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We are blessed!

BY SFCA BOARD

To All the Parents and Family Members
(as well as the) Teachers:

We, the board of SFCA, would like to extend a "HEARTY THANK YOU" for your help in overall cleanup of the new school building for the 2021/2022 school year. No matter what your assigned job was for the day, you did it with a sense of pride and joy. Without your helpful hands we would not be as far along in the process as we are at this point. Your hard work is shown in the following pictures.



Dates & Deadlines

Take Home Folders



No take home folders this month!

Deadlines

TUITION


Tuition payments are due the 10th of each month. A \$40 late fee is applied if payment is not received by the 15th of the month. Please contact Jenn Filipovich; 724-463-7719 or filipovich@seedsoffaithacademy.org with questions.



SCRIP ORDERS

Scrip orders are due on Tuesday by 12pm and may be picked up Friday!

School Delays

A reminder, if SFCA does **NOT** close or delay, busing follows your home school district's closings or delay schedule. Students will be excused in these situations. Parents are welcome to transport their own children on days their district busing is delayed or not operating. Check local TV and radio stations, and text messages from 

Upcoming Dates.....

- 5/4 - Senior Thank You Treat
- 5/5 - HS Wendy's
- 5/6 - Elem Wendy's
- 5/7 - Falcon Friday
- 5/10 - Tuition Due
- 5/11 - Band Concert
- 5/12-5/18 - Senior Class Trip
- 5/12 - HS Wendy's
- 5/13 - Elem Wendy's
- 5/19 - HS Wendy's
- 5/20 - Elem Wendy's
- 5/21 - Senior Graduation
- 5/25 - School Field Trip!
- 5/25 - K-prep Graduation
- 5/25 - Kindergarten Graduation
- 5/26 - HS Wendy's
- 5/27 - Elem Wendy's
- 5/28 - Last Day of School

Always check the live
calendar online
SFCA LIVE CALENDAR

Student Perks

MILK CARDS

Milk Cards are \$6.00 for 20 cartons of milk.

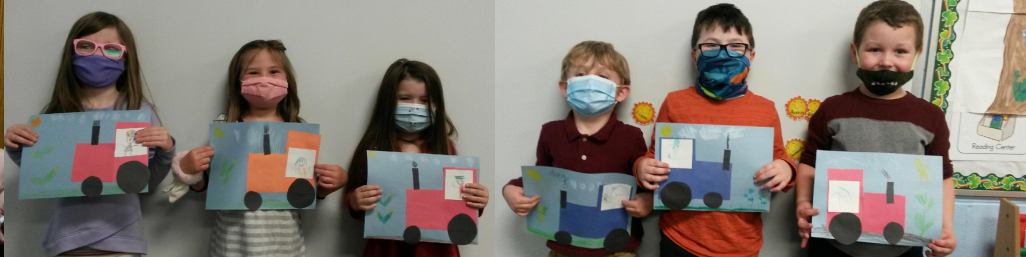
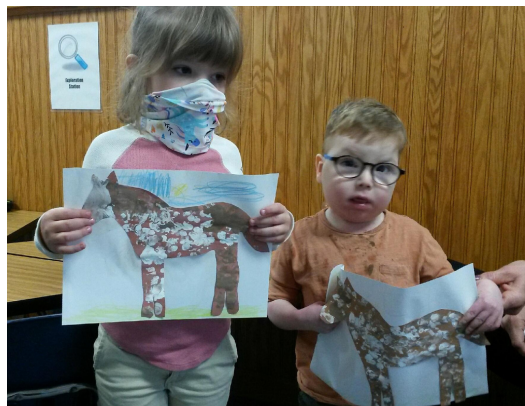
Teacher Update: PS3 & K-Prep

BY MRS. MCCULLOUGH

It has been a very busy month in K-Prep!

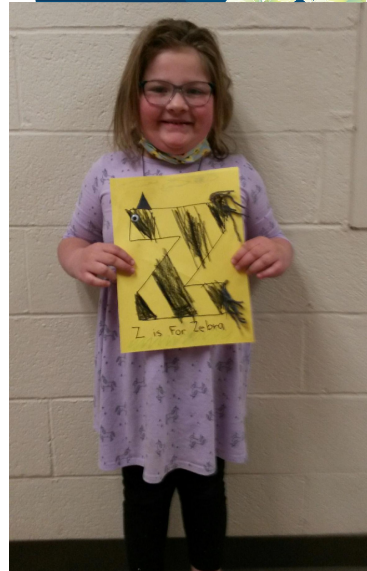


K-prep made butter!



He is not here
He has risen,
just as He said.

Matthew 28:6
MEMORY VERSE



COLORING EGGS

Teacher Update: Kindergarten

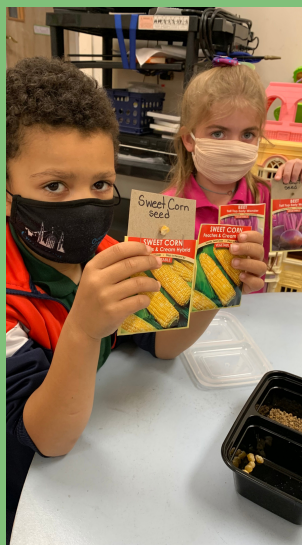


BY MRS. MARQUEZ

Kindergarteners love to learn!

Kindergarten has been working on counting, writing and ordering from 1 to 30. We had some fun sorting interesting seeds and putting them into groups of 30. Then, we talked about all the vegetables that were on the seed packets. Some of us had never seen a carrot seed before! They were so tiny! We found out that beet seeds are scratchy little things and pea seeds look just like the peas we eat. Of course we all recognized pumpkin seeds and some of our friends shared that they love to eat baked pumpkin seeds. That seemed unusual to others. It's fun to learn new things!

COUNTING SEEDS...



Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed.

Robert H. Schuller



Teacher Update: 1st Grade



BY MRS. PARTIDA

Whether we are playing a game on the floor or on a computer, games are a great way to practice what we have learned! The first graders are really showing signs of being ready to move onward and upward to second grade. At this time of year, I like to think back to how far the students have come. I am so proud of them and pray for continued success!

Teacher Update: 2nd Grade

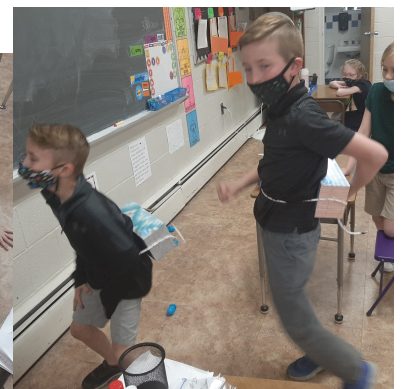
BY MRS. MILLER



This past month has really flown by! We've been so busy learning and having fun. Our butterflies emerged from their chrysalis and after observing them for a couple weeks, we released them. The students loved that a few of the butterflies landed on them! During our life cycle unit, we completed a learning lab to simulate pollination. The students twisted a pipe cleaner around their fingers to represent the legs of a butterfly. Then, we used a cheese packet for the pollen and landed on one flower. When we "flew" to the next flower some of the "pollen" fell off.

One of the things we did for our Easter party was discuss how no one wants an empty Easter basket, but how an empty tomb was a wonderful thing. It's because of the empty tomb on Easter morning that we can have a good relationship with God and new life with him. The students strapped on a tissue box ("Easter basket") and the goal was to remove the eggs from their "basket" without reaching in and taking them out. Oh what a fun game this was!

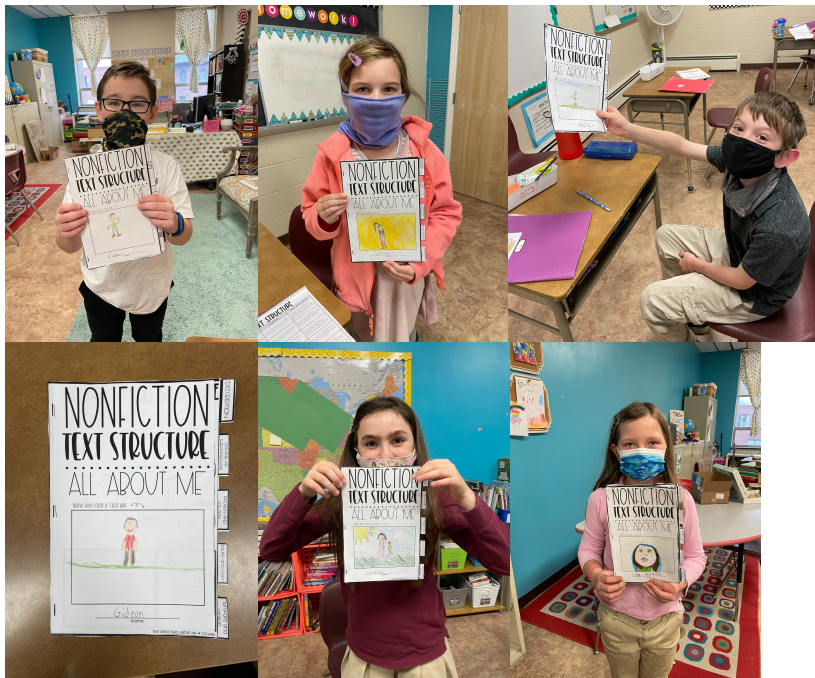
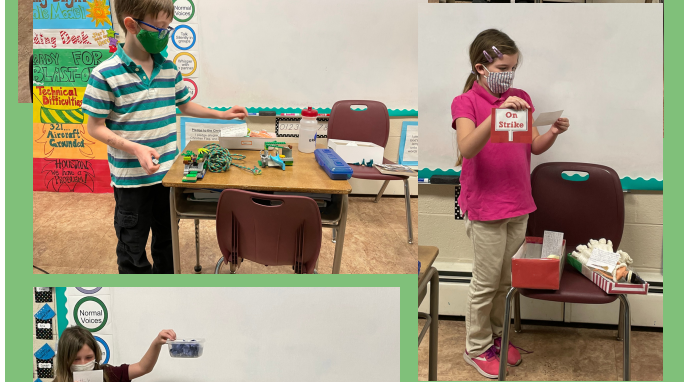
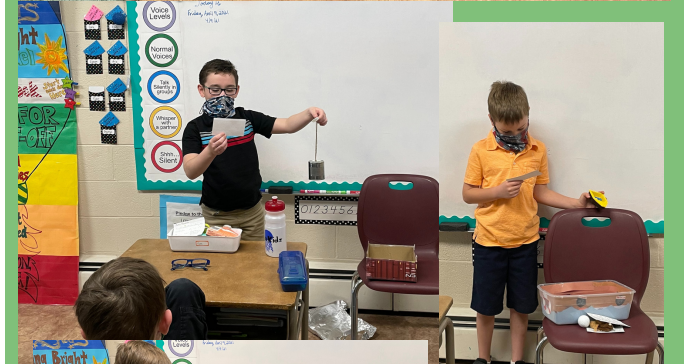
In Reading, we are almost finished with our Storytown book and are going to be moving on to a chapter book! Second grade will be reading, "The Chocolate Touch". This will be the first chapter book the students have read in class. It is amazing to see their growth in all subjects from the beginning of the year until now.



Teacher Update: 3rd Grade

BY MRS. BENNETT

I cannot believe that there is only one month of school left! This has been such a great year, and I will be sad to see it end. This past month has certainly been a busy one! Third grade completed and presented their Book-in-a-Box projects. They turned out amazing! The students read a novel, wrote 8 paragraphs on notecards about important events in the story, and gathered together objects to represent each notecard. They also decorated their boxes to go along with their books! The presentations went so well. I am incredibly proud of how much hard work the students put into this project. Our next and last project of the year will be on the pioneers in Social Studies! In math, we have moved on to fractions. Third grade has very quickly picked up the basics. They also completed standardized testing this month. There has been a lot of hard work, but third grade was definitely up for the challenge!!! I am excited for an awesome last month of the school year together!



Teacher Update: 4th/5th Grade

BY MRS. WILSON

It's May and nineteen and a half days remain in the 2020-2021 school. I am hearing students talk about how fast the year went. In any event, it is exciting to think about the move to our new school next year. We pray for God's blessing on Seeds, that we may fill every room with students ready for learning. Mrs. Wilson's classroom will be getting a fresh coat of paint and will be set up for everyone to see before the start of school in the fall.

These students have just completed the three day Stanford Test and are now creating story sandwiches, learning about divisibility rules, how to add/subtract fractions with unlike denominators, the Preamble to the Constitution, and so much more.

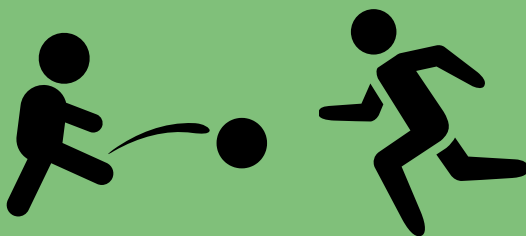
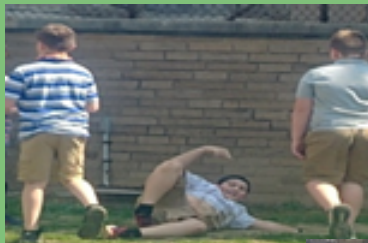
We thank Mrs. Bruno for taking our class along with third grade to see the Learning Tree Homeschoolers musical production of "Never After."

Everyone is looking forward to our lunch at Crouse's Restaurant in Shelocta. Prior to going, we will discuss proper 'Christian' behavior while in a public restaurant and representing Seeds of Faith, how to figure the amount necessary for a proper tip, and how blessed we are to be able to enjoy fellowship and a fine meal 'together' again.

The fifth grade class is trying to enjoy their last few weeks of recess outside, but it seems that the fourth graders are proving to be too much for them. Corydon Metcalf is trying to turn his kick, a single up the middle to Drew Valazak, into a double, but he is out at second.

"Gramps" aka Landon Beida, made a brave effort trying to catch a fly ball that ultimately ended up knocking him down. Jayden was close by ready to field the ball, trying to stop the run of Jack Kimmel who made it home any way. "Gramps" was ok and continued to play ball.

I know it looks like a game of t-ball where the toddlers all tackle the ball at the same time, but this is actually Mrs. Wilson's class of 5th graders playfully fighting over the ball as Onna rounds the bases and scores at home.



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High School Updates

BY MRS. MCCRACKEN

6-8 Grade Earth Science

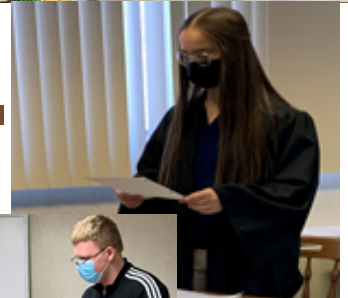
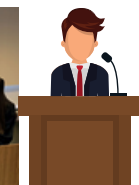
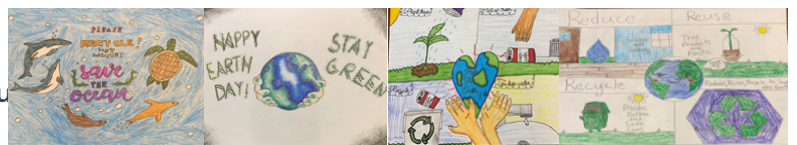
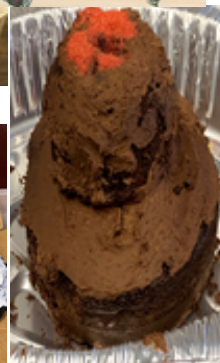
We have enjoyed learning some very interesting topics in the last few chapters within Earth Science. One topic the students really had fun learning about was volcanoes. Each of the students were responsible for creating their own 3D model or travel brochure of a particular volcano around the world. They also presented a google slide presentation about their volcano to their classmates! They put in a lot of hard work and did a wonderful job on them! Take a look for yourself!

We also just finished up a chapter on climate and climate change. In this chapter, we discussed how God wants us to wisely manage and use the world He gave us. It is also important to conserve the use of earth's resources that God put on earth. This was perfect timing because Earth Day was April 22nd! The students had a contest to see who could create a poster to let others learn ways we can help do this! There were some fantastic posters!

6-8 Grade English

We recently finished reading the book, "The King's Fifth". The book takes place in the 1540's. It is about a group of Spanish explorers coming over to what we know today as Mexico. These explorers were on the hunt for gold and treasures. The catch for these explorers was if they found gold, they must give a fifth to the King of Spain. One particular character, Esteban de Sandoval, gets put on trial for finding gold, but not giving the correct share to the King.

The students, after reading this book, created and performed a similar mock trial. The students were each assigned a character from the book. They were responsible for writing their own scripts on what they would say on the day of the trial. If they were able to, some even dressed up to look more like their characters at the trial.



High School Updates

BY MRS. CALDWELL

Hi again. Just a little update about my classes. All my classes continue to study political geography. The 6-8th graders are working on the continent of Africa and the 9-12th graders are studying Central and South America. In addition to geography for all my classes, 6-8th graders are making their way to the Civil War in history. Ninth and tenth graders are studying the Vietnam War, while the 11th and 12th graders are studying 19th century European history. The 9th and 10th grade English class just finished watching, "Fiddler on the Roof" and we are about to begin reading, "Animal Farm". The 11th and 12th grade English class have been working on international current event presentations as well as finishing up our unit on creative writing and also a power of cinema project. All of the classes are finishing their story writing they have been doing with their mentor buddy. We should be getting the stories back to the elementary students the first week of May.



TO SFCA'S LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS

Class of 2021

Caeden King	Shyanne Philp
Anita Lee	Gabe Seevers
Blake Mears	Bryn Smith
Korpo Parks	Eric Smith

Save the date: May 21, 2021

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



BY MR. JOHNSON

Grades 6-8

The death, burial and Resurrection of Christ was the focus of the first week of April. The students made the connection between the Old Testament Passover and the perfect Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. As the students looked back at the humble sacrifice of Jesus they were encouraged to reach out in love to serve others. Time was taken to review themes in Paul's epistles. Such themes included Christ's substitutionary death, unity in Christ, the Second Coming, and the supremacy of Christ.

Grades 9-10

Using Colossians as a point of truth along with related passages, students studied themes of encouragement, edification, personal purity, perseverance, and forgiveness. We took time to pray for the persecuted church around the world and wrote cards of encouragement based on 1 Thessalonians 5:11. Students were clearly shown the vital, historical and resounding truth of the Resurrection.

Grades 11-12

The Apologetics class reviewed the vital ramifications of the Resurrection and how to address those who might deny that it even occurred. They also studied the fact that Jesus fulfilled prophecy and often referred to characters and passages from what we call the Old Testament. They explored the meaning and background of the development of the Canon of Scripture. Several days were dedicated to praying for persecuted Christians around the world. The students all satisfactorily completed part one of their Apologetics final.

Note: Prayer and personal application of Scripture have been emphasized in all classes.



Enrichment

Art Show

BY MISS. DUCHON

I am happy to let everyone know that there currently is student artwork on display at the Indiana Arts Council's Youth Art Celebration in the Indiana Mall! The show will run until Sunday, May 9th and on Saturday, May 8th starting at 12pm there will be a Student Showcase of musical and dance performances. This is a judged art show and the artwork will be judged based on the students grade they are in and also art categories such as 2D Art, 2D Digital Art, and 3D Art. They will also be holding People's Choice Voting online at IndianaArtsCouncil.org or on site in the mall. Every student in K-5th grade has a piece on display. The following students in 6th-12th grade have artwork on display:

6th grade:

- Elise Dugas

7th grade:

- Skylar Carson
- Helen Dias
- Eliana Echevarria
- Joaquin Partida

8th grade:

- Katana Fulmer
- Molly Marquez
- Trinity Metcalf

9th grade:

- Christina Alsippi
- Hunter Bailey
- Sophia Chiu
- Emmanuel Echevarria
- Olivia Krug

10th grade:

- Brecken Overdorff

11th grade:

- Noah Shepler

12th grade:

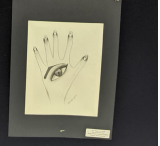
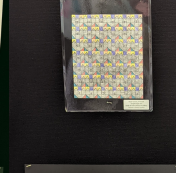
- Korpo Parks
- Gabriel Seevers



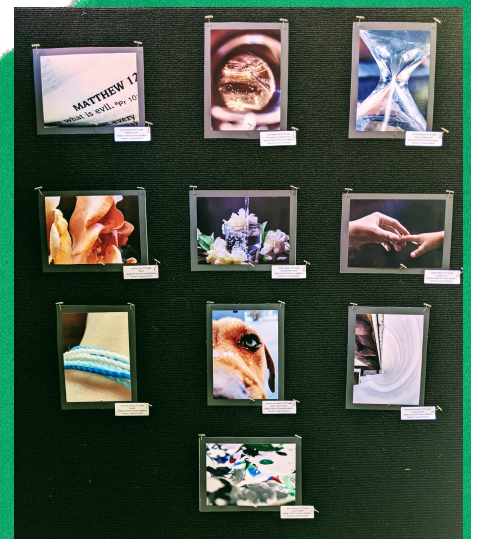
Seeds of Faith Academy
Jeniece Duchon



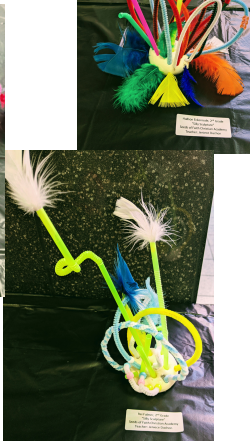
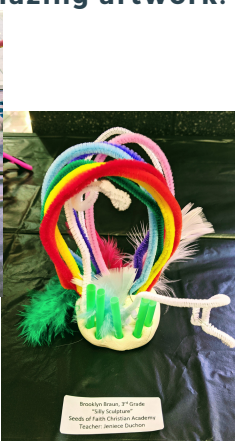
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Please make sure you get a chance to go out and view all the amazing artwork!



Seeds of Faith Academy
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Enrichment

Band Update

BY DR. KUEHN

FUSION QUINTET GOES ON TOUR



A quintet of very talented band students playing advanced jazz-pop-rock-latin-funk-soul fusion music will go on tour on Wednesday, April 28, performing first at Clarion-Limestone High School and then traveling to play at Punxsutawney High School. The quintet consists of Bryn Smith (12) on vibraphone, Austin King (10) on euphonium, Caeden King (12) on trombone, Kaeden Parks (11) on alto saxophone, and Dr. Kuehn on clarinet.

The songs being played by the Quintet are:

Watermelon Man, by Herbie Hancock

So Many Stars, by Brasil '66

Starting Line, by Cory Wong

Birdland, by Joe Zawinul (Weather Report)

SEEDS OF FAITH'S 5-YEAR PMEA STATE BAND RECORD

- 2017: Casidhe Shetter
- 2018: Casidhe Shetter, Kaiya Parks, Tracy Liu
- 2019: Casidhe Shetter, Kaiya Parks, Tracy Liu, Daniel Sung
- 2020: Tracy Liu, Kaeden Parks
- 2021: Kaeden Parks

Our school has had 11 students qualify for the Pennsylvania Music Education Association State Ensembles (Band, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band) in the last 5 years. There is no other high school in Pennsylvania the size of ours that has had this level of success, not to mention the many larger PA high schools that do not enjoy these outstanding numbers.

