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Items sent home the week of March 1, 2010:

- Bulletin
- Groth Music – Grades 3-8 (flyer)

Dear Parents,

This was to be a very short section from me because I was scheduled to be on an Accreditation Team at St. Stephen's in Anoka this week. As we all know, life is out of our control, and my Mom, Betty Green, is on her journey to heaven, so the weekend and week so far have been spent at St. Joseph's Hospital. So it will be short, but for another reason.

First of all, it has always been my intention to use this week to focus your thoughts on what a wonderful school we have here in GA. Just look at the rest of this letter and read about The Bell Museum, Jonathon Yuhas and his weather talk, our Science Fair winners, the Penny Wars, our Lenten practices and opportunities for our students, the upcoming Prairie Fire Theatre, preparation for the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C., the great planning that parents are doing for the Spring Fling to make purchases for our students, the work being done for tuition assistance, the family atmosphere for Father's birthday, the bowling community event, and the list goes on. If you have any doubts or reservations or questions – just look down deep to see what is really there, and if you still wonder, please call. Being away and watching GA function in my absence, has made me more aware than ever, what a gift we have!

Speaking of planning, we set a deadline of March 19th for folks to get their info into TADS so you have time to process and let us know before the scholarship meeting date of April 16th. **Remember the March 19th deadline to get your info in.** TADS needs time to process your info and the scholarship committee will meet April 16, 2010. We really do not have as many funds designated to help with tuition assistance this year, so we want to truly know our needs and do our best to fill them.

One last point: it was up to me to provide Lori Reznick with calendar information to give you for next year. I will get her that information and you will have a special email soon, I promise!

Blessings,

Nancy Ronhovde

Reminders

- Please remember to sign up on line for conferences
- Staff appreciation pictures are now on the GA website

Congratulations

- To the Science Fair winners: Emma Dunlap (4), Mikayla Bennett (5), Clare Kelly (5) Karie Homstadt (6), Cole Shermock (5), and Shea Braden (6)

Thank you

- To Michelle Godzak for the donation, and for all the party supplies and help setting up and serving this morning for Father Paul's birthday
- To Jennifer Salwei, Father Bob White, Hector, Jorge, and all the teachers, students and parents for their cards, and help serving and setting up this morning, and for the parents who attended Father Paul's celebration ☺
- To Rob and Adison Standal for delivering Father Paul's birthday cakes
- To Heather Hessman and Tracy Huson on the PTO board who coordinated the successful bowling event
- To Lora Hicks for her donation

Prayer Corner

- For Nancy Ronhovde's mom, Betty, who passed away last night

Parent Drive Day – March 12th ISD# 112 does not have school, but GA does. No Koch or Positive Connections Bus

All morning drop offs in the front of school. In the afternoon, if your last name begins with A-L pick your child/ren up in the front of school. If your last name begins with M-Z pick up is in the back gym. Parents please send a note if someone else is going to pick up your child/ren. **Please note the lunch menu below.**

Lunch Menu Changes

Mar. 9

Riblets/bun
Oven potatoes
Veggies & dip
Fruit

Mar. 12

Cheese Quesadilla
Seasoned rice
Corn
Fruit

Mar. 24

French toast Sticks
Sausage Links
Apple Sauce
Juice

Mar. 26

Shrimp Poppers
Cheese Stick
Oven Potatoes
Wheat
Fruit

Mr. Jonathan Yuhás – Meteorologist KARE 11 visits the third grade class.

Mr. Yuhás did a great job telling us about natural disasters. We watched some KARE 11 video footage of tornadoes, as well as saw the damage natural disasters can cause. Mrs. Becker

Bell Museum

Last week the Bell Museum led our MS school students in a dissection. The Museum brought in several Dogfish and species of Shark and walked our MS school students through a college level dissection of the animals, starting with the respiratory system and finishing with the digestive system. One of the groups had a shark with the contents of its last meal in there for us to see. The Museum also dissected a pregnant female the previous night and brought in the baby sharks and the yolk they were connected to as well. They also dropped off the final member of our stream ecosystem which has been with us the last two weeks, and that was a long-nosed Gar who has made himself at home in the tank eating all the other little minnows it can catch. Mr. Nick Leach, MS Science

Science Fair – from Mrs. Miller & Mr. Leach

It was another successful year of science fair projects at Guardian Angels! Our students learned which type of salt melts ice the fastest, which fertilizer is best, which hockey stick works best, do brain exercises work and are the boxes correct when they tell us there's 100% iron in cereal? The projects were very creative and it was a terrific process for the kids to work through. Congratulations to all students as we wrapped up this 2 month project! Great Job!!!

"Angel Club" (School-Age Child Care) During Spring Break

Plans are under way for some fun days at Angel Club during Spring Break! We will be open for full day care on Monday, March 29th; Tuesday, March 30th; Wednesday, March 31; Tuesday, April 6th; Wednesday, April 7th and Thursday, April 8th. We will be open 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each of those days. We will be able to take a few more children on those days, on a first come, first serve basis. Please call Deanna Rosenwinkel ASAP if you are interested in getting more information about having your child attend (952-227-4088).

Cartridge Recycling Contest – Let's All Live as "Green" as we can!!

Help the environment, teach recycling and best of all earn money for your school!!

Prizes: Total of all pickups in the 90 day period

\$25 Target or Visa gift card if your school invoice is over \$100

\$50 (or 2 \$25) Target or Visa gift cards if your school invoice is over \$150

\$50 extra to the school for any orders over \$200, plus the \$50 in gift cards above!!

Little Ringers

Little Ringers will be performing at the 5pm mass on Saturday, March 13th. Practice will be in the church at 4:30 prior to mass. Children ages 4 thru 2nd grade are welcome to join us. Please contact Tami Hed with questions.

WOW!! Back-to-School Shopping Made Easy!! No Crowds!! No Shopping!!

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell a prepackaged school supply kit for the upcoming school year. The School Tool Box™ kits come with the teacher-approved school supplies your student requires and will include trusted brand names like Elmers and Crayola. Think how CONVENIENT it will be to skip the crowded stores when shopping for school supplies, and how EASY it will be to pick up the prepared box at BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT in September. Please watch for the order form that will be coming home March 12th.

Lenten Meal

GA will be having Lenten Soup and Sandwich meals on the following Fridays (Mar. 5, 19 & 26) during Lent Serving from 5:30 p.m.– 6:30 p.m. The meal is followed by Stations of the Cross and a Lenten Presentation at 7:00 p.m. in Church. All are welcome! Thanks!

Share the Spirit

We officially have one month down and two more months to go in the Fresh Seasons Share the Spirit contest. Plenty of time to get more points. Remember, you can still turn in receipts from the month of February. It does not matter when they get the receipts, as long as they are dated February 1, 2010, or after. As of Friday, February 26, 2010, Guardian Angels has fallen to third place behind Victoria Elementary and Chaska Middle School East. Again, we thank you for your participation.

FACEBOOK CLASS FOR PARENTS

Are you interested in learning about Facebook, so you can understand this social media outlet and be able to keep up with your teen?? If so, please join PTO and John Schierman for this session on creating and maintaining an account. We will start with setting up an account, then move through more advanced topics. Mark you calendars to join us Tuesday, March 23 from 7 - 9 pm in the GA media lab. There are only 25 computers available, so RSVP now for your slot. Please call the school office.

Calling all Girl Scouts

Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, and leaders ... Guardian Angels annual Girl Scout Mass will be, March 14th at the 10am Mass. Please plan on joining us for this Mass. All girls are asked to wear their vests (or sash) to this Mass and arrive no later

than 9:45am. If you would like to participate in any way during the Mass; lectors, greeters, gifts, collection, etc. you **MUST** call Ms. Emily Klinker 227-4007 by Wednesday, March 10th to sign up for one of these roles.

PTO Bowling Event – Thank you!

We would like to thank the families who joined us on Sunday at Louisville Lanes for a fun-filled afternoon! We had 17 families who came to bowl with us, and everyone had a wonderful time. We look forward to sponsoring future community building events within G.A.



Save the date, get a sitter, pick out a SPRING outfit and join us

May 1st for the 11th annual Spring Fling.

Early bird tickets are available on-line NOW!

We are accepting silent & live auction items NOW!

There are many opportunities to join in the fun behind the scenes

Contact Beth Melander- 952-443-0632

Prairie Fire Theatre's cast is almost set—a few slots remain open. Thank you to the parents who volunteered for make-up on performance day. Auditions will be Monday, March 15th after school—this rehearsal will only last until about 6:00 for most cast members—a few will be asked to remain until 8:00. Students may bring a small snack to eat and clothes to change into if they desire. Performances of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be at 1:30 & 7:00 on March 19th. Adult tickets will be \$3.00 / Senior citizens and high school students will be \$2.00.

Pennies for Patients Update. Penny Wars results are in for Week One and we collected over \$380 dollars. That's a great start, but remember—Friday, March 5th is the last day to donate to the classroom buckets! The leaders in the Penny War for Week One are Mrs. Goers' 4th Graders, Mr. Blaufuss' Homeroom and Ms. O'Donnell/Mr. Jones' Homeroom. The middle school classes have also brought in an

additional \$140 through their assignment coupons and listening to music privilege. Keep up the good work! **Tomorrow will also be the last day to buy a chance on our 3 drawings:** \$25 Target Gift Card, \$15 Rex Cinema Gift Card, and the Mystery Prize! All money will be counted and tallied on Tuesday, March 9th. Next week we'll report the classroom leaders and the winners for the Bucket Drawings. Mrs. Amy Gallus & Middle School Service Club

Are you ready to do some Spring cleaning? If so, we could use your help. We are Erin Schliesman and Madison Miller, seniors at Holy Family Catholic High School and graduates of Guardian Angels (along with help from Jack Schliesman, Freshman at Holy Family and also a GA graduate). We are currently doing a clothing drive to help Blessed Bee Thrift Store here in Chaska as part of a Senior Leadership project. (Blessed Bee is part of Love INC. which provides a means for churches, one of which is Guardian Angels, to work together to service those among us who are in need of help). So, we would like to ask for your help with clothing donations. Currently, Blessed Bee is looking for gently used SPRING/SUMMER clothing. We would like to make this fun for the kids at Guardian Angels so we have decided to do a contest. **We will host a pizza and pop party for the class/homeroom that can bring in the largest number of donated SPRING/SUMMER clothing items to their classrooms between March 8-12th.** Then on the 12th of March, we will come in and count the items and provide pizza and pop in the afternoon for the winning classroom. So, look thru those closets, drawers, storage bins etc. for clothing items that are gently used and you or your child no longer wears or have outgrown and bring them into the school. There will be bags in the classrooms for the kids to deposit the items. (Please note that Blessed Bee cannot accept donations of shoes, maternity clothes, uniforms, underwear, robes, adult pajamas and items with corporate logos.) This is a wonderful way to help your community and people in need as well as get your closets cleaned out! We appreciate your help and support with this project! Bring on the clothing items and let's see who can bring in the most!

Calendar of Events:

- Mar. 5 – End of Tri II
- Mar. 5 – 3:00 Stations
- Mar. 10 – Mass (grade 5)
- Mar. 12 – Parent Drive Day AM/PM
- Mar. 12 – Report cards sent home
- Mar. 15-19 Prairie Fire Theatre begins
- Mar. 16 – 6:30 SAC
- Mar. 17 – 8:30 Honor Roll Breakfast
- Mar. 17 – **9:30** Mass (Grade 4)
- Mar. 18/23– Conferences (4-8 pm)
- Mar. 19 – Prairie Fire Theatre Performance (gym)
1:30 pm & 7:00 pm

Lunchroom & Playground Helpers

	Lunchroom	Playground	Playground
Mon	March 8	Heather Hessman	L. Link Joan or Mike Shelley
Tues	March 9	HELP NEEDED	Anne Hajek Jeanne Karschnia

Wed	March	10	HELP NEEDED	Melissa Horn	Tina Holmstadt
Thurs	March	11	Lisa Thompson	Colleen Fraser	Joan or Mike Shelley
Fri	March	12	Jane Miller	Colleen Crowell	Chris Schepers

We have some open slots for lunchroom duty coming up on Wednesdays if anyone could help us out please go to the online sign up for lunchroom.

Sports Corner

Basketball:

Congratulations to our 4th grade boys' team that took 2nd place in the championship last Saturday!

THANK YOU:

- To Mrs. Jeanne Karschnia for coordinating our concession stand again this year. We really appreciate all the time and effort that she puts in.

- To the families that worked at the girls' cub gold tournament on Monday and Tuesday.

Uniforms: are due in the office by Friday, **March 15**

*Deposits will be returned once uniforms have been gone through and if they are received on time and in satisfactory condition.

Baseball/Softball: will be our next season. As of right now we have a 7/8th grade softball team. More information will be coming soon.

Sports Banquet: Any parents interested in helping to plan the sports banquet please contact Mrs. Tesch: mtesch@gachaska.org.