

Dear Parents,

We had another fantastic field trip! The students participated in two activities: exploring the Northwest Art Gallery and a docent-led activity called "Living Traditions." The children were very excited as they explored the exhibits in the Northwest Art Gallery and the different centers for the "Living Tradition" exhibits. I was so proud of them when a stranger came up and complimented them on their respectful behavior. It's so lovely to have the docents back to lead these field trips!

The field trip was a perfect fit for our IB unit and the field journals. The students were able to continue their role as anthropologists by exploring the exhibits and artifacts, rather than just reading about them. So far, they have been inquiring about the homes, clothing, and work of their tribe. They can continue this work at home but it is crucial that they ensure their field journals are returned to school each day.

This week, we focused on learning and practicing reverence in everything we did. As we enter the third week of Lent, our next virtue to focus on is stewardship, which involves returning to God the first fruits of our time, talent, and treasure. This virtue is especially relevant since students are currently living their Lenten promises. The saint who embodies this virtue is Blessed John of Fiesole, also known as Fra Angelico.

We are very busy in writer's workshop finishing up our persuasive speeches. Ask your child to share with you what they have completed so far. Final drafts are due Thursday, March 7th. We will be working on them all week in class. Many are close to being finished, but some due to illness or vacation have more work to do and may need to work on them at home.

Our school is again participating in "Jump Rope For Heart," the kid's heart challenge. Our kickoff assembly is on Thursday, March 7th. Information about the fundraiser for the Heart Association is included below. We have not heard as yet when the classes will be jumping but hope you can start getting sponsors to help with this worthy cause.

Important Dates

3/8 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service (**This Means Spelling Test is on Thursday**)

3/10 - Daylight Savings Time begins!

3/14 - 3/16 - MYP Winter Musical - [The Sound of Music - Youth Edition](#)

3/15 - Student Reconciliation

3/21 - Fifth Grade Exhibition

3/22 - End of Trimester

3/24 - Palm Sunday

3/29 - Good Friday 3/29 - noon dismissal and Progress Reports shared via Toddle

3/30 - Easter Sunday

4/1 - 4/5 - Easter Break - NO SCHOOL

Stay dry and healthy,

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