



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

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OLGC GOOD NEWS

from Mr. Poole

September 24, 2009

**JUST A REMINDER THAT STUDENTS MAY NOT
BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 2:30 – 3:00 PM.**

**IF YOU NEED TO GET YOUR CHILD FOR AN APPOINTMENT,
PLEASE COME BEFORE 2:30.**

Classroom News

First Grade has been learning all about the changes autumn will bring. We created colorful trees, colored fall leaves, and read autumn centered stories. Come to see the wonderful artwork in our hallway!

Fifth Graders are now turning four-square brainstorming notes into first drafts of their animal book reports. Final shapes of the "reports" will fit into large, decorative animal covers. The best news? Students are completing work **in-house** in English classes, being taught how to compose descriptive, informative paragraphs from researched notes. May just beat the deadline, too.

The **Seventh Graders** did an excellent job putting their science skills to work when they acted as forensic scientists in science class this week. We have been learning to make keen observations, pay attention to detail, and make inferences and predictions. The activity allowed them to practice those skills by solving a crime where two scientists and their experiment were missing. The students did a great job and fun was had by all!

In Social Studies, the **Eighth Graders** presented some very informative post-debate press conferences with Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas. They generated questions for the candidates based on a variety of materials they had studied and analyzed, including numerous original source documents. The candidates did a fine job fielding the questions, and one of our Abe Lincolns (not to be confused with the Mad Hatter) even appeared in costume!

Eighth Grade literature classes are analyzing and interpreting the poem "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost. They are creating power point presentations, choreographing interpretive dances and producing dramatic scenes to convey their understanding and opinions. Each group will select and share an additional "Frost" poem.

Art News

Be on the look out for our first student art displays in the Counsel Room next week! We will have art from first, second, third, and fourth grades hanging up in the Counsel Room for all to see.

Counselor's Corner

The website is up and running! Check it out for updates on classroom guidance lessons and things to try at home. The Virtue of the Quarter is Respect, and we have begun lessons on the topic. Middle school students all participated in a discussion of respect in current events, and wrote letters to the people involved with suggestions about how to behave more respectfully. Third through fifth grade illustrated some situations in which they show respect for others and for themselves. Kindergarten through second grade are listening to and discussing stories about respect in school: "Hooway for Wodney Wat" and "How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?"

Science Lab News

There is a lot going on in our Science Lab. **Middle School** started out with Laboratory Safety for obvious reasons. They are now working with Scientific Methods. The **Eighth Grade** determined density of different materials. They will soon work with the properties to describe different materials and classify them. Seventh grade is feeling quite comfortable working with the compound microscope. They prepared slides and observed them under low power as well as high power objectives. **Sixth Grade** enjoyed mystery containers, where they had to describe the materials inside the container without looking. They could really use their past experiences to make up for the lack of the sense of sight. They have now set up their long term experiments to observe weathering. They are working with control and experimental groups, and getting hands-on experience of constants and variables. **Fifth Grade** made the most beautiful model of plant cells. They will be making animal cell models too.

Upcoming Events

Sept 25	Early Release-Dismissal at 11:30am – No ECAP
Sept 28-Oct 2	Vision & Hearing Screening
Sept 29	Used Uniform Sale, 7:30am in Gym Lobby
Oct 1	Winter Uniforms Required
Oct 2	Interims mailed home Room 7 School Mass
Oct 7	School pictures K-8

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