



WEEKLY SUN

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From the Principal's Desk: *Liz Ramsey*

Dates to remember:

Feb. 22nd

Ash Wednesday
Mass

Feb. 27th

Health re-screening

March 1st and 2nd

Spring Conferences

**NO SCHOOL MARCH
2ND**

Registration for 2012/2013

Registration packets for the 2012/13 school year will be sent home the week of March 5th. We ask that you fill out the registration forms and **return them by Friday, March 16th**.

It is extremely important that we have 2011/12 enrollment information as soon as possible. We are in the process of creating our budget for the next year and must have accurate numbers in order to determine appropriate staffing levels. **It is critical for families with students currently enrolled in 4th grade to send**

in their paperwork by the deadline. Our current fourth grade is at maximum enrollment (50 students). We can only hold a place for your student if we have your completed registration form.

Open enrollment will begin March 20th, in conjunction with our first New Family Open House. Registration forms will be accepted on a first come, first served, basis from then on. We want everyone who wishes to continue at Risen Christ to have a space, so make sure to return your forms by March 16th!

President's Corner: *Helen Dahlman*

Presidents Day

There was no school yesterday due to the Presidents Day holiday. Those of us who are older can remember when this holiday was called Washington's Birthday in honor of the first president of the United States and celebrated on February 22nd, President Washington's actual birthday.

By the late 1800's many states also began designating February 12th, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, as a holiday. In 1971 the federal government shifted the observance of Washington's Birthday to the third Monday of February in order to simplify yearly calendars.

The holiday also became known as Presidents Day, a day to honor and recognize other presidents, as well.

It is very fitting that Presidents Day falls during Black History Month, since many presidents over the course of our nation's history worked toward insuring full civil rights for African

Americans.

Among them are:

Abraham Lincoln: Signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

Harry Truman: Established the President's Committee on Civil Rights/desegregated the federal workforce, 1948.

Dwight Eisenhower: Used federal troops to enforce school desegregation law in Little Rock Arkansas, 1957.

John F. Kennedy: Used federal troops to insure African American college enrollment in Alabama.

Lyndon B. Johnson: Signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 into law.

Barack Obama: First African- American President.

May God bless them and all who work toward insuring the dignity and rights of all human beings.

Important Information:

Please make sure students come dressed for the weather. They need coats, hats, mittens, and boots when winter arrives. Students in K-5 are outside for 20 min. unless wind chill is greater than -10 degrees F

NEWS and NOTES

Thank you to The St. Vincent de Paul Society for sponsoring our monthly free store. Our next free store is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th, at 1:00pm. It is open to everyone and offers food, clothing, toys and household items. All items are free.

Please observe the new quantity limit signs!

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.risenchristschool.org

Calling all Kindergarten Students!

Do you know a child who will be 5 by September 1st, 2012? Do you know a family who wants a quality education for their child that also develops a love of Jesus, a commitment to learning and encourages a zest for life? Tell them about Risen Christ!

We are holding three different Open Houses for incoming kindergarten students (and students new to Risen Christ) on Tuesday, March 20th, from 6:00-7:30pm, and on Wednesday, March 21st, from 10:30-11:30am or 1:30-2:30pm.

Come meet the kindergarten teachers and learn about our full day kindergarten program. We have exciting news to share about our SUPERKIDS reading program and how it is helping students learn to read while they are still in kindergarten!

Parents will be invited to take a tour of the school, and if you choose the Wednesday option, see the school in action by observing classes.

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis! Call Tessa at 612-822-5329 to reserve your spot.

"This Is My Mexico" Coloring Contest

The ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico invites all children between 7 and 11 years old to participate in the **This Is My Mexico** drawing contest. This year's theme is "Cinco de Mayo; 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Puebla," commemorating the battle that took place in 1862 when Mexico defeated the French army.

Draw or paint your idea of what the battle looked like on a square piece of cardboard or paper, (30x30cm/12"x12") using brushes, pencils, acrylics, crayons or any other material you choose. Fill out the attached form and paste it on the back of your drawing. Return your drawing to school by **Monday, March 6th**, and we will send it to the Mexican Consulate.

The names of the winners will be announced on April 20th and winners will have their choice from among the following prizes: a computer, a digital camera, a drawing set or school materials. All participants will receive a certificate for entering the contest. The copyrights of the drawings will be given to the Special Fund Board to support the Institute for Mexicans Abroad. **This contest is open to all students between 7 and 11 years of age.**

Our Mission:

Risen Christ Catholic School is committed to developing the spiritual, academic, social, physical, and leadership gifts of all of our children. We promote collaboration with families and the community in order to affirm and embrace our cultural diversity within a safe, academically challenging, and Christian learning environment.

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Come and visit us at 1120 East 37th Street, Minneapolis, MN.

Call us at: 612-822-5329