



FEA FYI



The newsletter of the St. Dominic School Family Education Association

May & June 2009

NEXT FAMILY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MEETING: Mark your calendars now for Monday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room. Please join us – all St. Dominic School parents are members of the FEA!

Part Three: Where Do Your FEA Annual Fees Go?

In prior editions of the FEA FYI, we have featured recent equipment purchases by the FEA to benefit the students of St. Dominic, including the Elmo Visual Presenter - used by the Spanish teachers to bring the subject matter to life on a daily basis – and the microscopes for the fifth grade science program. This edition features the purchase of a Skutt kiln and vent, the result of the a three year effort to enhance the art program at our school.

According to Mrs. Mikulski, past years have included very limited lessons in clay for only the older students, requiring extra funds and effort to have the projects fired off site. “Now that we have our own kiln, many more classes will have the opportunity to work with clay, learn the proper techniques and discover how rewarding it can be to create artwork in three-dimensional form. The skills learned in doing



ceramics help to strengthen small motor skills, hand coordination and creativity. Additionally, our students will learn to see more clearly in three dimensions and be able to problem-solve construction techniques.”

So far this school year, the first grade has created bird nests to complement their study of life cycles; the second grade made puppet heads during a lesson on folk heroes and legends, and grade three designed garden plant pokes (see picture above), and grade four learned the coil method of Native American vessels.

Mrs. Mikulski adds, “We owe a big thank you to custodians Chuck and Dan for working with the Shaker Heights Building Department to safely install the kiln and vent, but most of all, thank you to the FEA. The purchase of this kiln not only supports the diocesan curriculum, but also enhances our school’s competitiveness within the local school system.”

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

FEA Shows St. Dominic Hospitality

The end of the year is always a flurry of recitals, performances, shows, and ceremonies. Through it all, the FEA Hospitality Committee provides punch, cookies, and words of congratulations. Thank you to Eileen Nieset, Renee Yoder, and the entire committee for your time and effort at the art show, band concert, piano recital, Rising Stars graduation, and eighth grade class graduation!



The newly updated St. Dominic School website - www.stdominicschool.net - includes information about the FEA, as well as archived newsletters. Check it out!

BOGO Book Fair Kicks Off Summer Reading Season



On May 13th and 14th, St. Dominic students had the opportunity to purchase Scholastic books to stock up for their summer reading. While the fall book fair is an FEA fundraiser, this spring event is an opportunity for families to “buy one, get one free”. What a deal!

A big thank you to Liz Aragon-Murray, Chris Cook, Angie Coyne, and all of the book fair volunteers who gave hours of their time to set up, help our children find fun reading, and clean up after the event!

On Behalf of the Family Education Association,



have a happy and blessed summer vacation!

Thank You To The FEA Board Members & Committee Chairs

A big thank you to the following FEA leaders, and EVERYONE who volunteered their time to make this such a successful school year!

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