

Vineyard News

March 2008

March K4J Store Shoppers Fill Easter Baskets

How do those cute Easter bunny baskets turn up at Vineyard Academy every year? We have an annual project that has become quite a tradition—just ask any student who has been in Mrs. Westrick’s class. The 3rd and 4th grade students will again construct Easter Baskets out of recycled material, and you will be amazed at the results. These baskets will be offered to local charities beginning with the Ark shelter run



by Catholic Family services.

To complete our activity, we are asking the help of Vineyard Academy families. If you can, please donate 12 to 24 goodies (e.g. **wrapped** candy, pencils small toys...) for filling the baskets. Please bring the items to school by Monday, March 18. Then our K4J shoppers will “purchase” the items and fill the baskets. What a great way to share the joy of Christ’s Resurrection through an activity of Christian Service

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, March 5- Thursday, March 6	Boys’ Lenten Retreat (6 th KSO K-8)
Friday, March 7	St. Ann’s Day
Sunday, March 9	Roller Skating Party
Thursday, March 20	HOLY THURSDAY End of 3 rd Quarter
Friday, March 21 /Monday, March 24	NO SCHOOL Good Friday/Easter Monday
Thursday March 27	Half-day School Conferences afternoon and evening
Friday, March 28	NO SCHOOL Conferences in morning

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- **PRAYER GROUP:** Meets every Wednesday morning at 9:00 in the office. Please join us
- **Wednesday Social** The last Wednesday of the month at All Seasons Deli. Drop off you kid(s) and join us for fellowship!
- **Email addresses** to Bambi, please
- **Friday Scrip Sales**

Deadline for the March Newsletter is Thursday, March 27th

Service Hours

Just a reminder to keep track of your service hours. They may be turned in at any time to Bambi. The deadline will be sometime at the end of May. If anyone is looking for an opportunity to fulfill their commitment, call Sandra Sherwood at 665-9062. For those who contribute more than 25 hours, we are planning some reward so keep track of all hours beyond 25.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is going to be held at the Gull Lake Country Club on Friday, May 16th.

We are busy putting together all the details for this fun-filled evening. Our meetings this month will be **Thursday, March 13** and **March 27 at 6:30** at Vineyard. See you there.

More details will be coming this month to all families regarding this, our largest fundraiser.

Thank You

We would like to take this spot to say thank you Betty Dillard for putting this newsletter together every month. You do a great job!

(Editor's note: You are very welcome!!)

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K4J
Korner

This month's virtue is Modesty.

Modesty helps us know what to share with others and what to keep to ourselves.

When we respect others, we respect their privacy too.

We show modesty in everything we do. What we say, think, see, hear and how we dress.

Mission of the month:

The Knock! Knock! Mission

Whenever you come to a closed door, KNOCK first!

1. If the person asks you to wait, say, "OK!"
2. Make up a secret knock and teach it to your parents
3. At bedtime they can use the secret knock and you'll know it's them.
4. Share some special thoughts you may have before saying your night prayers to Jesus.

Remember that Jesus is knocking on the door of your heart. Let him in and talk to him! Tell him about your day. Think about the love he has for you.

Classroom Mission:

Teach modesty in the classroom-kids learn to wait their turn and raise their hand when they want to speak.

Holy Hero: Our Lady of Knock, Ireland

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A big Thank You

to all of the students, staff, and volunteers who made the program “Holy Audacity” possible. It was an awesome evening of holy, delightful, spiritual, entertainment. I doubt that anyone there could walk away without being inspired to be a little bolder and more audacious in their everyday lives. Thanks for all of the many hours of hard work.

Reading Month

Did you know that March is “Reading Month”? In schools all over the country many activities take place to promote reading. At Vineyard, we hope to have family members or friends read to our children. If you would enjoy reading to a class or know someone who would, please let your child’s classroom teacher know.



What: Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra Youth Concert

When: Thursday, March 6, 2008

Where: Chenery Auditorium, Kalamazoo

DRIVERS NEEDED: 10:30 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Students and teachers have been immersed in music these past weeks! We prepared for our school program and continue getting ready for the KSO Youth Concert. For our annual trip to the KSO concert, we need at least 7 drivers to transport all K-8 grade students and teachers. Please contact Mrs. Westrick, who is coordinating the concert field trip. All drivers are invited to stay for the concert. However, the seating arrangements do not allow room for siblings. After the concert, we all go out for lunch.

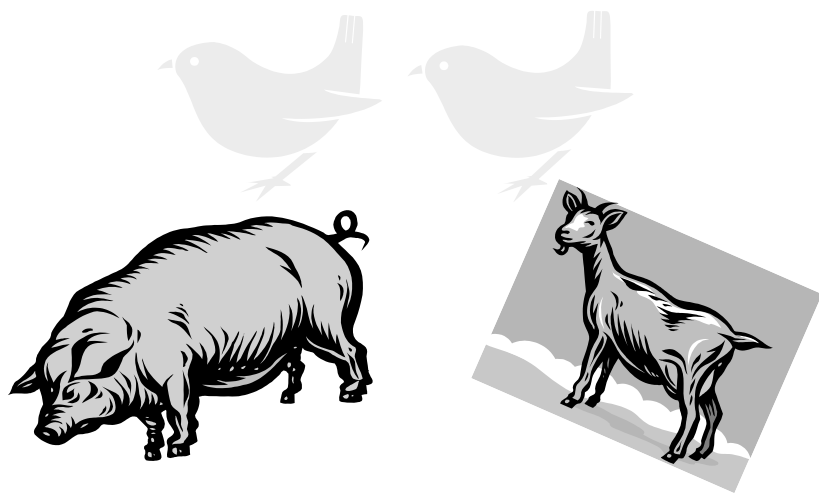
Vineyard Academy’s Fundraiser for Heifer International

Heifer International is working with families and communities in the United States and places around the globe to end hunger and poverty while caring for the earth. This is done through the gift of livestock and training in environmentally sound agriculture.

During the Pennies from Heaven campaign at Vineyard the students raised \$149.41. With this money the students purchased the following gifts: a pig for \$120; a goat for \$10, and a flock of chicks for \$20.

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE

We’ve been waiting on the raffle license to get this moving along. You should have tickets with detailed information in the next week. Please keep your list of potential buyers handy. The drawing will be April 4th.



Story Showcase

Each month we will feature some future John Steinbeck or Emily Bronte. Happy Reading!

Green Bay

by

Matthew Sherwood

Guess What! I got to go to Green Bay!

When we got there we ate dinner. Then we got to open presents. The first one I got was a playmobile dragon to go with my playmobile castle. I also got pants and shirts, and a boxing game.

The next day we went to the Packer Pro Shop. I got a visor.

Then we went to the game room. The first game we played was the touchdown game. This is how you play: You stand in a circle and a voice says, "Player take a position hut! Hut! Hike!"

Then you have to run through the open gates into the goalposts. Then we played air hockey. The score was: 7 to 6. I won. It was a great day at Green Bay.

Fishers of Men

by

Imani Oluoch

Wowee! We just saw the movie "Fishers of Men," and we saw lots of priests. We even saw Pope John Paul the second in the movie!

We also saw a priest bringing a boy home to heaven and the King of Kings. We also saw Pope Benedict the 16th. It was not very long but it was a great movie. Priests are great people who help our church a lot.

That is why we love them so very much. You should thank God that we have priests.

I had a great time watching "Fishers of Men". Oh and by the way, we watched it in Mrs. Van's room!

Charley

by

Jerry Tran

Hey guess what? I got Charley! The Forrester's brought Charley to my house last night.

I like to train him, and play with him. He is so cute!

I'm happy to have him.

My mom, Collin and I trained him. We're teaching him to sit down and jump. I just tap his back and he just sits down. And this is how I make him jump, I wave my hand up and down, up and down, up and down then he'll jump.

He's a smart puppy. Collin and I even trained him this morning. I let him outside in the snow. He is two months old.