



BRIDGES

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHIAS

We are pleased to announce that a teacher has been hired to assume teaching responsibilities for our first-grade class. Beginning on October 25, Mrs. Mali Givens will be our first-grade teacher. Mrs. Givens holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from Morgan State and has many years' experience teaching first grade. She is thrilled to be joining us and we are, of course, very happy to have her.

We also welcome Ms. Lauren Linsao who will be the title I teacher. Title I classes begin on Monday, October 18.

SAD NEWS

We regret to announce that our physical education teacher, Mr. Damon Dedes will be leaving us after classes on Thursday, October 21. Mr. Dedes was offered a full-time job in Anne Arundel County Public School system. He has enjoyed meeting your children and working with the teachers at St. Matthias. We will miss him. PE classes will continue while we continue to search for a permanent replacement.

FUN-D RUN UPDATE

The St. Matthias 4th Annual Fun-d Run was our most successful ever. We have raised \$18,262, so far and donations are still coming in. Currently, 78% of the students have participated as well as 55% of the staff. Grades 2, 3 and 5 had 100% participation. They will have a free dress day on Tuesday, October 19 as well as extra recess and ice cream at lunch. We will have the final report in next week's Bridges.

Congratulations to our top runners: Paris Esene and Queen Mukom (K), Tyquan Tatum (Gr. 1), Folefac Khumbah (Gr. 2), Rayminelle Atemafac (Gr. 3), Jordan Esene (Gr. 4), Sydney Esene and Michael Morfaw (Gr. 5), Quinton Fonge (Gr. 6), Peter Henry (Gr. 7), and Muma Ndi (Gr. 8). The top 3 runners were Peter Henry with 42 laps, Muma Ndi with 36 laps and Jordan Esene with 33 laps.

A huge debt of gratitude goes to our committee chairs, Mrs. Emma Hadley (gr 3) and Mrs. Hilary VanWagenen (gr 7) and to the many parent volunteers who helped set up, donated fruit and water and cheered on our runners! Thanks to Mrs. Ingrid Johnson (Pk4) for providing music and warm-up inspiration and to Mrs. Abi Siyanbade, RN (gr 1), for providing first aid.

PIZZA FRIDAY

Pizza Friday that was on the monthly calendar for October 15 is cancelled. We need parent volunteers to help with Pizza Day each month. The Chick-fil-A lunch will go on as scheduled. See attached flyer. Forms are due back by October 22.

**Upcoming
EVENTS**
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, October 15

Band Begins

Monday, October 18

Grades 3,4 & 5 Field Trip

HSPT Registration Opens

Tuesday, October 19

Grades 2, 3 & 5 Free Dress
Day