

June 2010

Dear Resurrection Families,

Can you believe this school year is almost over? Where did the time go?

As usual this time of year is filled with mixed emotions for me – I'm glad summer vacation has arrived, but I will miss the kids and the interaction with the faculty and staff.

When I look back over this year I am proud of all that the children accomplished and the lives they have touched. This year alone our children collected money for the Holy Childhood Association, food for several food banks, toiletries for the Health Kits for Haiti, tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and items for the School District of Lancaster Homeless Program. They also made decorations for St. Mary's Community Meals, participated in Operation: Thank You Veterans and the Scholastic Classroom Cares Program. They also prayed for the diocesan seminarians and all the people who asked for the prayers of our children.

During the daily religion classes the children were prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. For the first time the first graders were lectors at Mass and other prayer services. The children participated in the Living Rosary, Stations of the Cross, May Crowning and special prayer services. We began and ended each day praying together. This is something I hope they will continue to do over the summer.

For fun everyone participated in dress down days, went on field trips, played BINGO, had an ice cream party, pretzel day, attended assemblies, shopped at Santa's Shoppe, spent time with their 'buddies', played kickball and so many other things. Of course, the best fun was the everyday experiences they shared with friends.

Being a proud principal, I am always looking for places to showcase the students and their work. This year Resurrection's students participated in the Diocesan Spelling Bee, the Lancaster Newspaper Spelling Bee and the NIE Journalism Contest with fourth grader Hunter Smith receiving the Teacher's Pick Award. Representatives were sent to the North Museum Science Fair at F & M College. Most of the elementary students entered our own Science Fair and the National History Day. For the first time in the history of Resurrection, 8th grader Olivia Harvey entered the Scholastic Writing Awards and received a Certificate of Merit. Many classes sent entries to the AMVETS Patriotism Contest. Veronica Ruiz, a 5th grader, placed third in the state competition. Twenty-five children from 4th to 8th grades represented Resurrection at the Catholic Schools Week activities held at Lancaster Catholic. I cannot forget our premier season for Quiz Bowl. Eight students from 6th, 7th and 8th grades join this inaugural team. They never gave up even when the competition was fierce. I was so proud of them! There were so many other moments of pride – the 3rd graders first social studies projects, the 4th grade PA Scrapbooks, the first graders' poems, trying to trick the kindergarteners with tough math questions, reviewing the parts of the Mass with 2nd grade and just watching the K4 children discover letters and numbers. I invite you to read the attached list of accomplishments that highlight all of our students' achievements.

Finally, we ended the year with *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. The junior high students were outstanding! What a memorable evening for the students and audience. The message of the play was simple – "There's no place like home." Please remember that Resurrection will always be your home. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to make Resurrection a place we are all proud to call home.

See you August 30th!
God Bless You!

Miss Weaver