

Noonan Academy Newsletter

November 2011

Mrs. Sain Principal

Mrs. Ehler Assistant Principal



Principal's News

The PTA would also like to thank all of the families that came out to the fabulous Skate Night. It is wonderful when our parents can come together and socialize.

Fall Fest this year was awesome! We are happy to team-up with our sister school, Bobbie Noonan's Crystal Street Childcare. Everyone enjoyed themselves with lots of free games and a magician, Carrabba's great food, plus The Gaming Guys, a climbing wall, a dunk tank and adult-sized trikes.

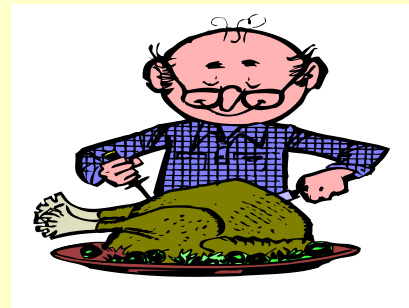
Just a reminder to parents who take their child into the classroom in the morning - our classes begin at 8:00 so instruction needs to begin at that time. Please help the teacher out by observing this time frame if you are still in your child's classroom - Thank you!

Finally, the Academy collects regular size laser and inkjet cartridges for a recycling program. Don't toss your used cartridges away; bring them to the office and we'll turn them into cash!

Our PTA is also collecting drink pouches, so remember to drop those off as well!

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we will be conducting a food drive this month. Please bring non-perishable food items to your child's homeroom the week of November 4th - 10th. We would like to set a goal of 1,000 items collected. Our Builders Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, will be taking charge of this community project this year.

On behalf of the Academy Faculty & Staff we would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy Thanksgiving Day.



Please pay attention to the ingredients of food items you bring into school. Remember NO dyes, artificial sweeteners, and sugar.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov. 2nd Candid Photos for Yearbook & absent student pictures
- ◆ Nov. 4th - 10th Fall Food Drive
- ◆ Nov. 5th PTA Garage Sale
- ◆ Nov. 11th Veteran's Day - Academy Closed/In-service
- ◆ Nov. 14th PTA Meeting
- ◆ Nov. 18 Progress Reports
- ◆ November 25th & 26th **Academy Closed** Thanksgiving Holiday
- ◆ Dec. 5th - Dec. 9th Toy Drive
- ◆ December 16th Broadway Palm Theatre "*Frosty the Snowman*" for K - 4th grades.

School Hours

Pre-K 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kindergarten 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
1st- 8th Grade 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Building Hours 6:45 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Office Hours 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Principles



Your character is defined by what you do, not what you say or believe.



Every choice you make helps define the kind of person you are choosing to be.



Good character requires doing the right thing, even when it is costly or risky.



You don't have to take the worst behavior of others as a standard for yourself. You can choose to be better than that.



What you do matters, and one person can make a big difference.



The payoff for having good character is that it makes you a better person and it makes the world a better place.



November Birthdays

11/08 Darien
11/10 Aurora
11/12 Craig
11/12 Michael T.
11/16 Kyle
11/19 Anders
11/20 Ana
11/20 Maria
11/21 Tanner
11/29 Kaian
11/30 Jessica

Collect for the Homeless!!!

Patrick C. would like to collect jackets for men, woman and children as well as all types of blankets. Please bring in these items from Nov 1 - 23. Then the items collected will be taken to the Salvation Army for their Homeless.

Library News!

We are very excited about the wonderful job our Multi-level class is doing of decorating and taking care of our library. The library shelves are organized and the decorations, along with books for suggested readings are especially nice.

Please be courteous to our Multi-Level class and **DO NOT** park near their entry door on the right side of the garage door! Thank you!!

Don't forget to
**"CLEAN OUT THOSE
CLOSETS AND
GARAGES!!!"**

The PTA stills needs
your items for the
**GARAGE SALE -
Saturday, Nov. 5th!!!**

Student of the Month

Pre-K 3 Miss Harders

Anders

Pre-K 4 Miss Callanan & Mrs. Piper

Allyson, Ryan B., Ishaan

Kindergarten Mrs. McDonald

Christian
Molly

1st Mrs. Stephenson

Jacob
Ana
Thomas

2nd Grade Miss Wichman

Gabriela
Markus

3rd Grade Mrs. Ehler

Gracelynne
Sophia

4th Grade Miss Troxler

Nicholas
Josiah

5th Grade Mrs. Gedra

Alexi

6th Grade Mrs. Henderson

Meredith

7th/8th Grade Mr. Henderson

Madison

Multi - Mrs. Pistorio

Samantha

**Progress reports
come home
November 18th !!!**

1st Quarter Perfect Attendance

Perfect attendance is no absences, no tardies, and no early departures.

Kindergarten Mrs. McDonald

Sylah
Jaclyn

1st Grade Mrs. Stephenson

Jacob
Brienne
Marshall

2nd Grade Miss Wichman

Kelby
Darien

3rd Grade Mrs. Ehler

Spencer
Lucas
Jenna

4th Grade Miss Troxler

None

5th Grade Mrs. Gedra

None

6th Grade Mrs. Henderson

Jessica
Claire

7th Grade Mr. Henderson

Christopher
Katie

8th Grade Mr. Henderson

Tiffany

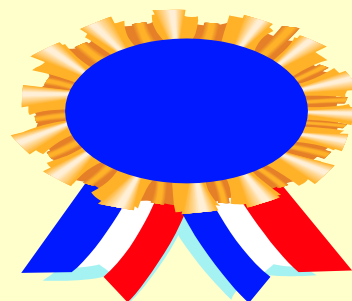
Students MUST be signed in and out of Aftercare. This is to ensure the safety of our students. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe.

If you have never been hated by your child, you have never been a parent.

-Bette Davis, actor (1908-1989)

Could your child benefit from an increased attention span? Here's the link to an article that might help which was sent to me by one of our parents.

<http://www.additudemag.com/add/article/8954.html>



Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to turn in your box tops after you have collected 25 labels. Students who hand in 25 labels will receive an award from the Treasure Chest.

Holiday Programs

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Form, To Educate

Mark your calendars! Our Holiday Programs are as scheduled.

*Tuesday, December 13th
6:00 p.m. Pre- Kindergarten - 2nd grade*

*Wednesday, December 14th
6:00 p.m. 3rd - 8th Grade*

We need some volunteers who would like to help decorate the school for Christmas on Monday, Nov. 28th. Trees need to be put together & decorated and other Christmas items hung around the school. Please contact Mrs. Sain if you're able to help!!!

Better Music Program Recordings!!!

We have purchased a new video camera and installed new microphones from the ceiling above the stage to improve the quality of video we offer to our families.

PLUS, you will have the option of having it on a disc or bringing in your own flash drive to have it downloaded.

There will be more information regarding this as the program times get closer - I just wanted to share the GOOD NEWS!!!!

Receive Email flyers

Remember that we are continuing to "Go Green" this year by emailing newsletters, announcements, etc. to the email address you gave us. If your email address changes, please don't forget to tell us.

Don't forget to send in your K – 4th grade student's Broadway Palm Field Trip form by Nov. 14th. We want to make sure everyone has a seat!

**Thank you,
Nancy Sain**

It was a pleasure to have Mrs. Noonan at the Academy on Oct. 25th. She had an opportunity to visit every classroom and interact with many of her students. As we were reviewing different aspects of the Academy, she related that at her Illinois Academy, they charge a minimal fee for uniforms, that parents graciously return. She would like us to do the same, so beginning Jan. 3rd, we will begin charging a quarter of what new uniforms cost for the gently used uniforms. Thank you for continuing to support our school.

It's Not Easy

Let's be honest. Ethics is not for wimps.

It's not easy being a good person.

It's not easy to be honest when it might be costly, to play fair when others cheat, or to keep inconvenient promises.

It's not easy to stand up for our beliefs and still respect differing viewpoints.

It's not easy to control powerful impulses, to be accountable for our attitudes and actions, to tackle unpleasant tasks, or to sacrifice the now for later.

It's not easy to bear criticism and learn from it without getting angry, to take advice, or to admit error.

It's not easy to feel genuine remorse and apologize sincerely, or to accept apologies graciously and truly forgive.

It's not easy to stop feeling like a victim, to resist cynicism, or to make the best of every situation.

It's not easy to be consistently kind, to think of others first, to judge generously, or to give the benefit of the doubt.

It's not easy to be grateful or to give without concern for reward or gratitude.

It's not easy to fail and still keep trying, to learn from failure, to risk failing again, to start over, to lose with grace, or to be glad of another's success.

It's not easy to look at ourselves honestly and be accountable, to avoid excuses and rationalizations, or to resist temptations.

No, being a person of character isn't easy. That's why it's such a lofty goal and an admirable achievement.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.

Stanford 10 testing March 26th

We always test all of our Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grade students. This year, due to the changes in Federal guidelines for some of our scholarship students, we need to test a few students in the even numbered grade levels. If you would like to have your child tested in 2nd, 4th or 6th grade, please let me know by December 15th, so that I can order enough materials. The cost for testing is \$24 for 2nd graders and \$25 for 4th and 6th graders.

Mrs. Noonan feels that testing every other year gives us a good snapshot of how your child is performing, without having to put them through the testing process every year.