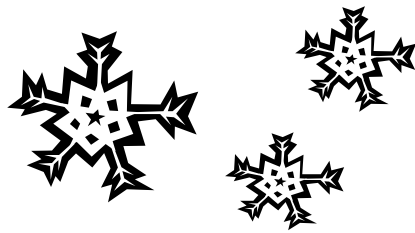


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Mater Amoris Matters

February
2008

Calendar of Events:

Tues, Feb 12, 8-9 a.m.

Lower Elementary
Introduction Meeting

Tues, Feb 12, 7-8 p.m.

Upper Elementary
Introduction Meeting

Tues, Feb 12

Science Fair Topic Due

Wed, Feb 13, 7:45 a.m.

AAU Parent Meeting

Mon-Fri, Feb. 18-22

Mid-Winter Break-NO
CLASSES

Thur, Feb 28

Fathers' Night, Mrs. Nellis
(4, 5, & 6 year olds)

Thur-Sun, Feb 28-Mar 2

AAU Tournament

Wed, March 5

Mothers' Night, Mrs. A-O

Sun, March 16

Easter Egg & Scavenger
Hunt

Tues, March 18

Fathers' Night, Mrs. A-O

Wed, March 19

Fathers' Night, Mrs. Mosher
(4, 5 & 6 year olds)

Thur, March 20

Kennedy Center trip for
Lower and Upper Elem

Mon-Fri, March 24-28

Spring Break-NO CLASSES



Save the Date:

Mon-Thur, April 7-10

Science Fair Exhibits

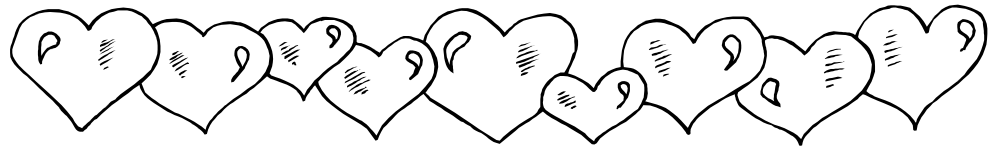
Wed, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Science Fair Parent Night

FROM THE DIRECTRESS

Please join me in welcoming four new students to Mater Amoris for the second semester. Sally Ambrose and Abigail Kim have joined Mrs. Nellis' class; Leah Morrison and Dino Versace have joined Mrs. Mosher's class. We look forward to sharing the remainder of the year with them!

Thank you to Deanna Lentz and Susie Piciotti for organizing the Gianni's Pizza Fundraiser, and to the many families who supported the school through purchases of pizza, cakes and other sweets.



VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

All of the primary and elementary classes will celebrate Valentine's Day on *Thursday, February 14* with a card exchanging party. Make sure everyone gets a valentine by having your child send enough cards for the entire class. The primary children should sign but not address their cards to allow for easy distribution. The elementary children may sign and address each card if they choose.

Number of children in each class:

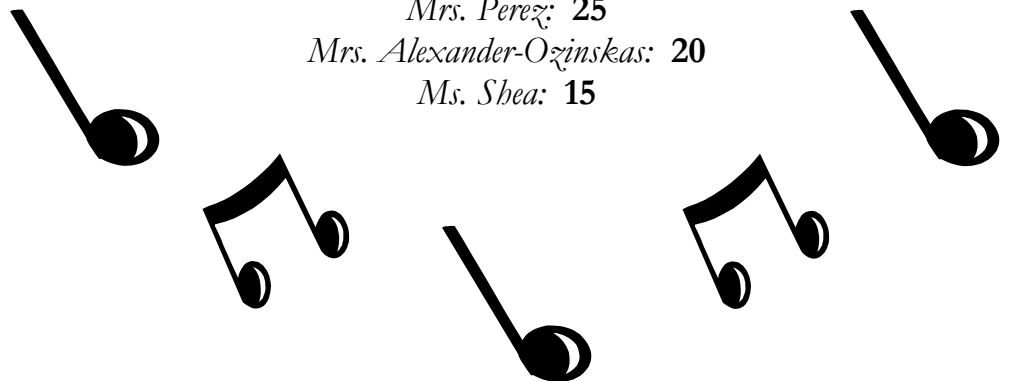
Mrs. Mosher: 22

Mrs. Nellis: 25

Mrs. Perez: 25

Mrs. Alexander-Ozinskas: 20

Ms. Shea: 15



SPRING MUSICAL

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date and location of this year's musical, *The Music Man*, may be changed. Your patience and understanding while we work out the details are much appreciated. The children will continue to practice and as soon as the plans are finalized, we will let you know.

PARENT MEETINGS

On February 12, Mrs. Perez will once again give an overview of the Junior classes to parents. The morning meeting (8-9 a.m) is for parents of Primary children who may move into the Lower Junior class next year. The evening meeting (7-8 p.m.) is for parents of Lower Junior children who may move into the Upper Junior class next year. A brief question and answer period will follow the presentation.

FATHER'S NIGHT

Primary children ages 4, 5 & 6, and all junior children are welcome to bring their fathers, uncles, or fatherly figures to school to share their classroom work. We ask that you come with only the child whose class is scheduled for the evening, not with his/her siblings.



MOTHER'S NIGHT

Primary children ages 4, 5 & 6, and all junior children are welcome to bring their mothers, aunts, or motherly figures to school to share their classroom work. We ask that you come with only the child whose class is scheduled for the evening, not with his/her siblings.



SILENT AUCTION

It's never too early to start thinking about the annual Mater Amoris Silent Auction, which will take place at the Spring Fair on Saturday, May 17, 2008. In addition to family donations, the Parent Association solicits donations from businesses in the community. Any help that parents can provide with these efforts would be greatly appreciated. Auction Certificates will be sent home soon, and are also available in the school office. Please contact Anne Elixhauser Hayden (301-854-0087), or Apple Chapman (301-879-1994) with any questions, or if you are able to assist the Parent Council Auction Committee in any way.

Here are some ideas that might inspire you:

Gifts certificates for products and services:

- Local Restaurants
- Downtown hotel stays
- Bed and Breakfasts
- Toy stores
- Birthday Parties
- Car wash or detailing
- Craft classes
- Dance Lessons
- Landscaping services

- Family Fun Box filled with games, snacks, gift cards
- Set of children's books
- Set of children's toys
- Set of children's DVDs
- Cookbooks, kitchen appliances
- Tote of garden tools
- Electronics (stereo, iPod, TV)
- Themed gift baskets
- Tickets to sporting events
- Tickets to art and cultural events

Please be creative and resourceful! No donation is too big or too small! The success of our auction is greatly dependant on the participation of all families.

