

DAMIANSVILLE

E L E M E N T A R Y S C H O O L

Newsletter

November 2016

Important Dates

This month:

11/2 – Scrip Order Due
11/8 – PTO Meeting, 6:30
11/11 – Veterans' Day, No School
11/16 – Q2 Midterm Scrip Order Due
11/18 – Quarter Auction, 6:30
11/21 – Picture Retake Day Board Meeting, 6:30
11/23-11/25 – Thanksgiving Break, No School
11/30 – Scrip Order Due

Coming up:

12/8 – Pizza Hut Day
12/13 – Christmas Concert, 7:00
12/14 – Scrip Order Due
12/21 – End of Q2, **1:45 Dismissal**
12/22-1/3 – Christmas Break

Save the Date!

The Christmas Concert will be Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day will be Monday, November 21. Students who were absent may pick up an order form in the office and bring it with payment on the day of the pictures. Students who are having their picture retaken should bring the original package back to school on that day.

Dress Code

The last day to wear shorts to school is October 31. All students must follow the dress code guidelines given in the school handbook (p.18). Unless it is raining, students are outside for recess. If the weather is cool, please remind your student to wear long pants and bring a jacket.

PTO News

The next PTO meeting is November 8 at 6:30 in the junior high science classroom. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Remember—if you attend all five PTO meetings, your name will be entered in a drawing to have one child's 2017-18 registration fees paid for by the PTO.

Quarter Auction

The Quarter Auction & Vendor Fair is scheduled for Friday, November 18, in the school gym. Doors open at 6:30 and the auction will begin at 7:30. Bring your own drinks and snacks. If you would like to reserve a table, please email the PTO at dvillepto@gmail.com. To purchase a ghost paddle for \$30, please send a check to the school office made payable to the Damiansville PTO. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Scrip Program

The PTO is once again offering the **Scrip** gift card program. Don't forget to order your cards for easy Christmas shopping! Orders will be placed **November 2, November 16, November 30, and December 14**. Please visit the PTO tab on the school website to find more information on this program. Lori Toennies is the coordinator this year. If you have any questions or would like to place an order, please call or email her: (618)513-5733 or loritoennies@hotmail.com. Order forms are also available online and in the school office.

Youth Choir News

The St. Damian Youth Choir rehearses every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. (after 8:30 a.m. mass). All boys and girls in

grades 4-12 and young adults are invited to participate. We are practicing music for the Christmas Eve mass on December 24 at 5:00 p.m. Contact Jackie Toennies at (618) 335-9562 or Geri Varel at (618) 248-5223 if a child needs a ride to or from practice. We look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces and hearing your wonderful voices. Come help us "Make a Joyful Noise!"

Community Giving Tree

Once again there will be an opportunity for families in the community to help those less fortunate during the holiday season. St. Damian Church will be the collection point for hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks for children, teens, ladies, and men. The items will be donated to the BCMW in Breese and given out as Christmas presents to local families through BCMW, which serves Bond, Clinton, Marion, and Washington Counties. Items can be brought to St. Damian Church. Please hang your donation on the "Giving Tree" which will be located in the gathering space inside church. The Giving Tree will be set up from November 19 through December 11. Your generous donations will help make the holidays a little warmer for many people! Any questions, please contact Geri Varel at 248-5223.

Election News

The following positions are open for the consolidated election on April 4, 2017:

- Mayor-4 year Term
- Trustee-3 positions open for a 4-year Term
- Trustee-3 positions open for a 2 year unexpired Term

If you are interested in picking up a petition for any of the above positions, you may leave a message at the Village Hall for Kristie Santel at 248-5111 or call her home phone number at 248-5695.

Petitions must be turned back in by December 19, 2016.

High Altitude Balloon Launch

Join us for a High Altitude Balloon launch benefiting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on Saturday, November 5, at 10:00 a.m. at the Damiansville Pavilion on Park Lane. The event

will start with a presentation on High Altitude Balloons, how they are tracked, and how they are used in research. You will see videos from near space at approximately 100,000 feet above Earth. Then you can participate in the launch, tracking, and locating of the balloon and payload. A free bagel/coffee breakfast will be served. The event is free, but we encourage individuals/couples/families to bring a dish for a potluck lunch and to purchase a wooden ornament (\$25) in memory or honor of someone who has had leukemia, lymphoma, or another cancer.

The ornaments will be sent up with the balloon and returned to participants after the balloon is recovered. All proceeds will benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Learn more about High Altitude Balloons online at HAB.education and about the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at LLS.org. For more information about the event, email thedefenserests@yahoo.com.

