

Dear Parents,

Well, that field trip is a keeper! We had such a great time learning about the apple life cycle, got our pick of apples (picture coming soon on the portfolio), drank delicious apple cider, and had fun playing in their hay loft and bouncy area. Unfortunately, we were a little too close to those pollinators (bees), and the children would have preferred they stay away from them and with the apple trees instead. We know we will learn to love the bees after we learn about their essential job from our favorite beekeeper, Julia Bowman. We cannot wait for her to visit with her hive.

Our next unit, *In the Circle of Life, Organisms Adapt to Survive*, is in full swing. The children have learned about *birthday buddies* and are growing their plants in the classroom. Each child placed wet paper towels and faba bean seeds in a clear container and placed them in the window. They will observe the seeds as they germinate and grow into seedlings. We will then be planting them in the garden.

The food drive begins next week and will run until the 20th of October. The need is great. The food pantry is empty. We would love to make this the biggest food drive yet. Please give what you can. (flyer attached)

Our school student government has designated Oct. 23-27th as Spirit Week. We have attached a flier with the theme for each of the days. The children are encouraged to dress for the day, but please remember they will still go out for recess, so wear appropriate shoes and jackets. (flyer attached)

The St. Luke a Thon is fast approaching. We will be walking on Tuesday, October 17th. Students should wear their spirit shirts! Keep the pledges coming!

This month is Safety Month! Next week, we will be working with the children on fire prevention. Next Tuesday, we will practice our school fire drill, followed by an assembly with the Shoreline Fire Department. We are planning on sending the children home with a job to do. Their job is to check smoke detectors with you! Then, on Oct. 19th, we will practice our earthquake drill with the rest of Washington in the Great Washington ShakeOut.

Important Dates

10/9-20 - SVDP Food Drive (see attached flyer for details)
10/12- Spirit Wear Pop-Up Sale, Bowman Plaza (8:15 am)
10/13 - No school (Teacher in-service)
10/15 - Open House - New Enrollment (2 pm-4 pm)
10/17 - St. Luke-A-Thon
10/18 - All-school Mass - Feast of St. Luke (9:30 am)
10/19 - Great Washington Shake Out! (10:19 am)
10/20 - Mid-trimester report cards
10/23-27 - Spirit Week
10/27 - Free dress Friday

Enjoy the wonderful fall weather this weekend,

Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith