

September 17, 2019 Home and School Notes

Attendance: Erin Szymanski, Veronica Perdue, Cathy Buehler, Debbie Diaz, Lisa Emerson, Suzi Furtwangler, Christine Lentine, Jessica Poelma, Cammi Lawrence, Shawn Schuring, Margaret Merkel, Katie Morrow, Sue DeJonge, Beth Jacobson

We opened with welcome lead by Shawn Schuring, followed by prayer lead by Jessica Poelma. Jessica Poelma was introduced as secretary.

Katie Morrow gave a VIP update. All fall parent gatherings have dates set except for P4. The Purdue family will host the P4 gathering and set a date soon.

Volunteers are still needed for room parents, parent catechist (November 1st), and a chair for the teacher conference luncheon (November 5th). Katie will continue to try and fill these positions and use social media as a platform to fill volunteer positions.

There was a concern brought up about parents not getting *The Buzz* via e-mail. Parents not receiving *The Buzz* were encouraged to check their spam folders or call the main office.

Recent Events: Hello Hornet: the new name of school open house. Everyone generally thought it went well. A suggestion was made to combine Curriculum Night with school open house, but parents thought it was generally better to have the events on two different nights.

Upcoming New Events:

Grandfriends Day: October 11, 2019 – New format this year, families will pre register their grandfriends before the event. Grandfriends will go to grandchildren's classroom at 8:30 and see how their grandchildren experience a school day. Teachers will keep schedules and classroom activities as normal as possible. In the past, grandfriends have liked to see what a normal school day is like for their grandchildren.

The Ice-Skating Party is on October 18, (half day) at Southside Arena. A time is yet to be determined. (Families will have adequate time to stop at home for lunch or go out to eat before the event) Many thanks to the Slobodnik family! All fees are waived, and skate rental is available. The concession stand will be open. The event was scheduled on a half-day in an effort to make it feasible for families to come.

An event for spring will be determined after the fall ice-skating party.

Protecting Young Eyes coming on October 30. Not much is known about this event at this time except it is about internet safety.

Teacher Conferences Luncheon on November 5th, we also hope to have a book fair at the same time. Shawn is waiting to hear back Schuler's.

Budget Overview: Lisa Emerson.

-Some of those in attendance asked about Parent Education Funds- Will be used for Screenagers.

Also, a notion to combine vocations and respect for life funds into a budget line titled Mission Effectiveness.

We had a guest speaker, Ms. Nichols, come from Remedy Lice Boutique.

Highlights of Ms. Nichols presentation:

Recognizes lice is a stressful situation, affects many people on different levels.

Encourages everyone to know the facts about lice:

-Remedy Life Boutique Website has current information about lice updated from Scientist.

-Know what a lice egg looks like. It will only be on one side of the hair strand. A lice egg will not move on its own. Louse is an adult lice. They are only viable if near the hairline. When looking on someone's head, you are looking for the eggs not the bugs. The bugs are smaller than the head of a match.

The average person that comes in has had it for three weeks before realizing they had it.

Have research done before you start checking your kids. The most popular brand of lice treatment (Nix) is 25 percent effective. If you are leaving any lice behind, you have to assume it is viable.

Lice Remedy uses a blower on the head. The most important thing is to pull all of the lice out of the hair. It takes a 2-hour treatment at the center. You can text to remedy via text message. Lice like heat, so that's where they lay the eggs. Never sleep with a shower cap, it gives the lice the best environment to thrive. She gave a demonstration on how to check for lice. Office staff at Saint Thomas use a headlamp with a black light to help locate lice. The CDC is encouraging schools to not send home a note and keep the kids home. Saint Thomas currently sends children home and notifies parents. Head lice do not spread disease. Incidents of secondary infection are simply from scratching. Two nurses come twice a year, starting this year, to check students for lice.

Lice can't fly. Lice spread from head to head contact. They will take clean or dirty hair. Lice don't favor one ethnic over another. Adult lice off of the human body can be alive for up to 48 hours, although more likely 12 hours. 2 percent chance you will get lice from your environment. Only 50 percent of people with lice itch and it's because they are allergic. She presumes all lice are Super Lice. Put everything in the dryer on high heat for 30 mins and it will kill the lice. You do not need to bag everything.

What are the service Remedy offers – everything made by appointment. First thing Remedy does is check for lice, and then uses a deceiver that dehydrates and kills the lice. Remedy is FDA regulated. Afterward, Remedy puts chemical oil and it leaves on 30 minutes. The only side effect is itching. Wash it out afterward. On day 11, they encourage you to oil again.