

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS SCHOOL BOARD
NOVEMBER, 2009

I attended the 2 ½ day Anti-Racism Workshop for Principal's on November 2-4.

We are carefully monitoring illnesses in school as we deal with the H1N1 situation. Students and parents are being reminded of the importance of good hygiene, we are keeping track of symptoms reporting, and we are sending home students who become ill and/or present a fever of 100 degrees or higher.

“Peaceful Playgrounds” was introduced to our students. This is a recess program which features different organized games for students to participate in and gives them the chance to solve disputes which may arise in a peaceful manner. There has been a dramatic decrease in the amount of recess injuries and discipline problems presented since this has been implemented.

We focused on the Rosary during the month of October and our students also participated in Eucharistic Adoration as they prayed for world peace. We provided our teachers with information to help them teach their students about adoration. The school also joined RE and worked on the Baby Bottle Project. Our 8th graders also had their Confirmation Meeting on the 4th.

The Fire Department ran a fire drill with us, and the District also provided buses for our students to practice emergency bus evacuation drills.

Author Elsa Primavera visited students in grades K-3. She talked about being an author/illustrator, autographed copies of her book, and drew special pictures for those in attendance.

We are getting new office machines in the school. They will have the same capabilities as those we currently have, but should be more cost efficient and require less maintenance. Training will be provided for everyone who uses these machines.

Representatives from 8 area Catholic High Schools visited and spoke to students from grades 6-8 and their parents.

All teachers attended the Festival of Faith held at the Rosemont Convention Center.

Our school will soon begin using the Nexile communication service offered through the town of Lemont. This is a free service which will supplement TeacherEase and our website to provide quick, important school information to our parents.

Students wore pink on the 23rd of the month to show their support in the fight against breast cancer.

We ended the quarter on the 30th. Report Cards were generated via TeacherEase and are customized to meet the needs of our different grade levels. On Nov. 10th Parent-Teacher Conferences took place in our gym between the hours of 11:30-7:30.

Tickets also went on sale for our combined Mothers' Club/Parish event: "Late Nite Catechism" scheduled for Friday, January 22, 2010 in our gym. The Beat the Lotto raffle will take place during this program.

Also, the School Board is hoping to sponsor 3 Fish Fry Nights during Lent. The proposed dates are February 19th, 26th, and March 12th.