

St. Philip Neri Home & School Association

Claire Ferdock, President
St. Philip Neri Home & School Association



Important dates to remember:

- May 22 - Volunteer Sign Up
- May 23 - Spring Concert
- May 24 - Donuts with Dad
- June 1 - 5 - Parish Carnival
- June 2- Grandparents' Day
- June 15 - Graduation
- June 17 - Last day of school

Volunteer Sign Up!

Join us on Sunday,
May 22, from 9
am - 12:30 pm for
our Volunteer
Sign Up Drive.
We'll see you at
the Neri Center!

A Letter from the President

Dear SPN Families,

Spring is in the air. The flowers are blooming, the days are getting warmer, schedules are crazier and our school year is drawing to an end.

May is a busy month here at school with many activities planned. Recently the children planted flowers in honor of Mary. What a perfect way to honor Mary before the May Procession at church.

Thank you to our Student Council for coordinating our recent Walk a Thon; students, friends and families helped raise money for supplies for the new fine arts room that will be constructed over the summer.

We are constantly trying to improve our school and there are more changes to come.

Through your support and efforts over this past year we are able to bring these improvements and additions to the school. How blessed are we, as other schools are cutting back we are able to add more.

In addition to the new fine arts room, we will be adding 3 more rooms that will be used by the I.U unit, the nurse, the counselor and Title I.

We are updating our communication system as well. Each teacher will have a phone in their classroom. In the event of an emergency, we will be able to access each room directly and more efficiently.

We are also converting the chalk boards to magnetized white boards. All of these improvements are a result of YOUR participation throughout this past year in our various fundraisers.

Thank you for your continued support to make SPN a better school for our children. Have a wonderful summer!

Claire Ferdock

An Update on 2011-2012 Volunteer Hours

To enable the Home and School Association to be a continued vital and active organization, the participation of all parents and/or relatives is necessary. We exist not for ourselves, but for the benefit of our children. Beginning in September of 2011, a new policy has been initiated - every school family will be required to provide 40 hours of volunteer service to our school.

Twenty hours from September to December and twenty hours from January to June is required. There is an opted out provision of \$100 for the first half of the year and another \$100 for the second half of the year.

This money in place of volunteer service will go directly to the Home and School Account and be used solely for the benefit of the children. Volunteers do not necessarily have to be parents; they can be grandparents, relatives, aunts or uncles.

A comprehensive list of available volunteer hour opportunities is complete! Join us on May 22 from 9-12:30 in the Neri Center to sign up for your preferred hours. For more information, please call 215.679.7481.



Pot O' Gold - A Tremendous Success!

A big Thank You to all of our school families that participated in our annual Pot O' Gold event! We are thrilled to announce that this event has raised over \$13,000. This money raised going towards many school improvements, including the new Fine Arts Room, updated telephone and speaker system and renovations

to several classrooms. An event such as the Pot O' Gold depends on the generosity of our families. There are many ways to show your support. Families are encouraged to donate a themed basket, items for baskets and cash donations. Also, we are always looking for volunteers to help decorate the social hall and put baskets together. Mark your calendar now ~ next years' Pot O' Gold event is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2012.

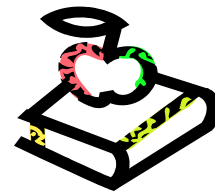
Fine Arts Are Alive at St. Philip Neri!



The Home & School Association is pleased to announce that plans are underway for a new Fine Arts Classroom. Located upstairs, this classroom will serve as the art classroom, music classroom and music lessons and Spanish classroom.

Due to the success of the Pot O' Gold, we raised enough money to construct this wonderful addition to our school. We are currently researching other

schools in the surrounding area to be sure we are doing all we can to create a wonderful new classroom for our children!



*We are currently
accepting
nominations for
our Home & School
Association Board!*

Join the Home & School Association Board

A wonderful way to support our school and be an active member of our school community, is becoming a member of the Board for the Home & School Association. Currently, there is one open position, Volunteer Coordinator. This position is for a two-year term.

If you are interested in having a voice in decisions made regarding our school, please consider joining our Board.

Board members have the opportunity to plan and participate in the annual Craft Show, Breakfast with Santa and the Pot O' Gold events. Being a member of the Board will also give you the opportunity

to meet with other parents. There is always room on our Board for dedicated, creative and supportive parents.

If you are interested or have questions about becoming a Board member, please reach out to us at 215.679.7481.

*President: Claire Ferdock
Vice President: Lisa Carnesi
Secretary: Jennifer Wahl
Publicity Coordinator: Chris Eden
Treasurer: Mary Fran Young
Principal: Pat Schleeweiss
Fr. Roncase*



Annual Parish Carnival Booth - June 1 - 5

Every year the Home & School has a booth at the carnival that is run by the 7th grade families. The money that is raised at this booth goes directly to the 7th grade and is used to throw the 8th grade Graduation party.

This year's raffle will be a 32G ipod touch with camera.

If you would like to volunteer some-time in the booth please contact 7th

Grade homeroom parent Krista McKiernan at 484-949-9235 or email her:

Mckiernan1514@comcast.net.

This is a long standing tradition here at SPN. The success of the party depends on the help and support of our families.

Congratulations Class of 2011!



On Wednesday June 15th our 8th grade class will graduate from St. Philip Neri. The excitement and anticipation for this special moment in time, grows stronger every day for the students.

We would like to wish all of our soon to be graduates, the best of luck in their life's journey!

Thank You Volunteers

No matter how big or small your job was...you are cherished. You have helped lighten the load, made things run a little smoother and have been a valuable asset to us all. The time that you gave is treasured.

You have made a difference along the way and for that, our children will always remember and be grateful!

Thank you!

**For school information,
check our web site:**

www.spnelementary.com