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MONDAY MEMO

March 22, 2010

EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday, March 22

Spring Book Fair All Week

Advanced Band, 7:30am

View Grade 7 Science Fair Projects, All Day,
5th Floor

Science Adventures, 3:15 - 4:15pm

Middle School Math Club, 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday, March 23

Beginning Band, 7:30am

Liturgical Choir, 7:35am

Chess Club, 3:15 - 4:15pm

Writing Club, 3:15 - 4:15pm

Kendama Club, Rm. A101, 3:15-4:15pm

Wednesday, March 24

Yearbook Orders Due

Advanced Band, 7:30am

Simple Lenten Meal Served

Early Dismissal, 2:15pm

Thursday, March 25

Beginning Band, 7:30am

Creative Movement, Rm. A101, 3:15-4:15pm

Green Team, 3:15-4:30pm

Grade 4 Empty Bowls Soup Supper,

Servery/Cafeteria, 5:00pm

Grade 5 OPI Camp Parent Meeting, Parlor, 7pm

Friday, March 26

Free Dress/ Box Top Store

Grade 6 Retreat on Campus

Grade 7 Field Trip

Grade 8 Retreat Off Campus

Villa Voices, 7:30am

Music Improv. 3:30-4:30pm

Sunday, March 28

Palm/Passion Sunday

Monday, March 29

Advanced Band, 7:30am

Science Adventures, 3:15 - 4:15pm

Middle School Math Club, 3:15-4:15pm

Dear Villa Academy Families,

I want to mention two high notes that marked the latter part of last week, both of which we are very excited about. Our first-ever round of optional Spring Conferences for parents and teachers in both Lower and Middle School, on Wednesday afternoon and Friday, went very well. This was also our first opportunity to offer online conference scheduling to make for a more convenient and efficient process. Over 199 conferences were held and we anticipate continuing to offer spring conferences in addition to our customary fall conferences, in the future, to benefit the students.

The second high note was releasing admission invitations to prospective new families for the 2010-2011 school year. We are eager to welcome these new families to the Villa Academy community in September and will be hosting an Ice Cream Social for them on Friday, March 26. I want to encourage those of you who have friends, family members or neighbors who are prospective families, to touch base with them personally and let them know we would love to welcome them to the community.

NE 45th Street Viaduct Project: I want to give you a heads up about the NE 45th Street Viaduct Project, West Approach Replacement, that may impact drive times for some of us. Construction on the NE 45th St. Viaduct will begin in April.

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is on track to replace the west approach of the NE 45th St. Viaduct this summer. The design team recently completed the final plans and advertised the project for competitive bids from contractors.

Pre-construction activities are expected to begin in late April 2010, and will include periodic lane and sidewalk closures, as well as daytime and evening construction work. The viaduct will be completely closed to all traffic, bicycles, and pedestrians from late June to mid September 2010, to complete the project.

The viaduct's existing 468-foot west approach is nearing the end of its structural life and needs to be replaced, to maintain a safe and efficient travel corridor for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles. For more information, visit the project web site: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/45th-bridge.htm>

God Bless,

Polly Skinner
Head of School

THANK YOU VILLA FAMILIES

The Villa Academy administration, faculty and staff, offer our heartfelt gratitude for the lovely luncheon and gift bags prepared for each of us last Thursday! In the midst of a busy day and week we were "transported" to an elegant restaurant and treated like royalty. Thank you Parent Association Appreciation Committee for the planning, cooking, serving, organization of notes and preparation of gift bags and procuring extra help at recess and in the lunchroom to allow faculty time to enjoy the lunch. Thank you Villa families for your kind notes, drawings and gifts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Spring Book Fair Time – Click HERE for details: <http://thevilla.org/weblog/2010/03/16/the-spring-book-fair/>

2009 -2010 Yearbook - Order Online Now. Click here: <http://www.thevilla.org/community/yearbookorder2010.php>
Deadline to order: Wednesday, March 24

This Wednesday, March 24: Screen Time: How It Affects Your Child and What You Can Do About It with Dimitri Christakis, MD, MPH. Read More...
<http://thevilla.org/weblog/2010/03/11/screen-time-how-it-affects-your-child-and-what-you-can-do-about-it/>

Grade 4 Empty Bowls Soup Supper this Thursday, March 25. Read more...
<http://thevilla.org/weblog/2010/03/10/empty-bowls-soup-dinner/>

Attention Grade 5 Parents – Click HERE for an invitation from Middle School Director, Pat Preib:
<http://thevilla.org/weblog/2010/03/16/a-pat-preib-post-2/>

Save the Date: Thursday, April 15, 2010, 7:00 PM, Villa Parlor

Learn about the Seattle Archdiocese Safe Environment Program, including the following components:

Called to Protect, for Ministries: Training for all clergy, employees and applicable volunteers, including all CYO Sports Coaches.

Called to Protect, for Parents & Families: Training for parents, families and all interested in learning how to protect children.

Called to Protect, for Youth: A three-part series that teaches 7th grade students about boundaries, how to respond if someone tries to violate their boundaries and how to tell someone if they or a friend have been abused.

Talking About Touching: A research-based, age-appropriate, personal safety curriculum designed for children in Kindergarten through Third Grade.

Come learn about all of these programs, and how they are currently being used, or will be used at Villa. The evening will be hosted by Polly Skinner and Jody Elsner. Look for more details in the next Monday Memo. We hope you can join us!

LENTEN OBSERVANCE AT VILLA

A Simple Lenten Meal will be served this Wednesday, March 24. During Lent we focus on prayer, personal sacrifice and service to others. Our simple meal will draw the students' attention to those less fortunate among us. View the March menu for details of what will be included in the meal. One dollar for each meal purchased will be donated to Catholic Relief Services, Operation Rice Bowl. Students will be served only once; there will be no second helpings served on Wednesday, in keeping with our theme. We will begin each meal in the lunchroom with a special prayer.

Holy Thursday: All students are asked to bring one can/box of food by Thursday, April 1, 2010, as part of our offering to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank at St. Bridget Parish. These gifts will be an integral part of our Holy Thursday prayer services in the Villa Chapel at 9:30am and 10:25am on April 1, 2010. Lower School students may bring food to their homerooms and Middle School students may bring offerings to their advisory, any time before April 1.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Last Call for Grandparent Addresses for Grandparents Day Invitations!

On Friday, May 7th, Villa Academy will celebrate our Annual Grandparents Day, and invitations will be mailed to grandparents early next week. If you have not yet submitted names and addresses of your children's grandparents, please email this information to development@thevilla.org **by the end of this week** to ensure that a Grandparents Day invitation will be mailed.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Ultimate News: For game information and a bit about Mr. Crafts, click HERE:

<http://thevilla.org/weblog/2010/03/17/ultimate-games-start-this-friday/>

Save the Dates:

- **Washington DC Trip 2011- Information Meeting:** Villa Parlor, Monday, April 19, 2010, 7:00pm (For Parents of Students in Grades 7 & 8: 2010-2011)
- **Skate King** - Friday, April 23, 2010

CYO CORNER

Volleyball – Sign Up Today! New Scores are posted! <http://thevilla.org/community/SportsNews.html>

Track & Field – Registration is open! Click HERE <http://thevilla.org/community/SportsNews.html> for information about practice times and registration.

EDP NEWS

Spring Enrichment Classes: Click here and scroll to EDP.

<http://www.thevilla.org/community/formslists.html>

Villa Ventures Registration: <http://thevilla.org/weblog/2010/02/04/announcing-villa-ventures-2010/>