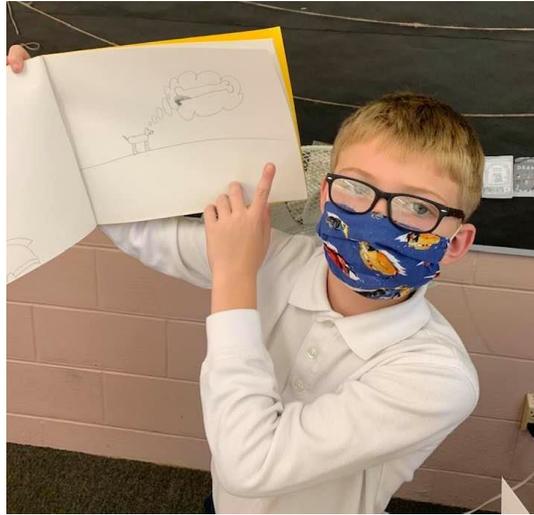


# News from the Bears' Den



**November 18, 2020**

**From the Principal . . .**

Well, it's been quite a ride this month thus far but we're all still hanging in there! After talking with the staff, school board, and the diocese, we are all in agreement that we would like to maintain in-person learning as much as possible. For those working at home for various reasons, we will continue to send material and work through Google Classroom and email. I ask that everyone please be patient with us as we work to meet the needs of all our students during this time-with having to monitor their own classrooms for lunch, recess, the extra cleaning, etc., teachers have limited time without students to work on planning, making copies, posting work and other tasks.

One of the ways we work to mitigate the virus threat to our students is to keep them in their cohorts during the day-essentially, they do not mingle with others outside their classrooms, even at recess. This helps us isolate students and classrooms when necessary, as well as keep others from possible exposure. There is one area in which we could really use your help with maintaining cohorts and that is time on the playground after school. Given the current situation in our area, we are asking that parents please consider taking students directly home rather than let them all intermingle on the playground. While I completely understand their need (and your desire!) to burn off some energy after a long day in the classroom, we would like to give this a try for a bit until things settle down some. We thank you in advance for your help with this!

Don't forget wreath orders are due this Friday! Take advantage of these next couple nice days to sell a few more if you can. :)

Thank you again for all your support! Many Blessings, Camille DeLano



## Upcoming Events . . .

- Friday, Nov. 20 - Paid Color Day
- Friday, Nov. 20 - Wreath Orders Due
- Tuesday, Nov. 24 - Picture Retake
- Wednesday, Nov. 25 - Half Day, Dismissal @ 11:30 am - No Aftercare

## Sick Children

Please continue to keep sick children at home; this includes runny nose/cough/sore throat (depending on the severity, we may ask that siblings remain home as well). Should a student have the stomach flu, fever, diarrhea, strep throat, etc., we ask that you also keep all siblings home. Thank you!

## Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020. If your preschool child does not attend on Tuesdays but needs a retake, please stop by at 8:30 for one.

## Thanksgiving Feast

Due to the recent uncertainty of things, as well as a desire to keep Mr. Militello from getting stuck with a large quantity of uneaten turkey, we are cancelling our feast for this year. If you sent in money, we will send it back with your child. Thank you for understanding!

## Thanksgiving Break

**There will be a half day on Wednesday, Nov. 25 (no aftercare).** There is no school on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27. School will resume on Monday, Nov. 30.

## Wreath and Garland Orders

Our fabulous Booster Club is selling beautiful wreaths and garlands just in time for the holidays! Order forms with descriptions of the items were sent home Monday. Please be sure to have orders and money turned in to the school office by Monday, Nov. 20. Wreaths and garlands will be available for pick up on Monday, Nov. 30. Please stop by the office to “check in” before taking your wreaths and garlands. Thank you in advance for your support!

## A few notes from the office

Many students have been forgetting water bottles at home. Please make sure your child has a water bottle with their name on it with them as they head out the door in the morning.