



## *Cathedral Grade School*

*News from the Principal 11/06/09*

### **Great Week of Events:**

We have had an amazing week, highlighted by the visit on Thursday of the world famous author of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series of books, Jeff Kinney. He comes to our school as the "prize" for one of our students, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader Thomas Fields, who won the national contest to design a special cartoon strip. We are so proud of the talent that Thomas shares with us every day and we are so thrilled that he has allowed us to have such a very special event. You see, Mr. Kinney does not do school visits, although he receives thousands of requests. He wanted this to be a wonderful reward for Thomas and his school, and it was! He was so sincere and genuine, signed hundreds of books, took pictures with everyone and was completely at our disposal for the morning.

There will be a broadcast of the event filmed by Heidi Glaus on Channel 5 early Monday morning. It will also be on the KSDK website during the day for you to see. Please check out the Announcement link to see some pictures of the event.

We also had a visit from Ronald McDonald on Wednesday who spoke to the children about dealing with bullies and how to get teachers involved making our school amore caring and loving place. Ronald also performed magic tricks and entertained with stories and music.

### **Thanks to the Catholic Holy Family Society**

This group, formerly the CKL of I, presented checks from both the district and local councils to our school on Wednesday. Their gifts totaling \$1100 will be used to advance our technology program for all of us to share. We truly appreciate their generosity.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences Coming**

Next week we will have parent /teacher conferences all day and into evening on Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Parents have received written appointments letting them know when to be here for their conferences. Students are also expected to attend these conferences with their parents. I know that the teachers look forward to this time to share successes and try to find even more ways to have the parents, students and teachers work together even better to allow for greater progress and learning.

Since the day before is Veterans Day, we will not have school then. Nor will there be school on Friday due to teacher inservice.

### **Book Fair Starts Next Sunday**

We invite everyone to come over to school next Sunday (Nov. after Mass to look over the items at our Book Fair in the school cafeteria. There are always great bargains and books make super gifts for children or grandchildren for Christmas. The Book Fair will also be open every day that wee until 4:00 and the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> when we have our Parent Tech Night for parents and students in grades ELC through grade 4.

### **Math Team Shines**

We are very proud of our Math Team for a great showing at the competition at Belleville West last Saturday. Johnny Reitano received FIRST PLACE in the 8th grade division (Isn't that amazing and great??) In addition, Marie Harla, Carter Bonta and Thomas Lugge received honorable mentions. Our 10 person team consisted of Johnny Reitano, Jack Buese, David Rall, Thomas Lugge, Kinsey Lauf, Nathan Read, Hannah Eilerman, Marie Harla, Carter Bonta and Anthony Schell. The TEAM placed THIRD overall!! Congratulations!"

### **Parents Club**

Thanks to everyone who came to the Parents Club meeting. I am always amazed and delighted at all the different projects that get done with everyone's help. Check the link on the website for ways you can help. I know we will need helpers for the Book Fair, so sign up if you can.

Dr. B.