

QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL CELEBRATES  
**50 YEARS OF EAGLE EXCELLENCE**  
• 1966-2016 •

*Tuesday, January 31, 2017*

***Geography Bee Winners!***

*Recently, ten students in grades 3rd - 8th participated in the school's geography bee.*

*Luke (8th): 1st place winner*

*Bethania (8th grade): 2nd place*

*Molly (5th grade): 3rd place*

*Luke will advance to the next round to qualify for the state geography competition. Congratulations to all our students and to Mrs. Arias for coordinating the contest.*





## **This Week in February**

**Wed. 1st: Lunch with Someone You Love (last names M-Z);**

**Special Ice Cream Day (2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) \$1.50 or 50 cent & ice cream card**

**Thurs. 2nd: 8:15 Award Ceremony for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students**

**9 am Mass (wear your Mass uniform)**

**Grandparents invited to Mass and reception following the Mass**

**Last day for the book fair!**

**Report Cards Sent home today**

**Friday, 3rd: Non-Uniform Day - Spirit Day**

## Letter from the Pastor

Dear school families,

Our principal, Mrs. Littlefield has just communicated to you that she will not be returning to Queen of Apostles School for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Littlefield will continue until the end of the school year to facilitate continuity and a smooth transition.

You all know the great job she has done. When she became principal, the school was in a difficult situation. Under her successful leadership the school has grown and improved in many respects. Now that she moves in another direction, I would like to join you in our gratitude for her tireless service. Queen of Apostles is in debt to Mrs. Littlefield.

With the help and support of the Office of Catholic Schools, faculty and school families we will begin in earnest a search for a candidate who will continue growing the school within the same vision, values and culture.

Please, keep this intention and Mrs. Littlefield in your thoughts and prayers.

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM

## **School Post Office Opens for Valentines' Day Cards**

It's time to mail your Valentine's Day cards through the kinder post office. Bring your valentines to school on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost is 10 cents per valentine. The money is donated to Children's Hospital. Please [click here](#) for the flyer for more information.

## PTO Corner

Thank you to Mrs. Carolyn Fanning and ALL the wonderful parents and volunteers for a wonderfully successful

**Pancake Breakfast** this past Sunday morning! A lot of planning and hard work went into making such a wonderful meal for so many. We so appreciate all the volunteers who helped prepare, cook, serve and clean up after the event. Thank you Mrs. Fanning, Gloria Encinas, Karen, Jim and Zoe Kinder, Tom Tennant, Brian Waldrip, Ana Gomez, Yesenia Menjivar, Connie Olaya, Beza Zewdie, Asmeret Assefa, Asmeret Assefa, Asmeret Assefa. (With apologies to anyone who was omitted.)

Thank you also to the many, many volunteers who helped stuff envelopes for the **All Saints Car Raffle** this past Sunday! The work was completed in record time and we thank all who helped make easy work of a very big task. Thank you Connie Olaya, Cecilia Villarreal, Etsegenet Zamanuel, Cara Cook, Walta Tesfay, Aklile Renggli, Neal McCluskey, Shewit Gorfu, Maureen Devine, Gina Pizziconi-Cupoles, Jason Corbett, Mayra Saunders, BettyJo Lash, Karen Kinder, Jim Kinder, and the many others who stopped by to help.

It will be a very busy week at Queen of Apostles as we celebrate **Catholic Schools Week**. The PTO looks forward to seeing you at the Book Fair, Lunch With Someone You Love, or Grandparents Day this week.

### *The Annual School Dinner & Auction Fundraiser Needs YOU*

We need a parent to co-lead the Auction with those who have co-lead past Auctions. We also need many volunteers to help plan the event, brainstorm auction item ideas, create and execute a plan to decorate the venue, determine the menu, and help with many other tasks. You CAN make a difference. Please contact the PTO ([goa-pto@googlegroups.com](mailto:goa-pto@googlegroups.com)) or Mrs. Littlefield ([k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:k.littlefield@queenofapostlesschool.org)) if you can help plan this event.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **February 2017**

**February 1** Book Fair -- 2 Volunteer Shifts: 9-11am, 11am-1:30pm

Sign up to Help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-book>

You do need to be Virtus trained

**February 2** ♥ Grandparent's Day at QofA ♥

Book Fair -- We Need Volunteers from 11:00am-1:30pm

Sign up to Help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-book>

You do need to be OPCYP compliant (Virtus)

**February 25** Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00-8:00pm - Hannan Hall

Chair: Mrs. Roxana Montecinos Huertas, [rmontecinos@verizon.net](mailto:rmontecinos@verizon.net)

Sign Up to Help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-break>

**February 16** 7th & 8th Grade Science Fair

Chair: Mr. Dex Curi, Middle School Science Teacher, [d.curi@queenofapostlesschool.org](mailto:d.curi@queenofapostlesschool.org)

Sign up to Help by February 6 <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-annual>

## March 2017

**March 25** School Auction

Sign Up to Help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-auction>

## May 2017

**May 13** 5K / 1 Mile Fun Run

Chair: Mr. Tom Tennant, [tmt0302@gmail.com](mailto:tmt0302@gmail.com)

Sign Up to Help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-5k1>

**May 13** International Festival

Chair: Mrs. Stephanie Liller, [stephanie.liller@verizon.net](mailto:stephanie.liller@verizon.net)

Sign Up to Help at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c49aca922ab9-international>

## Box Top\$ For Education -2 HUGE contests

Clean Start Sweepstakes is on NOW until 2/19/17

Go to

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/sweepstakes/2017/hefty-clean-start>

and enter for chance to win. Five schools will win 5,000 bonus box tops. The more YOU enter, the greater chances QofA will win!



## Winter Box Top\$ competition

The Winter Box Tops for Education (BTFE) Competition begins today and runs for four weeks ending the last Friday in February, February 24th. Each grade level will compete to see who can win bragging rights and a special treat by collecting the most box tops during this period. Collection sheets are online, available in the school lobby, and have also been sent home with students.

Before you shop, visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/coupons> for printable coupons on most General Mills products. You may also wish to visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com/card-linked-offers/retailers> for digital coupons and coupons only available at certain retailers including all military commissaries, Shoppers Food Warehouse, Rite Aid and K Mart.

Download the Box Tops Bonus App & Earn TRIPLE (or more) Rewards!

From the App Store on your smartphone download the free Box Tops Bonus App. Before shopping, open the app and see if any of the General Mills products you need are listed. Click on those items. After completing your purchase, scan your sales receipt and the app will automatically generate additional rewards for our school. Then, clip the box top on the product.



### Clinic Reminders

**Medication Pick-up/New Forms:** If you have medication(s) in the clinic, please **pick it/them up on the last day of school** (or before for “as needed”)

medications). **Medication(s) must be picked-up by the parents, they cannot be sent home with the children.** Any remaining medication(s) will be discarded on the last day of school. When you pick-up your medication(s), new forms will be provided for the next school year.

**Health Forms:** Kindergarten - Completed *Commonwealth of VA School Entrance Health Forms* are being accepted for the upcoming school year.

**Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:** If you have a rising 6<sup>th</sup> grader, remember to get the TDaP immunization and submit the official, signed immunization record from your medical provider, prior to the first day of school. If your child is not 11 years old and your physician wishes to defer the immunization until he/she is 11 years old, you **must** provide a medical exemption stating this from the physician. **All documentation must be submitted by the first day of school and strongly preferred by August 7, 2017.**

Please feel free to submit this required documentation at any time before the due dates!

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Alexia Park, RN, RDMS

School Nurse

Thank you for supporting the students of Queen of Apostles.

Contact the PTO anytime at [qoa-pto@googlegroups.com](mailto:qoa-pto@googlegroups.com).

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