



Learning to lead and serve

March 31, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Blessed Holy Week!

We concluded our **Lenten "Rainbow of Faith"** by wearing red on Tuesday and bringing gifts for those who are suffering in Haiti, through donations made to **"Kids Against Hunger."** **Donations totaled \$922.46!** What wonderfully generous children and families we have!

On Tuesday, all of our first graders helped us to remember the final hours of Jesus' life on earth as they led us in praying **"The Way of the Cross."** Readers, actors, song leaders and greeters all worked together to present the Stations reverently and tenderly. We prayed with our school family in the morning and prayed with the Sisters in the Provincial House after lunch. The Sisters, many of whom have been teachers, were so touched by the children's innocence and reverence.

This afternoon we gathered in chapel to **pray for and bless our friends who were chosen to work at Kids Against Hunger.** We reminded them that they would truly be "our hands" as they worked and served Jesus through kindness to others. Our thanks to the generous adults who accompanied the children: Rita Gerlach, Marie Groebner, Rick Haefner, Gary Hofmeister, Jess Kirschner, Sister Anita Kolles, Emily Kracht, Linda Rentschler and Sue Rogers.

Registrations for next year are coming in every day! Just a reminder to parents of 2010-11 Kindergarten students...the \$50 registration fee is waived for families who register on or by April 9.

Thank you for attending your child's **conference!** Teachers take time to carefully prepare for each child's conference and are happy to share with parents about their child's progress and needs. We appreciate the opportunity to be your partners in your child's learning!

May you be blessed as you continue to observe this holy time of remembrance, prayer, and celebration. We look forward to seeing everyone again when we return to school on April 7.

A blessed Easter to you and your loved ones!

Sister Mary Beth

- **Friendly reminder:** Loyola Catholic School is not in session Thursday, March 31-Tuesday, April 6. School will resume on Wednesday, April 7. Happy Easter!
- Thank you to everyone who donated water, snacks, and desserts for our conference meals, as well as a **BIG THANK YOU** to the Home & School Association for supplying the main entrée! We appreciate it so much!
- Have you turned in your **enrollment papers for the 2010-2011 school year**? If you have not turned in your paperwork, please do so ASAP. Accurate registration numbers are necessary as we begin to plan the number of class/grade sections and all our staffing needs.
- **Loyola Summer Reading Connection** will be held July 12-July 16 at the Good Counsel Campus from 8:30am-11:00am under the direction of Mrs. Tonia Warzecha. Enroll your child in this fun camp for mornings full of reading, writing, songs, outdoor play, art activities, and snack. This is a great mid-summer opportunity to review or strengthen those reading and writing skills. Contact Mrs. Warzecha for more information:
twarzecha@macsmn.com
- The annual **Mankato Area International Festival** will be on Sunday, April 11 from 11am-4pm at Mankato East High School. It is a free and fun-filled activity for families and people of all ages. The children in grades K-6 helped make a mural that will be displayed in the Children's World of this year's festival.
- **MACS NITE is May 1st!** Please consider making a donation for our live or silent auctions. Ideas for baskets are:
 - * A completed themed basket of your choice for kids or adults (gender specific or not)
 - * Single or multiple items that would easily be paired with others to make up a theme
 - * The committee can assemble the "baskets" if you would like to donate items
 - * A cash donation to purchase items to utilize toward baskets



Preschool news:

- **Calling all trucks!** Do you have a tractor, dump truck, garbage truck or semi truck? If you would like to participate in our Big Truck Rally in April please talk to Mrs. Z or Mrs. H.



LOOKING AHEAD:

Thursday-Tuesday	April 1-April 6	No School Preschool-Grade 12 Easter Holiday/ National NCEA conference
Wednesday	April 7	Classes resume Preschool-Grade 12
Sunday	April 11	Mankato International Festival Mankato East High School 11am-4pm
Monday	April 12	McEducator Nite at McDonalds 5-7pm Madison Ave. store location Student Council & Key Club Host
Wednesday	April 15	3rd Grade field trip to Science Museum
Wednesday	April 21	Girls Club 3-5pm
Thursday	April 22	April Birthday Mass 9:45am
Friday	April 30	No School Preschool-Grade 12 Staff Development
Saturday	May 1	MACS Nite!
Thursday	May 6	First Holy Communion Mass
Friday	May 7	Kindergarten Program 1:30pm
Thursday	May 20	May Birthday Mass Global Awareness Open House
Thursday	May 27	Last day of school Preschool Third Grade Blessing Mass
Friday	May 28	Last day of school Kindergarten-Grade 11 School dismisses at Noon!