books will be sent home before the end of the school year. **Ordering any of these books is entirely optional.**

Save the Date

Grandparents/Grand Friends Day will occur on Sunday, March 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your Grandparent/friend and attend the health fair, art show and tour the school.

Beta News

Please mark your calendars for February Beta Events.

February 16 - February Beta Meeting to be held after school till 4:45. This is for current members only **not new inductees**. This meeting will be held until 4:45. Pickup will be in the front of the school.

February 23 - Induction Practice - We will have practice for the induction ceremony after school until 4:45. Current members should report to the gym. New inductees should report to Mrs. Bull's Room after school. All Beta members should make this a requirement to attend. Pickup will be in the front of school.

February 27 - 7PM This year's induction is being held in the evening at 7:00pm. ALL Beta Members are required to attend. Students should report at 6:30. There is a dress code for all Beta members. Boys are expected to wear dress shirts, ties and appropriate shoes. Girls are expected to wear dresses, skirts or dress pants (no leggings) and appropriate dress shoes. Following the ceremony, we would like to hold a brief social for new members and their parents. We are requesting that current members donate a baked item to place on the table if possible. Drinks and paper products will be provided.

The Beta email distribution is up and running. If parents are not receiving messages or if you still need to sign up, to please send an email to Lbull@mmredeemer.org

Math by Mail

The Math by Mail club for students in Grades 3-5 will begin on Wednesday, February 22. Registrations are still being accepted.

MMR Students SKYPE

The kindergarten students from Mrs. Fleming's, Mrs. Gavin's, Mrs. Baliban's and Mrs. Orsino's classes, along with Mrs. Brody's 4th graders have adopted a unit serving in Afghanistan. These airmen are security forces officers stationed at the Willow Grove Joint Reserve Base. The students have been sending cards and care packages to the airmen since September. The children were excited to have a SKYPE video call from Justin Ruffo serving with the 111th Security Unit in Afghanistan. He thanked them for their treats and answered their questions during the 18 minute video call. What a great learning experience to raise global awareness! We will be sending another package at the beginning of March. Any donations of toiletries and treats can be sent to the attention of Anita Fleming. God bless our children and God Bless those who serve us!

Home and School News

The first annual Auction for Technology was held last November to raise funds to support technological enhancements at MMR. Michele Duffy proudly reported that we raised \$60,000 for technology this year!! The reality is that technology is constantly changing and to ensure that our children have every technological advantage possible, we already need to think about the next Auction for Technology and funds that we can raise for the upcoming academic year. In order to achieve this goal, we need **YOUR** help in ensuring next year's Auction is a success. Therefore, the Home and School Association is looking for volunteers to chair the 2012-2013 Auction. Please consider chairing this event (perhaps with a friend or two) for our children!! A detailed binder with information on how to run the event has been created. If you are interested in volunteering to chair or have questions, please contact Tiara Falcone at tsfalcone@yahoo.com. Thank You!!!

Spring is fast approaching and Home and School is in need of volunteers. Please click on the link below to sign up for Muffins with Mom, the 6th-8th Grade Dance, and more fun activities. Home and School would like to thank each and everyone one of you for volunteering your time. Our school events would not be successful without your help, and it's a great way to meet other parents. Sign up today!

[Volunteer for Spring Events + Auction Volunteer](#)

CYO News

MMR CYO would like to congratulate Tom Kirk who was named the Head Coach for the Football Program at Lansdale Catholic HS. Tom coached several years with the Cougars CYO youth program and currently serves as our CYO Athletic Director. Tom also served as an assistant coach for boys varsity basketball and has served as the boys basketball coordinator. We are grateful for all of his contributions over the past 15 years and wish him well at LC High School.

Pre-School Press

Happy Valentine's Day from the Preschool! Warm wishes for a special day filled with expressions of love to and from families, friends, and teachers. We thank God for giving us all the wonderful people in our lives to share the love. Their red and pink handiwork certainly warms our school during these cold days of winter!

This week the 4 year olds take a look at the quirky letter "Q" while our 3 year olds continue working on their color themes, which help to further brighten our hallways.

Blood Drive Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in Friday's Blood Drive. With the efforts of many, we were able to collect 86 pints of blood for the Red Cross. We are grateful to our donors, our Beta Club students who babysat, volunteers Michelle Simpson, Beverly Banks, Brigid Shea & Megan Ulmer who worked during the drive and our coordinator Heather Kelly.

