



# Our Lady of Lourdes Newsletter

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## From the desk of Kathy Bogataj

Dear Parents,

It's been a busy few weeks here, and I know it won't slow down until after our Christmas performance in December. Fall Festival was once again a fun filled weekend that allowed us to enjoy the company of our fellow parents, parishioners, teachers, and friends. A special thanks goes out to Lori Mattox who gives countless hours organizing and working at this extraordinary event.

Although the Fall Festival directly benefits the school financially, it would not be as successful without the support of the entire parish. As school families, I hope that you are as supportive of the parish as they are of us. We really are just one Catholic community working together to bring glory to God.

Blessings on your upcoming week!

*Kathy J. Bogataj*

## Campus Events

**Tues. Oct. 27th** - End of 1st quarter

**Fri. Oct. 30th** - Report Cards distributed



- Dress down day for Gr. 3-8  
"Twin Day" - \$1.00 to support Pinellas Hope  
- Middle School Dance  
6:00 - 8:45 - \$6.00 in advance

**Sun. Nov. 1st** - School Mass 9:30 -

Please join us in celebrating the Eucharist!  
Rite of Enrollment for First Reconciliation

**Wed. Nov. 4th** - 12:00 dismissal -

- Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

**Wed. Nov. 11th** - Veterans' Day Mass 9:00

## This and That:

\*\*Our school collects Campbell's labels and Box Tops for Education. Please save them and send them in to school with your child.

\*\*You must sign in at the office if you intend to leave the lobby area. This policy is in effect at any time of the day.

\*\*On Thursday Nov. 5th at 1:00p.m. in the Mary room of the Conmy Center, Dr. Brandon Wood will give an informative talk about Swine Flu. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about this newly identified illness.

\*\*Start collecting your coins. Our student council will be encouraging everyone to bring in their loose change to put towards the purchase of a "casita" to be used in the Pinellas Hope Community - all donations will be accepted!!

# School News

## Our Students will be showcased at the 2009 Art Harvest!

The Art Harvest is Nov. 7 & 8th at Highlander Park in Dunedin. The Junior League Children's Tent will have art from K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme is based on 18<sup>th</sup> century classic "Cabinet of Natural Curiosities". The students have begun creating the art for this event!. Come and see us at the Art Harvest!



Oh what fun we are having in the **EC4** classroom this year!

**T-DAY** was a *terrific* way to learn about the letter **T**. On that day the children came to school wearing one of daddy's *terrible* or *terrific* ties. They were also allowed to bring a *teddy* bear with them. We painted *tall trees* with *toothbrushes*. We *tapped* our *toes* to some *toe tapping* music and for snack we had *Toll* House cookies and *tropical* punch.

We had a *totally terrific time!*



In religion, the **Kindergarten** class has been learning about the land God created for us and that we need to thank him for this gift. That is why we must take special care to use the resources of the land wisely, to act justly, and to ensure that all living beings have access to the gifts of God's creation. We celebrated by making nature headbands and parading around the school to share this important message.



**First Grade** loves our OLL Fall Festival. We are pen pals with the 1<sup>st</sup> graders at St. Patrick Catholic School in Largo. Their teacher is Mrs. Wilson's sister! We wrote our first letter to them telling them what we are learning and asking about their fall festival. We told them about our favorite rides and asked them about their favorite ride. We are decorating our classroom and hallway for fall and Halloween. We are learning lots and having fun!

## Veteran's Mass

There will be a special Veterans' Day Mass and reception on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The school children will lead the Mass and HSA will host the reception. If you know of any veterans please invite them. We are also looking for a veteran to read the intercessions at the Mass. Thank you for helping us publicize this event. For more information please call the office at 733-3776.

