

# FEA FYI



The newsletter of the St. Dominic School Family Education Association

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NEXT FAMILY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MEETING: February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room. Please join us – all St. Dominic School parents are members of the FEA! Special thanks to Kelly Marcelletti, Simone McNitt, Kim Paduano, and Odette Hankins, who participated in the December and/or January meetings!

## Part Two: Where Do Your FEA Annual Fees Go?

In the last edition of the FEA FYI, we featured the Elmo Visual Presenter used by the Spanish teachers to bring the subject matter to life on a daily basis. For this edition, we spoke to Jane Karolczak about an exciting new tool for the fifth grade science program.



Fifth graders take a closer look using recently purchased microscopes

Ten stereoscopic microscopes were recently purchased by the FEA for use in Physical Science, Earth/Space Science, and Life Science units. They can be used to view specimen slides, as well as 3-dimensional objects.

The microscopes provide an upright, un-reversed image that allows easy manipulation of the object being viewed while looking through the microscope. One fifth grade student summed up his reaction to peering through the microscope for the first time with one word - "Awesome!"

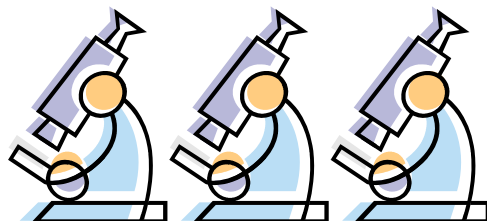
FEA funds were also used to purchase various kits and materials to explore electricity and study sound, color, and light waves. New models of the human torso, brain, eye, and ear bring the Health unit to life.

### What is the FEA?

All St. Dominic parents are members of the Family Education Association, and all are encouraged to participate in the monthly meetings. The FEA was created to:

- Develop a united effort between faculty and parishioners in support of the school
- Raise funds for the benefit of the school
- Assist the school administration and support improvement in education

Mrs. Karolczak is enthusiastic about the use of the new equipment and materials to excite and involve her fifth graders' in the learning experience. "St. Dominic School is so blessed to have such a strong, dynamic, and supportive parent group! Thank you so very much!"



**Help!  
We Need Somebody!  
(To Assist With The St.  
Patrick's Day Show)**



This year's St. Patrick's Day show will be held on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Once again, Clare Delaney and Eileen Nieset have "volunteered" to be the parent coordinators, working with our fabulous music teacher, Robin Brian.

If you haven't heard, the theme for the 2009 production is "The Beatles". Plans are well underway – class choreographers are in place, and Liz Aragon Murray is heading the costume committee.

Many more helping hands are still needed for a variety of tasks including dressing the performers before the show and staffing the concession table at intermission. If you can volunteer any time, please contact Robin Brian.

**Wanted: The Next  
Market Day Coordinator**



Thanks to the efforts of Marlene Statler-Robinson and her team, St. Dominic School has earned over \$1,000 from Market Day sales. A big thank you to all of the families who support this monthly fundraising event and enjoy convenient food items in the bargain!

We are still seeking a coordinator for next year's Market Day program. If no one volunteers, we may have to consider dropping this fundraiser. If you are interesting in this opportunity, please contact Marte Shepherd for more information.



**Christmas Chocolate Sale  
Was A Sweet Success**

This year's Christmas candy campaign resulted in sales of almost \$1,800 and a net profit for St. Dominic School of \$597.

Thank you to the families who took advantage of a convenient way to buy holiday gifts and help the school at the same time.

Big thanks as well to Tom Aumiller for coordinating this campaign and streamlining the internet ordering process. Based on feedback from parents, the new system made it faster and easier to place orders on the web.

Keep an eye out for the Easter campaign in coming weeks!

**FEA Board Members  
& Committee Chairs**

Please contact us with your questions or suggestions for the FEA – we want your input!

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