



"SCHOOL NEWS"

THE ASSUMPTION

FEBRUARY 3, 2012 WEEK #20
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

FREE EARLY LITERACY CAMP FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS!

Our Lady of Assumption School, in conjunction with the Ministry of Education, will be hosting a complimentary Early Literacy Workshop. The workshop will take place on Tuesday February 21st from 12:30 -2:30pm. Children will be brought to the kindergarten class at 1:00pm to participate in Early Literacy Activities with Ms.Heffernan. Parents will join Ms. Baker in the library for an informational session on encouraging and promoting Literacy at home. At 1:30pm the parents and children will join together working at centres completing activities on literacy, numeracy and social skills development.

Free take home materials will be provided. Please register early as space is limited - registration deadline is Monday February 19th. Contact Ms.Baker or Ms. Heffernan at Our Lady of Assumption School (942-5522) for more information and to register your child.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION – 'OPEN SCHOOL MORNING'



We will be having an Open School Morning for all parents, grandparents, prospective parents and our parishioners on **Wednesday, February 8th, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.** The reason for this is to promote the fantastic learning that happens in our classrooms and to show our community what we do each day.

This 'Open School Morning' affords our present parents an opportunity to see grades higher than their child's present class and gives prospective parents a chance to tour our school and visit classrooms while classes are in session.

Please feel free to come and visit.

HAVE YOU HEARD of NATIONAL SWEATER DAY?



Thursday, February 9th is National Sweater Day. The World Wildlife Fund is challenging Canadians to lower their thermostats and put on a sweater for the day in order to take action on climate change. Last year thousands of people reduced their energy for a day showing the importance of people working together for a healthier climate. This year Assumption School is going to jump on board. We will lower our thermostat a couple of degrees for the day and learn how saving energy can help save our planet. **Assumption students will wear their uniforms that day, but instead of our school sweaters they are welcome to wear their favourite, coziest or craziest sweater or hoodie to school.** We also encourage you to lower your thermostat at home a few degrees too. Together we can make a difference while saving energy and staying warm.

VARIETY THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY



The Grade 2 & 6 'buddy' classes will be raising money for Variety The Children's Charity in the month of February This charity helps families with children who have special needs and or medical needs to purchase special adaptations, equipment, therapies, etc. **THE GRADE 2 & 6 CLASSES INVITE EVERYONE TO THEIR BAKE SALE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9th AT NOON.** The treats will be home baked and delicious, the prices will be very reasonable, and all proceeds will to this important cause. Thank you in advance!

MUSIC NOTES:



There will be no early morning practices this coming week.

PARENT PARTICIPATION SIGN-IN SHEETS REQUESTED



INDEPENDANT CATEGORIES

A reminder to all participating families that work independently in a category, that your sign in sheets for all hours up this date are now due. Please note that the sign in sheets are to be put in the blue basket in the photocopier (the room to the right of the school office) and please take a blank sign in sheet from the yellow basket for next month's hours. Please note that you can also print a blank sign in sheet from our school website www.assumptionschool.com under the parent participation link.

Signing in for hours

Parents please remember that when you work a category whether it is a regular category or helping out with something else, you must remember to sign in and out. You cannot expect the parent participation co-ordinator to know if you have worked a shift or not without signing in and out.

A reminder that hours for this school year are finished as of June 30, 2012 and it is each parents own responsibility to ensure that their participation hours are complete.

Category Change

If you are looking to change participation categories next year you need to put your request in to the participation co-ordinator as early as you can. Starting in May we will be starting to fill in the categories for next year.

If you have any questions or concerns contact the participation co-ordinator @ olaparents@live.ca

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

LUNCH LADY FORMS

'Lunch Lady' order forms were sent home with your students this past Monday. The due date for these orders is **Monday, February 6th**. As always your orders can be brought into the school office and deposited in the 'Lunch Lady' box **OR** you can place your order online at www.thelunchlady.ca

FUNDRAISING SCRAPBOOK PJ CROP- Sat., March 3, 2012

Attend Our Lady of Assumption's first all day Fundraising Scrapbook PJ Crop on Saturday, March 3, 2012! A scrap booking crop is like a "quilting bee" - we will get together in the school gym for 12 hours of scrap booking or picture sorting or knitting or whatever craft you would like to work on. All funds go to support the Arts Attack program for K to Gr. 7. This is going to be a super fun day and you can even wear your pyjamas! Hope to see you there!

The Fundraising Committee.

REMINDER: MID WINTER UNIFORM NEEDS:

Parents, we have a **limited** supply of brand new Golf Shirts in stock for \$15 ea. Sizes available are youth small, youth large and youth XL. Also, we still have school sweaters in various sizes still in stock at a cost of \$40 ea. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact our uniform coordinator, Ms. Ronie Lo, at ronie.lo@hotmail.com



COMING EVENTS

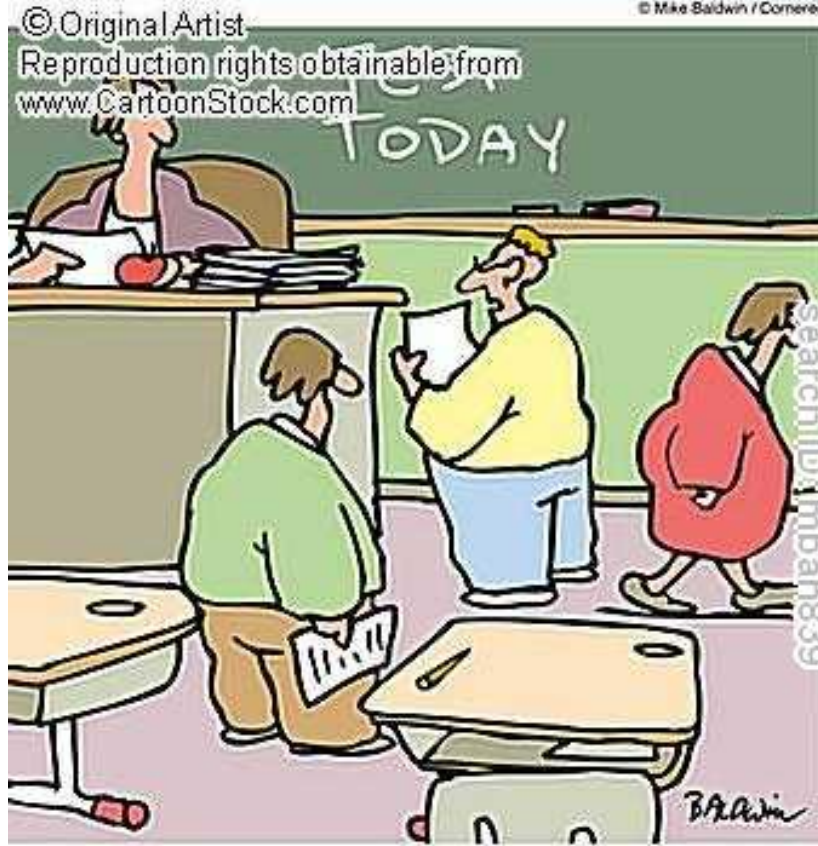


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| FEBRUARY 4 | - | OLA TRIVIA NIGHT |
| FEBRUARY 7 | - | LUNCH LADY- Gr. 4 Fundraiser |
| FEBRUARY 8 | - | OPEN SCHOOL MORNING |
| FEBRUARY 9 | - | GR. 2 & 6 BAKE SALE - fundraiser for Variety the Children's Charity |
| FEBRUARY 9 | - | NATIONAL SWEATER DAY AT OLA |
| FEBRUARY 10 | - | SCHOOL MASS – 9 am |
| FEBRUARY 14 | - | LUNCH LADY- Gr. 4 Fundraiser |
| FEBRUARY 16 & 17 | - | CEC CONFERENCE – NO SCHOOL |
| FEBRUARY 20 to 24 | - | INHOUSE REGISTRATION 2012-13 |
| FEBRUARY 21 | - | PEC MEETING – 7:30 P.M. |
| FEBRUARY 22 | - | ASH WEDNESDAY |
| FEBRUARY 23 | - | PIZZA DAY |
| FEBRUARY 24 | - | GR. 5 B-BALL TOURNEY (Heart & Stroke) |
| FEBRUARY 27 | - | KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2012-13 |
| MARCH 1 | - | GR. 2 SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE |
| MARCH 6 | - | LUNCH LADY- Gr. 4 Fundraiser |
| MARCH 9 | - | SCHOOL MASS – 9 am |
| MARCH 13 | - | LUNCH LADY- Gr. 4 Fundraiser |
| MARCH 15 | - | OLA TALENT SHOW |
| MARCH 16 | - | DISMISSAL 12 NOON – SPRING BREAK |
| MARCH 26 | - | SCHOOL RE-OPENS/REPORT CARDS |
| MARCH 27 | - | STUDENT LED CONFERENCES |
| MARCH 30 | - | FINE ARTS PRESENTATION – 9:30 am |
| APRIL 5 | - | HOLY THURSDAY – NOON DISMISSAL |
| APRIL 6 | - | GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL |
| APRIL 9 | - | EASTER MONDAY – NO SCHOOL |
| APRIL 10 | - | SCHOOL REOPENS AFTER EASTER |



From the Editor

KAZUN'S KORNER



"I didn't feel answers were necessary.
All the questions seemed rhetorical."

Our Lady of Assumption School Presents a Fundraising Crop

Pajama Party 2012

Date: Saturday March 3rd, 2012 **Price** \$45 (Cash or Cheques payable to OLA School)

Location: Our Lady of Assumption School Gym, 2255 Fraser Avenue, Port Coquitlam

Time: 10am - 10pm (doors open 9:30am)

What to wear: Whatever you would like. It is a PJ party, so feel free to come in your comfiest pj's, slippers, bathrobes etc. Wear whatever will make you comfortable to enjoy **YOUR** day.

This will be a relaxed, stress free day of no errands, housework, work, bills to pay, dishes to do, laundry to do...just **time for YOU!**

Your crop ticket includes:

- 12 hours of uninterrupted cropping, cardmaking, picture sorting, knitting, socializing...
- reserved seating if your ticket is purchased by Feb 19th. (specify who you would like to sit with)
- coffee, tea, and water all day long and pizza dinner
- snacks to share (everyone brings)
- a goodie bag with a scrapbook layout project in it
- make and takes provided by the vendors.
- a chance to win some great door prizes, 50/50, raffle prizes (win a cricut! and more)
- coupon for a precrop shop at Photo Express to stock up on your cropping supplies,
- vendors for on site purchases.

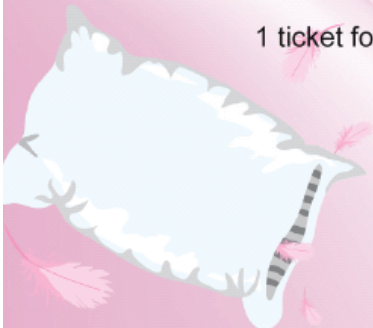
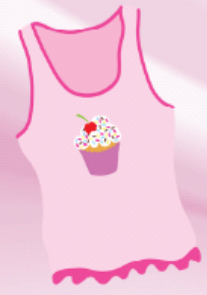
Tickets available at: Our Lady of Assumption school office, Photo Express in Maple Ridge 604-463-3654, Cherish the Thought in Coquitlam 778-397-7575, or by contacting Veronica Lopes 604-725-4805 or Michele Correa 604-475-1996. (Tickets are nonrefundable)

Draw Tickets: There are great door prizes to be won so make sure to earn your draw tickets.

- 1 ticket for wearing your pj's
- 2 tickets for bringing a snack to share (everyone loves this part)
- 1 ticket for being kind to the environment and bringing your own reusable cup and plate
- 1 ticket for entering a page in the "page showing" (a page you've completed at the crop)

This is a fundraising crop to support the "Arts Attack" program for Kindergarten to Gr 7. This innovative program brings the art curriculum alive through DVD, Art prints, and Art objects.

The program covers all the art elements (line, colour, shape, form, texture, pattern, space etc.), right-brain drawing, self-expression, culture & history, artists and art appreciation, and media exploration. Thanks for your support!



MORE COMMUNITY INFORMATION...

Free Science Event – Vancouver Convention Centre

There is a free science event taking place at the Vancouver Convention Centre on February 18-19, 2012. Family Science Days is a science showcase of hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations that encourages children, teachers, and families to explore all types of science from astronomy to zoology. The event is organized as part of the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), an international non-profit organization dedicated to advancing science.

Students will have the opportunity to touch live sea creatures, jump beside a seismometer to make their own earthquakes, extract DNA from fruit, learn about science careers, meet engaging research scientists in many fields, and much more. I invite you to browse the stage schedule and Vancouver-area exhibitors at www.aaas.org/meetings/fsd/.

Family Science Days is FREE and open to all, but organized especially for students in grade levels 6 to 12. No advance notice of participation is required; attendees can simply register on-site to receive a free pass to the event. I hope that you will share this information with your colleagues and students and that you will join us at Family Science Days.

Please contact me for additional information or to answer any questions.

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