Sue’s News

February 13, 2013

Well, we all survived Blizzard Nemo. What a crazy storm and the clean up goes on!

(My favorite part of the storm was watching my three dogs “swim” through the snow!)

It is hard to believe that February is half way over. So, I will get right to the many things that I need to share.

- **Winterium** is the word of the month! The show is coming together thanks to the amazing effort and work by Kristin, Derek and Hannah and the cast! Our bulletin board in the hallway is filled with lots of information about the show and there are some requests for volunteers. The show will run the weekend of March 2\textsuperscript{nd}. Please check out the board for all the information and mark it on your calendars. It will be a wonderful production for all ages to enjoy. Tickets are only $5.00 and the event is at Yeoman’s Hall in Columbia.

- Due to *Storm Nemo*, we had to cancel our first Open House. However, we have three more Open Houses coming up (March 3\textsuperscript{rd} from 2-4, March 9\textsuperscript{th} from 2-4 and April 6\textsuperscript{th} from 11-2). If you have friends that are interested in seeing our school, please encourage them to come to one of the Open Houses. Word of mouth is the best and most successful marketing we can do, so let’s get the word out!

- And knowing that enrollment season is upon us, please get your contracts in for the next school year as soon as you can. It is helpful for us to know how many available spots we have to fill. We do not want any current families to put their spot in jeopardy.

- If Winterium is the word for February, then **Auction** is the word for March! The auction committee (bless them all!) are working their tails right off planning an incredible evening. The invitations will be going out in the mail in the next few days. The Auction/Gala will be held on March 23\textsuperscript{rd} in the Rome Ballroom at UCONN. Please join us for an evening filled with huge talent and entertainment, great food, wine tasting, and an unbelievable spread of auction items that will surprise and intrigue you! This is a must attend event! It is the perfect combination of a wonderful night out while supporting our school. ¡Gala Italia!

- Hannah Army will be starting an after school art class – The Clay Builders of Oak Grove. The class will start on March 13\textsuperscript{th} and it will run for 8 Wednesdays, ending on May 8\textsuperscript{th}.
The class is after school on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:45 and is open to kids ages 6-12. The cost for the 8 classes is $80. Please sign up with Cindy in the office.

- March 2\textsuperscript{nd} is the birthday of Dr. Seuss (it is also my Dad’s Birthday!). In honor of Dr. Seuss, the National Education Association created a reading initiative called \textit{Read Across America Day}. It is held on the school day closest to March 2\textsuperscript{nd}. So, on Monday March 4\textsuperscript{th} here at the Grove we will honor Dr. Seuss and observe \textit{Read Across America Day} by hosting a pajama party and breakfast for all kids and parents. We will arrive here at school on that Monday at normal time, but wearing pajamas. The Parents’ Association will greet you at the door (also in P.J.’s!!) and serve you a hot pancake breakfast in the lobby. We will enjoy great breakfast foods and listen to some readings of Dr. Seuss stories. We will eventually make it to our classrooms and offices and carry on normally for the remainder of the day. This event will usurp Muffin Monday- although; I would not be surprised to find some yummy muffins as part of the breakfast spread! Wear your cozy P.J.’s, bring your favorite stuffy or blanket, and come enjoy a wonderful morning with us.

- Just in case you did not know…this week is Random Acts of Kindness Week. I know that we all try to be kind as much as possible. This is a seven day opportunity to be nicer than nice and kinder than normal. Smile more, call your mother, reach out to a friend that you have lost touch with, let someone cut you in a line…spread the love. (And thank you to the mysterious kinder than kind person who left a beautiful plant on my desk this morning!)

I wish everyone a happy Valentine’s Day tomorrow and a restful and relaxing winter recess.

In Peace,

Sue