

St. James' Parent Organization

Spirit Nights

St. James' will be participating in two Spirit Nights this month. Stop by Foster's Grill between 4-10pm on February 12—a flyer was sent via e-mail this week. We'll also be back at Tropical Smoothie on Friday, February 26th from 5-7 pm—no voucher needed.

Parent Coffee Hour

Our next Parent Coffee Hour will be February 18, at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall. This month we will discuss the structure of the Parent Association as well as Teacher Appreciation Week.

Flower Bulb Spring Fundraiser

Look for more information on our upcoming fundraiser! It will get you ready for Spring!

Parent Association

We are currently looking for help with the Parent Association. If you have a couple hours a month to help out, please e-mail Lena Waltz @ lwaltz322@comcast.net.

30 Cents for SJES in Just 30 Seconds!

Jenny Hunter, parent of St. James' preschool graduates, would like to share her free newsletter, "Jen's E-Saver" with you. In appreciation, she is donating 30 cents to St. James' for every person who signs up for the newsletter between now and March 5th. So please spread the word to your family and friends. *Jen's E-Saver offers a huge calendar of local events; FREE classified ads- great place to sell your kids' toys, clothes, etc.; volunteer opportunities; local announcements; helpful tips; as well as VERY reasonable business ad rates for local businesses, especially; homebased businesses. Here's how to sign up:* Go to www.jensesaver.com; click on Subscribe. When entering your information, be sure to write "**ST. JAMES**" before your first name so that the preschool will receive their 30 cents. Then click "join now".

SJES Collects Items for Haiti

Prior to the recent devastating earthquake, Foyer De Sino was an orphanage in Haiti that was home to over 200 children. Due to the earthquake destruction and the fleeing of caretakers at other orphanages, Foyer De Sino has taken in hundreds of other children from other orphanages and has taken in children off of the streets. An United States adoption agency, For Every Child (FEC), works very closely with the orphanage and has been putting together care packages for Foyer De Sino.

One of our very own students, Shaun Smoot, was adopted by his parents, Angela and Zach, from Taiwan with the help of FEC. The Smoot family would like to give back to the agency that gave them so much by helping the children at Foyer De Sino. Angela has set up a drop box in Mrs. Norden's room to collect items from St. James' families to send to Haiti. **All donations must be to School by Friday, February 19. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED:**

- Fully-Tax Deductible Donations to FOR EVERY CHILD (FEC) for their Haiti Relief Fund. FEC is a licensed 501(c)(3) Child Placement Agency with a Haiti Adoption Program that works closely with Foyer De Sino.
- Formula - ANY Brand of Milk-Based Formula.
- Diapers - ANY Brand and ANY Size.
- Medical Supplies - ANY Type (Band-Aids, Neosporin, Tylenol, etc.).
- Beans/Rice – Dry Goods Only

For more information, please contact Angela at 540-428-1759 (Home), 571-330-5554 (Cell) or ANGELAAS-MOOT@AOL.COM. For more information on Foyer De Sino and For Every Child, please visit www.foyerdesion.org and www.foreverychild.org.

"Notes" from the Music Department

By Cyndi Romero

What a beautiful season we've had, but it would be such a shame to not complete our most recent unit of study. Therefore, "Jazzy January" will continue into and conclude in the month of February. Here are some Jazz greats we've learned about this month, along with a great selection to consider purchasing from iTunes, and a few things to ask your children about. They've remembered so much!

* **David Brubeck:** (played piano from a very early age, taught by his mother, never learned how to read music, but became a great in Jazz piano) Listening: "Unsquare Dance"

* **Glenn Miller:** (also played the piano from an early age, but decided that he really liked not little, but BIG band music!) Listening: "In The Mood" We danced "The Charleston" to this song!

* **Rosemary Clooney:** (classic Jazz singer- personally my favorite singer! We listened to the timbre or "color" of her voice) Listening: "Mambo Italiano" and "Someone to Watch Over Me"

Here are the artists coming in February:

* **Benny Goodman:** (the "King of Swing" and "Patriarch of the Clarinet"; Mr. Goodman is credited with some of the most important jazz performances in history!) Listening: "Sing, Sing, Sing"

* **Duke Ellington:** (a charming and charismatic man, "The Duke" is credited with drawing Jazz music to the level of classical music in public perception. A gifted composer, pianist, and Big Band Conductor) Listening: "DayBreak Express"; in class we will listen as this song provokes a vivid picture of a choo choo train speeding down the tracks!

