

St. Ann Home & School News

Your Parent Association

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NEW!! Health and Wellness Series

We're pleased to announce a new Health and Wellness series at St. Ann School!

With obesity ever-increasing in children nationwide, we want to bring presenters to St. Ann's who promote good nutrition and fitness in everyday life.

Our first presenter is Lee Munger, a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist at UW-Whitewater. On the afternoon of December 14th, Lee will offer two sessions with our

students split by age group. See accompanying flyer for more details.



We're also

bringing certified Zumba® instructor and St. Ann mom Stephanie Schipper in to offer a family Zumba® session on a Saturday morning in February.

Ann Garvin, a UW-Whitewater professor, will come in the spring to talk about smart eating.

Lastly, St. Ann mom and Junior League of Madison member Lynn Wood will offer a "Kids in the Kitchen" event. Kids will get a chance to learn about and participate in healthy cooking and eating.

Watch your email and Wednesday envelopes for these exciting upcoming events. We'd love everyone to participate!



Up Coming H&S Events -Dates to Remember

H&S Meeting Science Room	Dec 8 7:30
Market Day Pick up in Gym	Dec 12 3:15
Advent Concert and Reception	Dec 13 6:30
Get Moving, Get Fit! with Lee Munger	Dec 14 1-3pm

Scrip

A huge thanks to all of you buying Scrip gift cards!



Then next order goes in December 13th so you'll have all your purchases before Christmas!

Our orders have increased every month. St Ann's School benefits from every Scrip purchase you make.

Please consider buying Scrip for those on your Christmas lists this year.



Home & School Steering Committee

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Associate Members: Stephanie Schipper

Kari Fernholz

Julie Mathias

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Kim Cisewski

Diana Probst

Lynn Wood

Joe Karlen

Many Thanks!

We'd like to thank Denise Pigarelli and the Hospitality Committee for providing the wonderful meals for St. Ann's staff during parent/teacher conferences in October. Everything was delicious!



We'd also like to thank Liz Waldorf and Mona Beckham and the Book Fair committee for running another successful Book Fair this year. We appreciate all the hard work you put into the event!

Committee Meeting
Minutes on Back

St. Ann Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Steering Members Present: Suzette Bergman, Andrea Lukowiak, Diane Martin, Joan Leonard, Lynn Wood, Kari Fernholz, Kim Cisewski, Joe Karlen, Liz Waldorf, Amy DiBenedetto

Absent: Kristen Nelson, Stephanie Schipper, Julie Mathias, Jennifer Unitan

Opening Prayer

Meeting was called to order with prayer.

Past Events

Book fair sales were on par with past years. Scheduling volunteers who were available to work the book fair was more difficult with the book fair during the week, than it was with the book fair on the weekend. The committee feels that a February book fair may not be the best timing. One for the end of the school year was proposed, but that may need to wait until next year. Other suggestions included linking the event with donut Sunday and the Mexican Fiesta, or inviting an author to make it an event. Both Liz and Mona would like to step down as committee chair people and are interested in finding replacements for next year. They have a binder of information to help the new chair people and are willing to train the new chairs. They also note that Scholastic is wonderful to work with.

Parent Teacher conference meals were delicious. The sign up sheet and the quantity seem appropriate. The meals were very much appreciated.

The Kitchen staff bake sale was a success. It made \$505. In the future, the kitchen would like some students to man the table where the baked goods are sold.

Upcoming Events

Grandparent/Special Person Day will be on November 11, 2011. There will be two sessions. The music is going to be patriotic because it is Veteran's Day. We will pray for the veterans and those members of the military currently in service. There will be a flag ceremony and Father Healy will speak. The stations will include games and art projects. Kara Roism will again take pictures with the kids and their special people.

This February will be the last working for the Culver's fundraiser. The even will be Wednesday, February 8th. In the future, all of the Culver's fundraisers will be based on the 5% off card, like went home earlier in the year. These card-based events are able to be held more frequently. Joe suggests that we hand out the cards on the way out of church (on the sidewalks...).

The brat stand at ACE Stoughton Lumber will be Saturday, May 5th. We would suggest that we have at least two more volunteers to work that morning. St. Ann's is in the rotation for future brat stands there, but they only have two per year, and have other groups that also need a turn.

Treasurer's Report

Some money was transferred to the money market to earn a little more interest. Jennifer is also looking at CD rates to improve interest return.

In-reach Report

Shaun Kleitsch is really appreciative of all the support and meals provided by Saint Ann's families over the last few weeks. The Herbst family may be in need of some meals due to Mark's back surgery.

Home and School Sponsored Speakers

A health and wellness theme for speakers and special events came up as an idea for this year. Lee Munger may be interested in speaking on the topics of exercise and nutrition.

Ann Garvin may also want to speak. Possible social tie ins are a Kids in the Kitchen event that Lynn could run, a bowling night for families (Diane), a Zumba-thon for families (Stephanie).

T-shirt Design

It may be time for a new t-shirt design for Saint Ann's.

Cookies for the Homebound

7th and 8th graders will be delivering cookies they made to the homebound the first week of December. Home and School will run a similar event near Valentine's Day.

Principal's Report

Report cards came home and, for students in grades 3 - 8, so did the results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. If anyone would like to discuss the results with Joan, please stop by her office.

4K has been a great thing for our school. 17 out of 20 kids are coming for the religious education piece at the end of the day. The saint wax museum will be on November 21st and the Thanksgiving prayer service will be on November 22nd.

In the next two weeks, students will be learning about stranger danger, inappropriate touching, etc.

The national geography bee will be for grades 5 - 8. The week after Thanksgiving, top students in each grade will compete to be the top geographer of the school.

The advent theme this year will be "We patiently wait." The fruit of the spirit for December will be patience.

New Business/Open Discussion

Fundraiser ideas from Amy include artsonia, which stores artwork and allows parents/relatives to purchase with a percentage going back to the school. Joan notes potential privacy issues. Other ideas include a school wide garage sale, scratch off cards, family trivia night, a fun run, Tyson product labels, Coca-Cola products, etc...

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm. Kari Fernholz motioned to adjourn with a second by Liz Waldorf.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Martin, Home and School Secretary