



Principal Post: April 26, 2017

Dear CKRS Families and Friends,

Christ is Risen! Spring is Eternal! What a powerful phrase to wrap around our hearts and souls this blessed Easter Season. For we who walk in Faith together, those six words let us know, that Eternal Life is Easter's first gift and Peace and Hope are its first blessings. I truly hope that Easter Break was a restorative time with your families and that throughout this Easter Season, hope and peace abound in your heart and home.

With Easter and 3rd quarter already past, it won't be long now until Summer is upon us and we donning our flip flops and planning our escapes to the shore. For now and for the next six weeks or so however, our CKRS family will continue our daily regime of learning, loving and finding ways to serve God and one another.

This week, we celebrated Earth Week with prayers and activities that focused on the wonder of God's glorious creation. In case you didn't hear, we had a special "Snakes-N- Scales" educational assembly that really was fantastic. The presenter was a very knowledgeable and compassionate animal naturalist who specializes in rescued reptiles like alligators, boa constrictors, snapping turtle and all types of lizards. He brought several of the animals with him and the children were mesmerized by his reptilian companions and enriched by all that learned. We also held our annual read-cycle book drive and invited the children to help other rescued domesticated animals by bringing in old towels, blankets, or perhaps some pet food or supplies to be given to a local animal shelter. Tomorrow, Thursday, the 8th grade class has prepared lessons around stewardship of the earth and will be visiting their younger classmates and presenting lessons. Friday will find us outside, planting some new trees in our soon to be fruit tree orchard and planting and tending the Garden Boxes. We will conclude our Earth Week celebration with a Garden Blessing Ceremony led by Fr. Jim. So these are just a few joyful bits of CKRS happenings this week. Next week, we have our Book and the Cook Book Fair days when the children can invite a VIP to come for lunch and browse the books for some summer reading.

We have so much to celebrate and be proud of here at CKRS. A king-size congratulation to Mrs. Jennifer Blair and the CKRS Advanced Concert Band for once again achieving a coveted superior ranking at the Regional Band Competition held at Villanova University. Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Spring Fine Arts Festival on Wednesday evening, May 17th. There will be a K-8 Art Show on the 3rd Floor and the Spring Concert for the Beginner and Advanced Band as well as the 5th Grade Ukulele Ensemble. We also so please that once again some members of the Philadelphia Ukulele Orchestra will be coming to share their musical talent and cap off the evening. It's always a wonderful evening to see our students shine and have their creative gifts and talents showcased. Also, congratulations to Jack O'Kane and Nicholas Chiacchio who competed in the Regional History Bee during the Easter break and qualified to advance to the national level of competition. We're so very proud of them both for their hard work in preparing for the Bee and this impressive accomplishment and the honor it brings to themselves, their parents and our school. King's Kudos are also owed to Bridget Taney for being the 2nd place winner in the Barnes and Noble's My Favorite Teacher Essay Contest for her essay written about Mr. Mc Cullough, our CKRS Middle School Religion Teacher. Bridget and Mr. Mc Cullough were honored at a ceremony held at Barnes & Noble right before Easter. Well done Bridget and Mr. Mc Cullough!

With so many signs of God's goodness and grace swelling around us here at CKRS, how can we not be grateful, not be hopeful knowing who we are and whose we are? Let us pray with humble thanksgiving for the blessings upon blessings, our risen and triumph Christ the King has imbued in our school community and let our hope be that they easter in us, moving us in faith to be and build God's Kingdom more and more each day.

In the King's Service,
Mrs. Hartman