



The Milford Catholic News

From the Desk of Mrs. Tavaska...



The school year 2010-2011 has been tremendous! Through the hard work of our faculty, staff, parents, volunteers, and a number of quiet angels, we have indeed had a successful, happy year. Our students have not only worked hard (national test scores have increased), but they also enjoyed each other's company in the many "events" sponsored throughout the year. To parents and especially our volunteers (librarians, lunch duty, evening activities, tour guides, classroom parents, guest readers, chaperones, Guild events, etc.), a huge *THANK YOU!* To our faculty and staff – *JOB WELL DONE! THANK YOU!* And to those quiet angels who have been a continuing presence at MCES – *YOU ARE TRULY APPRECIATED!*

Have a wonderful summer, and in the timeless words of Charles Dickens' Tiny Tim, "God bless us, every one."

Memories.....

Hop-A-Thon

On Thursday, 3/31, the Preschool children at Milford Catholic Elementary School participated in a Hop-A-Thon fundraiser to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The children raised \$813.29 for this very worthy cause. It is through this program that the children learn that "everybody's different, nobody's perfect."



3-2-1 Blastoff! On April 11, the Kindergarten students, along with teacher and "Commander" Jean Ellen Shea, blasted off to the moon after weeks of preparation. Donning their goggles and handmade helmets, they experienced "weightlessness," confronted aliens, collected moon rocks and proudly planted the American flag. According to one astronaut, the voyage was "out of this world!"

Signs of Spring at MCES

Weren't we all excited when the first signs of spring FINALLY arrived at Milford Catholic Elementary School! Morning prayer service and the Pledge of Allegiance were able to be held outside once again without hats, gloves, and boots. Spring cleanup of the grounds took place on April 15 when the students and faculty got down on their hands and knees to rake, prune and plant. By the end of the day, weary (and dirty) faces beamed with pride at a job well done!



Crowning of Mary

MCES students participated in the annual May Crowning of Our Lady on Friday, May 13, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. The students in grades PreK 4 and Kindergarten led the school in prayer and song before proceeding up the center aisle to place flowers on the altar. The ceremony concluded with students Shannon Mejia and Michael Rizoli reverently placing a crown of flowers on the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is prominently displayed in the main hallway of our school.



Birds of Prey



On May 16, MCES welcomed a special guest – actually six special guests – for a very unique presentation. Jim Parks, of Wingmasters, entertained the students and faculty with touching stories of animal rescues, rehabilitations and fostering. Wingmasters is dedicated to increasing public understanding and appreciation of North American birds of prey. To illustrate his stories, Mr. Parks brought a variety of birds, each with their own story of rescue. The audience was awed by the beauty and stature of these birds, and the presentation was both educational and inspirational.

...like the corners of my mind

Special Friends Day

“Special Friends Day” has been a tradition at MCES for three years. On Tuesday, May 17, students were invited to bring two special guests to spend the morning with them in their classrooms. After a continental breakfast in the Bell Tower Room, guests were escorted to their children’s classrooms, where they participated in various activities including making paper flowerpots, sprouting seeds, and taking math tests! The students beamed with pride while showing off their school, and the visitors left knowing first-hand what a special place their young scholars are a part of.



Spring Concert



The eighth annual Milford Catholic Elementary School Spring Concert was held on May 19 in the Sacred Heart Church Bell Tower Room. The event featured the MCES Chorus with students from Grades 4 – 6, under the direction of Jesse Fontaine. Also performing at the concert were the piano students of Mr. Fontaine, both current MCES students and alumni, ranging in age from 8 to 13. The audience, as well as the performers, had a wonderful evening, which culminated with a sing-along to Let There Be Peace on Earth.

Golf Tournament

On May 23, the 11th Annual MCES Golf Tournament in memory of Jay Carpenter was held at Blissful Meadows Golf Club in Uxbridge. Despite the less than favorable weather, everyone had a great time. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and participants, over \$12,000 was raised to benefit our school!



MCES Visit to Countryside Health Care



For over 20 years, the MCES Religion Club, under the direction of Kathy Moran, has been visiting the Milford Geriatric Authority, now called Countryside Health Care. This outreach program has been a wonderful way to teach the students the importance of community service. On 5/26, the students spent a pleasant afternoon with the residents, coloring July 4th themed pictures and enjoying light-hearted conversation and refreshments.

Talent Show

The first annual MCES Talent Show, sponsored by the Student Council, was held on May 27. Participating students in grades 4 through 6 practiced for weeks during recess and after school to perfect their song and dance routines. Their hard work certainly paid off, and the audience enjoyed a fabulous show!



Field Day



The annual MCES Field Day was held on June 1. The 6th grade class planned a variety of fun field events for the students in grades PreK through 5, including Chicken Toss, Hula Hoop Race, Parachute Target, and Obstacle Course. The children, as well as the faculty, enjoyed a day of beautiful weather, fun games, and special time with friends.

Kindergarten Graduation

On June 14, the Kindergarten students celebrated their “Kindergarten Graduation” in the Chapel at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. They sang several songs, recited prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance, and proudly told what they had learned about the American flag. They received diplomas from Principal Tavaska and teacher Mrs. Potter and then watched a slideshow featuring memories of their Kindergarten year. Following the program, students and their families were treated to refreshments.



Grade 6 Celebration Mass

It was a night of smiles, laughter, and tears, as we said goodbye to our Sixth Graders on June 10. At the conclusion of a celebratory Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, the students received their certificates from Father Richard Scioli and Principal Andrea Tavaska, while sixth grade teacher, Karen Remillard, announced each student’s name. After Mass, everyone gathered in the Bell Tower Room for refreshments and reminiscing. Their MCES family is proud of these exceptional young people that we have watched grow both academically and spiritually over the years at our school. We know that they will take the values and “lessons of love” that they have learned at MCES as they move forward in their future endeavors while continuing to make us proud.



So it's the laughter we will remember....
At Little Angels Academy

3-Year-Old Mother's Day Tea

On Thursday, May 5, the children celebrated Mother's Day with a Mother's Day Tea. All moms, as well as many grandmothers, attended this special event. The children worked hard beforehand making pins and flowers for their guests, and after enjoying light refreshments, they sang a special song!

3-Year-Old Ice Cream Party:

The last day of school for PreK 3 was Thursday, June 9. Parents and siblings joined the students for an ice cream party where they were able to make their own sundaes. Everyone had a great time, and the day ended with certificates being handed out to the students. They will be missed!

4-Year-Old Closing Celebration

On Friday, June 10, 22 children in PreK 4 celebrated the end of the school year with a closing ceremony. The celebration began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by prayers, songs and a slideshow. Parents and guests watched as each child received a certificate of completion and then enjoyed refreshments.

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~SUMMER DATES TO REMEMBER~

6/20-6/23 – Art Camp
6/25 - MCES Night at the Drive-In
6/27-7/1 – GEO Camp

Be on the lookout for the summer mailing in August!

Smiles we gave to one another...

Spring has Sprung at MCES



Cast of Three Bully Goats Griff



Art Show



Science Fair



PreK4 Graduation



Field Day



Scattered Pictures....



Mother Son Bowling



Special Friends Day

