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Principal's Thoughts

In an effort to maintain a healthy environment for our children, we are having our drinking water tested for unsafe levels of lead. After Kids Club closed last night the drinking fountains were covered and secured so they could not be used. The water had to be undisturbed for a minimum of 6 hours. VERY early this morning (6:00am) Ms. Van Heel met with a representative from a company partnering with the Contra Costa Water District to take five samples of our drinking water. The water will be tested and we should have the results in approximately two weeks. I will keep you updated when I receive any further information. In the meantime let's all say a few prayers that our water is deemed safe and we do not need to replace any pipes or faucets!

AND THE SURVEY SAYS?

~86 Parents have responded~

Class with the most responses will win a free dress pass!

Come On St. Agnes We Can Do This! Here's the breakdown by class:

- 1st: Kinders & 2nd tied @ 19 Responses (22%)
- 2nd: Place: 4th - 19 Responses (20.93%)
- 3rd: Place: 5th - 17 Responses (19.77%)
- 4th: Place: 3rd - 14 Responses (16.28%)
- 5th: Place: 1st & 6th tied @ 12 Responses (13.95%)
- 6th: Place: Pre-K & 7th tied @ 7 Responses (8.14%)
- 7th: Place: 8th 6 - Responses (6.98%)

DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS FRIDAY!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TTPB3WX> or



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BREAKING NEWS

- **Candy Collection for the Troops**
 - Wondering what to do with all that Halloween candy?
 - We are participating in Operation Gratitude, an organization that sends candy and cards to the deployed men and women in our military. Please consider having your child write a letter or make a card as well.
 - Toothbrushes and toothpaste are also being collected.
 - Please bring your candy, cards, letters and/or toothbrushes to school by Friday, November 2nd and we'll handle the rest!
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive**
 - Each year we ask our families to donate \$1.00 per child and a designated food or toiletry item per family.
 - The money will be used to purchase grocery store gifts card for perishable items such as a turkey, milk etc.
 - A flyer detailing the food requests is in your envelope
 - All donations are needed in the classrooms by November 9th.
 - Thank you for your generosity to gift a family with a Thanksgiving meal, some additional needed food staples or a toiletry bag for a person experiencing homelessness.



TIME SENSITIVE

- **STAR Testing Time**
 - Students will continue taking their STAR Math and Reading tests through November 8th.
 - Please make sure the children are rested and well fed.
- **Veterans Needed!**
 - Our Veteran's Day Prayer Service is Friday, November 9th at 1:30.
 - We would like to honor our veterans and are asking for your help.
 - Please invite a veteran to join us and then let Ms. Van Heel know so we can reserve a seat for your special guest.
 - Your veteran can't attend? No problem! Send a picture of your veteran in uniform with your name on the back and we will have a special place to display your photo.
 - The feedback we have received from previous years, it that our veterans that have attended felt very loved and honored.
 - We hope you can join us.

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Upcoming Events Sponsored by: Your PACE Board

- **Dine Out NEXT Wednesday!**
 - Join us for our next Dine Out, Wednesday, November 7th at Jack's Urban Eats in The Orchards Shopping Center.
 - Look for the flyer on the school website for more details!

Preschool News!

- Activities for the week of November 5th:
 - Sounds: g & v
 - Faith Talk for the week: God Made People.
 - Geography: North America
 - Science: Fish
- Preschool children will be attending Mass on Thursday, Nov. 1st at 9:00.



- Thank you to all involved for a Fabulous Fall Fest!
 - Kudos to our co-chairs Mrs. Sheldon and Mr. Marseille for their vision, preplanning and creativity for this event.
 - The Velas outdid themselves with the Haunted House which took allot of "person" power and energy to pull off so thank you to the volunteers who helped stage this VERY popular addition to our evening.
 - We had a GREAT turn out and the atmosphere was energetic.
 - Thank you to our famiies that participated in the Trunk-o-Treating, the children always love this and we are always amazed at your creativity!
 - I know the Girl Scouts' table was a popular destination, so thank you for supporting them as well!
- Thank you to all the families that donated Halloween Costumes.
 - Vinnie's Little Helpers were able to donate over 60 costumes to St. Vincent de Paul. Way to go!
- Thank you to Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Cesca's husband for facilitating our bike collection.
 - We had 22 bikes to donate! Great job St. Agnes!
- Blessings on the Latteri Family for providing Halloween treats for every child in the school. We appreciate their love of the holidays and St. Agnes School!

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- Observations from our Peace Patrol and kudos to all the children who are practicing kindness:
 - Giulianna (K): Happily stepped up to hold the jumprope when no one else volunteered.
 - Saige (1st): Invited students to play tag who were sitting on the curb.
 - Theo (2nd): Found a fair way to choose which classmate to give the ball.
 - Jonas (3rd): Helped another student up after he fell over.
 - Baron (4th): Helped another person in a game by encouraging her and giving her tips.
 - Robert (5th): Quietly missed shots during a game of knock out to keep a classmate playing longer.



~Please Pray~

We can all use prayers and support from one another, therefore each week we will pray for one of our families that they will feel God's grace and our love. This week we ask God's blessings on the Mulholand children (Harper 2nd & West K) who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism! Please keep them and their family in your daily prayers.

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
11/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Saints Day Mass 9:00-Formal
11/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Hour (Formal 6th Only)
11/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Party 9-1
11/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See You At Mass! • Daylight Savings Ends-Fall Back!
11/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Uniform Dress for WAT Award recipients
11/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2 Non-Uniform Dress Day
11/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:00 Dismissal • WCEA Staff Articulation • Dine Out @ Jacks Urban Eats WC 4-8
11/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15 Mass (formal 2nd Gr. Only) • 1:30 Veterans Day Prayer Service-Formal • End of the 1st Trimester
11/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Day Holiday-No School

Student Learning Expectation

2.3 A conscientious students in a diverse society who is able to: Take responsibility for personal actions.