



**From the Desk of Mrs. McDermott  
12/08/10**

**Dear Parents/Guardians**

Family Mass will be held this coming Sunday, December 12. PreK 3 and 3<sup>Rd</sup> grade are preparing this Mass. I hope to see you all there as we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We are very excited to share some wonderful news with you. Over the past few months the **Kaboom Playground** committee (Ms. Kathy, Ms. Diane, Mrs. Tellez, Mrs. Sanchez, and Mrs. O'Shea) worked extremely hard on putting together a proposal for a playground that would be built on the play area in front of the St. Joseph's Room. On Friday past, we received the news we had been anxiously awaiting, our proposal was accepted by Kaboom and a partnering company. The partnering company is **Reedy Industry** which is based in Glenview. Reedy Industry will donate approximately \$70,000 to help build our playground. The workforce of Reedy Industry will also be here on build day (3<sup>rd</sup> week of May, 2011) to help us construct the playground.

Because this is a community partnership, we have a bit of fundraising to do ourselves. In addition to the \$2,500 we have already raised through the Poinsettia sale, Book Fair Sale, a \$200 parishioner donation, and from working the Taste of Chicago, we need to raise about \$12,000. \$8,500 will go directly to Kaboom and will be put towards playground equipment. \$3,800 will go towards the removal of the concrete and preparation of the ground. About \$100 will go towards soil tests. I am very aware of the financial hardships that many of you are facing, and it does pain me to continue to ask for donations from you. Any fundraising that we will offer is outside your mandatory fundraising commitment, but I am hoping that every family will pitch in and help us realize this dream.

We will need to hold various fundraising events over the next 4 months. Essentially each family would need to fundraise about \$80 for us to meet the necessary goal of \$12,000. I would like your feedback in this matter. In today's envelope you will find a survey. Please complete and return the survey by Monday, December 13. We will use this information to form a fundraising plan.

**Faculty Announcement**

It is with great sadness that I am announcing our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Diane Panush's decision to retire early. Mrs. Panush has been a central part of life at St. Bruno for 26 years. I am sure retirement will afford Mrs. Panush many new and interesting opportunities. On behalf of the faculty and staff, we wish her all the best for the future!

## **Las Posadas**

This year PreK 3- 5 grade will celebrate Las Posadas. We are grateful to Mrs. Josephina Zamorano who has been the main organizer of this event. If you would like to participate, stop by on Monday or Tuesday. The schedule is:  
Mon., Dec.13, 2010 – grades PreK 4, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:00pm  
Tues., Dec. 14, 2010 – grades PreK 3, Kdg, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 2:00pm

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

As the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe approaches, I would like to thank the Cordova Family who kindly donated the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe that many of you pass by when entering the school building.

## **Preschool Gifts**

Today we are sending home with all our Preschoolers a *Math is Everywhere* activity kit which was donated by PNC Bank and created by Sesame Workshop. The kit includes an activity book written in English and Spanish, as well as an educational DVD in both languages. We hope you have fun using it with your child.

## **Honor Roll/Perfect Attendance/Citizenship Awards**

Congratulations to all our students who received academic, citizenship, and perfect attendance awards on Friday past. Well done!

## **Santa Brunch**

Thank you to Mrs. Kubik, her team of elves, and those families who braved the snow to come out and help make Brunch with Santa a great success.

## **FSA Calendar Change**

FSA will hold their December meeting on Saturday, Dec 11 at 6:00p.m. in the St. Joseph's Room. The meeting will be followed by a small Christmas party. All are welcome!

**Regards,**

**Katrina McDermott**

## **Upcoming Dates:**

Thurs Dec 9 – FSA sponsored school lunch      Sat. Dec 11– FSA meeting 6:00p.m  
**Sun. Dec 12– Family Mass led by PreK 3 & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**  
Mon. & Tues Dec 13/14 – Las Posadas 1:00p.m. – 2:00p.m.  
Thurs. Dec 16 – Christmas Show 7:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.  
Fri. Dec 17 - Last day of School 11:30 dismissal – Extended Day until 6:00p.m.

## Playground Fundraising Survey

Please indicate what you think are reasonable fundraising events that your family can participate in realizing that it should total \$80 per family in order for the build to be successful. Return by Monday, December 13.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

- weekly \$1.00 dress down
- 4 X \$20 donations due Jan 7, Feb 7, March 7, April, 7 – entry into monthly school raffle
- Sell 12 Hoops Mania tickets (tickets \$10, profit for us is \$7 per ticket) – entry into Hoops Mania with 28 chances to win a prize. The Top prize with Charitymania is \$1,000. Check out [charitymania.com](http://charitymania.com) for more info. Entry into 2 monthly school draws.
- 2 X \$20 monthly donations & sell 7 Hoops Mania tickets – entry into monthly school raffle
- \$80 one-time donation – entry into monthly raffle Jan, Feb, March, April
- Penny War – all classes collecting loose change - winning class gets an ice cream party
- Walk-a-thon
- Valentine's Family Dance

**We need all your ideas too, so please add any suggestions that you might have below or on the back:**