



Our Lady of Lourdes Newsletter

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From the desk of Kathy Bogataj

Dear Parents,

Once again our students outdid themselves in last night's performance. The hard work and dedication really was evident from our youngest children in EC-4 to our 8th graders. A great big thank you goes to Mrs. Carolyn Wong-Stark for all of her hard work in putting together the show.

After the performance many of us gathered in the cafeteria for goodies and socializing. Mrs. Stacy Thompson, Mrs. Tina Picun and their committee of volunteers did a fantastic job coordinating the event. Thank you to all of our families for sending in their "designated food item". It's amazing what we can do when we all work together. I hope you rest and enjoy your time with your families during the holiday season!!

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Kathy J. Bogataj

Campus Events

**Fri. Dec. 18th - Early Dismissal 12:00

**Sat. Dec. 19th - Rehearsal for the Parish Nativity 12:00 - 2:00 for more information please contact the Faith Formation office at 733-3606

**Thurs. Dec. 24th - Family Mass - 5:00 p.m.
All children are encouraged to dress as shepherds or angels



**Mon. Jan. 4th - Students return to school!!

This and That:

Our school family has worked very hard in the last 5 weeks helping others. Service projects have included collecting food at Thanksgiving, gathering gently used coats for migrant workers, sending in baby supplies for The Kimberly Home, purchasing gifts for the families of the migrant workers and collecting loose change for Pinellas Hope. Our students are definitely living their faith.

*"For somehow, not only at Christmas, but all the long year through,
The joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you."*

John Greenleaf Whittier

School News

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Christmas and a
Happy New Year !*



We have been quite busy in 4th grade. Science has been especially exciting as we study the way living and non-living things interact. Students worked in small groups to create terrariums full of plants, seeds, worms, rocks, and soil. 4th graders are learning to record data by keeping track of their scientific observations. It was messy but we had lots of fun!



The 4th and 5th graders have been busy at work on their favorite service project of the year! We collected leftover Halloween candy for children of the Migrant workers. All candy that was collected will be sorted and used to fill Christmas stockings that will be given out to the children of the Migrant workers at Christmas. The 4th and 5th graders made colorful posters the week before Halloween, and have also appeared on the morning show each day to get the word out. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Neugebauer, who has volunteered to make the 200 or so Christmas stockings for this special project.

Where in the world is sixth grade? We're at 28 degrees North and 82 degrees West, and we're



working on our map skills in social studies! Longitude and latitude help us to pinpoint any location on earth, and different types of maps (physical, political, historical, etc.) help us to understand and interpret the world around us.

