

St. James Episcopal School

November 5, 2008

Wow! What an election and a great history lesson for our students. The election for the next President of our country definitely brought about great discussions, controversy and led voters to take a stand for what they believe in! While the election was going on in our nation, our students in K-6th grade also participated in an election. The students voted for our first set of officers for our student council, which will be known as "Dove Council". The students enjoyed this experience as they brought their voters registration cards to the poll to vote on Tuesday, November 4th. This was a great learning experience for our students and we will continue to foster these types of events here at St. James School.

~ Tiffany Forester
Head of School

Upcoming Events:

Grandparents Day: We will celebrate the love and joy for our grandparents on Wednesday, November 12 at 9:00a.m. We will meet in the chapel at 9:00a.m. for our program. After the program grandparents will visit the classroom with their grandchild, attend the Book Fair and eat lunch together.

Book Fair: Our Book Fair will take place in the Parish Hall Monday, November 10-14th. The Book Fair will remain open until 7pm on Wednesday, November 12th.

Thanksgiving Holidays – We will be closed Monday, November 24–Friday, November 28th. We will have extended care on Monday and Tuesday (the 24th and 25th) in the main, preschool building. If you need extended care for these days, please contact the school office. Lunch will be ordered on these two days for \$3.50 each day.

Vietnam Wall Visit – Our students visited the replica of the Vietnam Wall that was in Willis in October. The K-6th grade students sang at a ceremony that was held in honor of the men and women that lost their lives during the Vietnam War. The students were able to walk through the museum, view the names on the wall, rub the names of people that ones in their family may have been related to or known, and they walked through an army helicopter and were able to speak to the pilots of the helicopter.

School Class Pictures – *We have class pictures for sale in the office for \$5 each. If you would like to purchase a class picture you may do so by sending \$5 cash or check to your child's teacher, along with the bottom portion of this form.*

Class Picture Order

Class: _____

Child's Name _____ *\$5 included* Cash _____ Check _____

Hearing Screening: Hearing screenings will take place the week of November 10th. Students in Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th will be screened.

Spelling Bee: Students in grades 2—6th grade may participate in our school wide Spelling Bee. Practice books have been given to the language arts teachers and students may begin practicing using the words in the book. We will have our school wide Spelling Bee on Friday, January 23 at 9:30a.m. in the church.

Santa's Workshop – Preschool students through Kindergarten will participate in Santa's Workshop on Wednesday, December 10th in the Parish Hall. Each class will be given a time to attend, please check with your child's teacher in the following weeks for their time.

Food Drive: Our students will begin collecting non-perishable food items to bring to school to donate to the Montgomery County Food Bank. We will weigh the items brought and the class with the highest percentage of items as compared to the number of students in the class will win an ice cream sundae party. The K-6th grade students will deliver the items to the food bank on Wednesday, December 17. The students will then visit a retirement home in the community to sing Christmas carols and to deliver goodies to the residents.

Thank you from Trinity Episcopal School in Galveston: We received a gracious thank you from the students at Trinity Episcopal School in Galveston. Our students brought in over \$450 that went directly to the school. Way to go students and parents!

Early release: December 19th will begin our Christmas Holidays with an early release on Friday at 11:00a.m. Students will return to school on January 6th.

Thank you... I would like to thank everyone that sold cookie dough and turned in their order. We appreciate your support in our fundraisers for the school.

Parents, if you ever have a concern, please feel free to contact the office and schedule an appointment with your child's teacher or myself. We look forward to each day here with your child. Please, come visit or eat lunch with your child from time to time to hear the great things that go on at St. James School. We have chapel at the following times: K-6 (M and Fridays 8:45-9:15 and Wed. 8:30-9:00), Preschool Wed. @ 9:05, please feel free to join us during this time as well!

Have a great Thanksgiving and take the time to thank someone for being a part of your life!
Live, laugh, love and Godspeed ~ Tiffany Forester

