

May 18, 2006

Dear Parents,

A quick but important letter for all of you who are busy enjoying life in the sun in the great Northwest!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

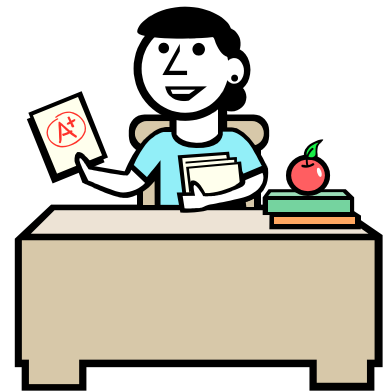
Come one, come all to our first volunteer appreciation reception and talent show following next week's St. Madeleine Sophie Feast Day Mass. Because of the special day, our regular weekly liturgy has been moved to Thursday, May 25th beginning at 9:00am. As you all have been such a support, you are all invited. The morning should be wrapped up by 11:00 am.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Watch for class assignments to be in the special May mailing that should be in your mailbox before the end of the month. Mrs. Nestvold and crew are taking a stab at coming up with two balanced classes for the year. With our friends in PK moving up and the great new families we have coming on board, I think both blends should be more than successful.

I say that even knowing that a change has come upon us these last few weeks. Ms. Conrad, who was scheduled to take over the lead in the second K class, has informed us that she and her fiancée will be moving to Spokane after their July wedding. Needless to say, we are extremely sad to see her go. Ashley has been a tremendous addition to our staff family. It has been a tough decision for her and equally tough on us to lose a great friend. More than a few tears were shed all around.

At the same time, we can now announce that Ashley actively helped us find an extremely well qualified teacher to pick up the baton. Jennifer Agostinelli will be joining us next fall to team with Mrs. Nestvold. Jennifer graduated from Eastern Washington University, taught at St. Catherine's in Seattle and currently is employed as a substitute in the Lake Washington School District. Her background in early childhood education and reading readiness will be a great compliment to Abby's gifts. Jennifer has spent four days with us the past two weeks, most recently yesterday, when she assisted in the PK class getting to know the students.



As much as we know Jennifer will not replace Ashley, the talents she brings will keep us on the path to something special. We're lucky to have her.

COFFEE

Interest in our Seraph Blend Coffee is really “perking” up. Nearly \$300 in sales this last order period! Special thanks to our 6th grade marketing gurus and their lead CEO’s Karen Pasqualetto and Brian Fulmer. We should have delivery by the end of the week. By next week, our parish and school events should be using Caffe Appassionato signature blend at all our events. Remember, this special brand of shade grown, fair trade product is offered exclusively by our own 6th grade. If you’d like more information, contact the class by e-mail at kpasqualetto@stmadsophie.org.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT...

Next Friday, May 26th is a teacher planning day and no school will be held. That gives you a FOUR-day break for Memorial Day. Can you believe it? Summer is peaking around the corner.

We’ll talk more about the upcoming year in the weeks ahead. Enjoy your weekend!

Dan