



Good Samaritan School February 2011 Newsletter

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THEME: *Caring for one another.*
SCRIPTURE: *Love one another...*
John 13.34



FEBRUARY & MARCH CALENDAR

Feb. 16th – Papa’s Pizza Fundraiser
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ALL SCHOOL READ-A-THON
2/28- 3/11/11
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Mid-March – 2011-2012 Registration

HALLWAY MANNERS - Drop-off and pick-up time is always very busy and the hallway does get crowded. Please help us teach school safety rules by reinforcing the following:

- Walk in the hall
- Use quiet voices
- Keep hands to self
- Be kind and respectful of others
(Light switches should not be played with)

**Valentine “Candy Grams” on sale
by the 1st-4th Grade class!
\$1.00 each**

Send a lollipop & sweet note
to your student here at school.



Order forms in school office. Please, order
by Friday, February 11th. Drop off orders and
payment in the school office.

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VALENTINE’S DAY PARTIES



Classroom parties will be held on February 14th or February 15th. See your teacher’s plans for the class party and valentine distribution on your class bulletin board. The children may bring their cards on the day of their class party. If you arrange the cards in ABC order it will greatly help the “passing out” process!



PARTY GOODIES

We will send home the names of those children who will be contributing to this party. A printed list will be on our bulletin boards. The kids may enjoy wearing red, purple, or pink on party day!



Dear Lunch Bunch families!

Thank you for sending such healthy lunches to school with your children. Lunch time is so much smoother when a treat is saved for after school. We always stress that they eat their healthy food first.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to teach this important lesson to the children.



CHAPEL is every Monday (9:15 AM & 12:45 PM). We love having parents with us, consider joining us some time.

Thinking about Donating to the GSS Annual Fund?

The GSS Annual Fund is essential to the operation of the School. These vital, unrestricted dollars support every student by bridging the gap between tuition revenue and the actual cost of providing a GSS education (Tuition dollars cover 82% of the actual cost). Each year, all members of the School community - alumni, parents, Board members, faculty, staff, and friends - are asked to support the students and School's programs with a gift to the Annual Fund. An unrestricted gift to the Annual Fund allows the School to meet its goals and direct your money where it is needed most.

The GSS Annual Fund campaign has currently raised \$ 2,560 toward our goal of \$10,000. Please join the campaign by calling the school office at 541-758-1255 or visiting our school website at www.goodsamschool-episcopal.org,

- clicking on the "Giving to GSS" button
- then the "Donate to GSS" title



**GOOD SAM READ-A-THON
IS COMING!**

Our Read-a-Thon begins Monday, February 28th. This fundraiser has 2 important parts. We want to raise funds while promoting the joy of reading for our children. We have planned fun activities and incentives to keep our readers excited about their progress. 100% of the money raised will be used to provide reading materials for all our classes. All donations are tax deductible.

More information will come toward the end of the month.



Ongoing School Collections



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are worth 10 cents each!**

Look for Box Tops coupons on hundreds of products. In fact you probably have some in your house right now! Clip the Box Tops coupons from the items you buy and drop them off at school.

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www.boxtops4education.com

Thank you,

Mrs. Pfeifer & Mrs. Christi - Coordinators

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Visit labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of participating products.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions contact our coordinator, Mrs. Christi in the office.

Children Need and Thrive On Routine

The #1 tip for good sleeping habits in children is to follow a nightly routine. A bedtime ritual makes it easier for your child to relax, fall asleep and sleep through the night. A Typical Bedtime Routine might be:

1. Have a light snack
2. Take a bath.
3. Put on pajamas.
4. Brush teeth.
5. Read a story.
6. Make sure the room is quiet and at a comfortable temperature.
7. Put your child to bed.
8. Say goodnight and leave.

Helpful Tips

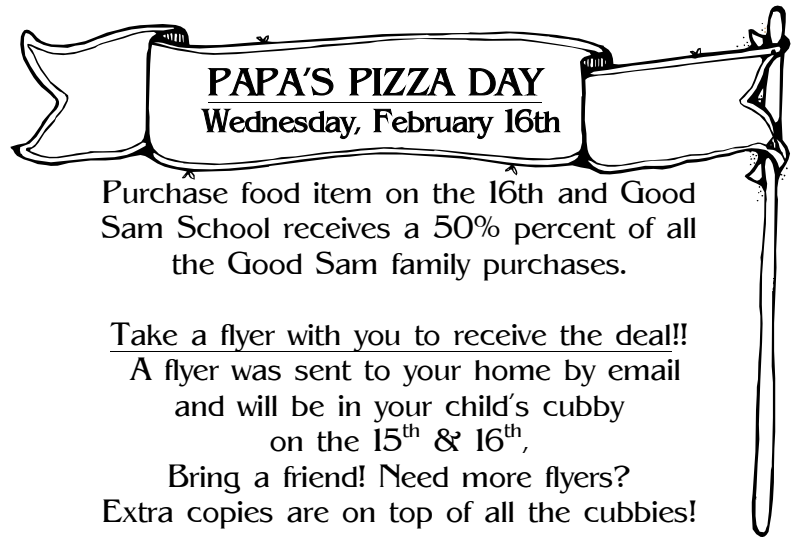
- Make bedtime the same time every night.
- Make bedtime a positive and relaxing experience without TV or videos. According to one recent study, TV viewing prior to bed can lead to difficulty falling and staying asleep. Save your child's favorite relaxing, non-stimulating activities until last and have them occur in the child's bedroom.
- Keep the bedtime environment (e.g. light, temperature) the same all night long.



Children and Sleep

Sleep is a vital need, essential to a child's health and growth. Sleep promotes alertness, memory and performance. Children who get enough sleep are more likely to function better and are less prone to behavioral problems and moodiness. That is why it is important for parents to start early and help their children develop good sleep habits. How much sleep should my child get? Each child is different and has different sleep needs. The numbers below presents recommended hours of sleep that includes naps for children up to 12 years of age.

0 - 2 months	10.5 - 18
2 - 12 months	14 - 15
1 - 3 years	12 - 14
3 - 5 years	11 - 13
5 - 12 years	10 - 11



Purchase food item on the 16th and Good Sam School receives a 50% percent of all the Good Sam family purchases.

Take a flyer with you to receive the deal!!

A flyer was sent to your home by email and will be in your child's cubby on the 15th & 16th,

Bring a friend! Need more flyers? Extra copies are on top of all the cubbies!

☺ Listen to the children ☺

**Take a moment to listen today
To what your children are trying to say.
Listen today, whatever you do.
Or they won't be there to listen to you.**

**Listen to their problems, listen to their needs
Praise their smallest triumphs, praise their
smallest deeds.
Tolerate their chatter, amplify their laughter;
Find out what's the matter,
Find out what they're after.**

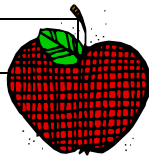
**But tell them that you love them, every single night,
And though you scold them, make sure you hold
them
And tell them everything's all right.**

**If we tell our children, all the bad in them we see,
They'll grow up exactly how we hoped they'd never
be.
But if we tell our children we're so proud they wear
our name,
They'll grow up believing they're winners in the
game.**

**Take a moment to listen today
To what your children are trying to say;
Listen today, whatever you do,
And they will come back to listen to you.
St. Michaels Lutheran Church
Hamburg, PA**



Elementary News



Tardies and Absences

Over the past month, we have had an unusually high number of students tardy to school in grades KDG through 4th. The GSS staff would like to offer a reminder of how importance it is to get our children to school on time. It is always better to bring your child to school tardy than to not bring them at all, but lateness is not beneficial for them. Class starts promptly at 8:30 AM and if your child isn't there, they may miss important information or new learning and have to catch up later.

Occasional tardiness is not the end of the world, nor is the occasional day away from school. Neither of these will cause your child to miss so much information that it would be impossible for them to catch up. *However, repeated tardiness and absences can make your child fall behind their peers in their coursework.*

Much of the time, tardiness and absences may not be the fault of the child. After all, young children may be able to get up and get ready for school, but they cannot drive themselves to school. So GSS parents, let's recommit and understand how important it is for your child to be at school on-time every day. Being absent and tardy is acceptable, when absolutely necessary, but it should be avoided whenever possible. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Notes from your teachers

- Please remember to send your child with a snack and water bottle each day.
- Tardies are marked if your student arrives after 8:35 AM.
- Valentine's Parties will be held in individual classrooms. Please speak with your child's teacher about the class party.
- Friday, February 4th is National *Nutella* Day. 1st – 4th grades will be cooking with *Nutella* in recognition of this day.
- We have some great field trips planned for February. Mark your calendars
- Please pick up two 24 packs of crayons. Mrs. Kim's and Mrs. Beck's class have run out!



“Caught Being Good”

We had our monthly drawing of Bee Slips earned by our KDG-4 students for the months of December and January. The more slips the kids receive from staff the greater their chance of being drawn for a prize. Bee Slips are given to students when they are “caught” *Being Safe, Being Respectful, and Being Responsible.*



Students receiving prizes were Minjae Kim, Silas Hackenbruck, Lanni Hanson, Sam Griffith, Emma Hanson, and Cali McClave. Keep up the good work to all students who earned slip for December and January.

Important Dates

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- Feb. 4^h – National Nutella Day!
1st-4th will be cooking with Nutella
- Feb. 10th – Kdg – 4th Field Trip –LBCC
Fairytale Detective Play
- Feb. 11th – 1st-2nd - Field Trip – All Day
Portland Japanese Garden
- Feb. 16th – Papa's Pizza Fundraiser
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Wee Tree Farms
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Private Tour of Author Beverly Cleary's Neighborhood and the fictional streets of her characters, Ramona, Beezus, Henry and others.

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