



FEA FYI



The newsletter of the St. Dominic School Family Education Association

November & December 2008

NEXT FAMILY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MEETING: December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room. Please join us – all St. Dominic School parents are members of the FEAI. Special thanks to Simone McNitt, Melanie McDonald, Brian Boswell, Carole Wilson, and Kelly Marcelletti, who participated in the October and/or November meetings!

Where Do Your FEA Annual Fees Go?

If you've ever wondered how your annual FEA dues are spent, consider this report from Spanish teacher Dawn Hayes. She recently used FEA funds to purchase an Elmo Visual Presenter, which helps her bring the subject matter to life:



Seventh grader Tyleah Smith presenting Spanish vocabulary using the Elmo Visual Presenter

"St. Dominic Spanish teachers recognize that even in an increasingly virtual world, reality is often the best teacher. The FEA gift of the Elmo Visual Presenter makes it possible for Spanish classes to view and study real three dimensional objects (such as coins, foreign train tickets, clothing), authentic documents and pages directly from books. The images are presented on the large screen Smartboards and catch the attention of every student.

Spanish classes have been using the Elmo daily, for everything from reviewing homework to reading and discussing newspaper articles about the Hispanic world. Students sing songs karaoke style and view artwork from books and postcards.

The upper grades have been writing sentences and using the Elmo to project their fantastic work to the rest of the class. Recently, eighth graders began a unit on family vocabulary, and designed imaginary family trees complete with Spanish labels and pictures. Individual work was captured by the "still photo" function of the Elmo, and then shown to the class as vocabulary review.

¡Nos encanta nuestro Elmo! (We love our Elmo!) Muchas gracias, FEAI!"

What is the FEA?

All St. Dominic parents are members of the Family Education Association, and all are encouraged to participate in the monthly meetings. The FEA was created to:

- Develop a united effort between faculty and parishioners in support of the school
- Raise funds for the benefit of the school
- Assist the school administration and support improvement in education

FEA Fundraisers Make A Difference

- Malley's Christmas Chocolate Sale is now in process. A perfect gift for family members, friends, and co-workers. Online orders are due by December 17th. St. Dominic School earns 30% of gross sales.
- The Scholastic Book Fair earned over \$2,000 in cash and books for the library and classrooms. Thank you for your participation, and a big thanks to Liz Aragon-Murray and her team for their time and efforts!
- Market Day averaged 43 customers and \$295/month to the school for September and October. We are thrilled to announce that Simone McNitt (mother of second grader Brian Thomas) has volunteered to chair Market Day for next school year – thank you, Simone!



Third graders Molly Amolsch, Macie Madden, and Sophie Carrier enjoying the Boo Bazaar

Events & Activities - It's Been A Busy Year!

- Annual Patterson's Hayride was attended by 147 people who enjoyed great weather for the bonfire, hayride, and donuts & cider.
- A team of volunteers led by Carole Wilson successfully hosted the Boo Bazaar, including a scary Haunted Hallway created by the eighth grade class. Thanks to Rosanne Aumiller, Kelly Marcelletti, Angela Sims, Stephanie Ashford, Mary Foti, and Liz Aragon!
- The Hospitality committee provided dinner for teachers and staff during parent conferences as well as cookies and punch for the December 2nd Band Concert. Yummy!

On behalf of the
Family Education
Association,
We Wish You A
Merry Christmas



And A Happy New Year!

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Please contact us with your questions or suggestions for the FEA – we want your input!

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