



# DID I TELL YOU...

Wyoming Valley Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School

## Important Dates

- Nov. 15 : Thanksgiving Luncheon by H&S
- Nov. 17 Early Dismissal—12N
- Nov. 20-24 Thanksgiving Vacation
- Dec. 22 Early Dismissal—12 N
- Dec.25-Jan.1 Semester Break

## Wonderful Things are Happening at WVSDAE

Blessings have been abundant during the First Quarter of the 2017-2018 School Year. Our students are energized and making good progress in their academics. The Spiritual atmosphere and growth are evident throughout each school day. Students are helpful. They take time to encourage one another, assume responsibility for their learning, and take pride in keeping their school neat and in order.

We have also been blessed with several monetary gifts from non-church members and individuals from another church district. These dollars have helped to sponsor students and reduce our debt to the conference.

Sister Joyce McLean donated a new microwave to the school for which we are very grateful. We have been further blessed by the extended loan of a beautiful piano by the Marich Family. In addition, Mr. Berger has shared his time and expertise to get several laptop computers up and running for student use.

The school is partnering with *For the Cause* and the *Weinberg Food Bank* to provide supplemental food to students and their families. Our involvement with these community organizations is an opportunity to foster positive relations with other nonprofit organizations and broaden community aware of the mission and function of our school.

Under the direction of Emil Mikle, the vice-chair of the School Board, our PFE program is thriving. **Partnering for Eternity** is a scholarship program administered through *Southern University*. Students who participate choose a mentor with whom to spend one hour per week. Students and their mentors establish friendships and share quality time that is a blessing to the mentor as well as the student. Students receive a direct payment toward their tuition from the PFE program of \$25 per weekly visit when they submit their reflections via computer after each visit. Students are witnessing for the Lord and their school as they visit members of the community in this special program.

We are excited to have a Home & School Leader this school year. Eliana Alexander has accepted this important position and is actively organizing fundraising projects, special hot lunches for the students, and is working with the teacher to plan future learning trips.



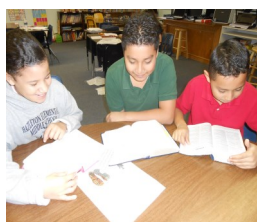
## Student Led Prayer Ministry

Students lead out each day in prayer for those who are ill, discouraged, grieving, traveling, or have other special needs. Prayer, Bible Study, and glorification of our Heavenly Father are central to all school activities. A Biblical World View is cultivated and students are encouraged to share their faith and their special experiences with the Lord. Our faith is growing daily as we see answered prayers and learn to trust and wait upon the God.

## SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

By Noah & Sierra Baksa

Students were drawn to the Lord as Pastor Andrade met with them each day during *Fall Spiritual Emphasis Week*. The topic was "Putting on the Whole Armor of God". Pastor showed the students armor worn by the Roman Legionnaires two thousand years ago, showed video clips of how the armor was made and used. Students learned how each piece of armor functioned to protect the vital parts of the warrior. The study led to a deeper understanding of the symbols used in Ephesians 6. Students came away with a deeper conviction of the need to put on the whole armor of God each day as a protection against the assaults of Satan.



Unbaptized students are eager to begin baptismal classes, and students who have already been baptized are planning to join the classes as a way of continuing their study of Scripture and renewing their commitment to Christ.

## New Plants From Old

By Neaj Tresilus, Eli Guzman, Sierra Baksa



Science classes this Quarter have been fun and informative. We have done several projects to learn more about the concepts presented. We took several "sick" plants and learned how to make them healthy again. Neaj tells about a spider plant that was nearly dead because it was pot-bound and did not have

good soil. The roots were really tied together. We transplanted the spider plant into a larger pot with good soil. We watered it and fed it. Today it is happy and healthy and it has grown many new runners. We named our spider plant Spidey.

We are also growing violets. We cut leaves from a violet plant that we had last year. We put the leaf cuttings in water and waited for them to grow roots. Next we put the rooted leaves in good soil and then we waited for the new little plants to emerge. We were very excited when the new baby violet plants began to pop above the soil. We are anxious for them to get big enough to transplant into pots of their own.

We also did cuttings of other types of plants and planted some seeds.

Flowers are protected by the way God designed them. They have many ways of reproducing and scattering their seeds. Each plant grows best in its own special environment. We know that if God cares for the plants in such special ways, that He care for us even more.



## dodgeball

By Eric Valdez



Students are excited and energized each day as they play their favorite game of dodgeball. The fast paced game can be played several different ways. Our favorite is Doctor Dodgeball. The doctor tags the player that gets hit to restore him/her to the game. Players are in big trouble if the doctor gets hit. Without the doctor there is no way to get back into the game and the other team has a real advantage.

Students organize and referee the games. They encourage each other and congratulate each other for games well played.

## Fresh Artisan Bread, Anyone?

By Ronald Valdez and Jamir Hinds

We students wanted to do something to raise money for our school. We decided to make homemade artisan bread and have a bake sale. Ms. Baker loaned us some money to buy our ingredients. When we had all of the ingredients, mixing bowls, and spoons ready, we began to mix our bread. We used yeast, salt, flour, and water. We stirred all of the ingredients together and let the dough raise. When it was ready, we put the dough on a floured table and patted all the bubbles out. Then we formed it and raised it again. The next time we patted out and formed the dough, we put it in an oiled bowl and placed it in the refrigerator. Later when we took it out of the refrigerator, we kneaded it and added the fillers that people had ordered. We filled the bread with raisins, cranberries, nuts, garlic, sunflower seeds, poppy seeds, and anything people wanted. When the bread had raised again, we baked it.

The more bread we baked, the easier it got! Some of us even went home and baked bread at home for our families. We had fun and learned a lot!

After we paid Ms. Baker back for the ingredients, we were excited to find that we had earned \$220.00 profit from our sale. We want to thank everybody who bought our bread! We would like to do it again.



## H & S NEWS

By Ronald Valdez

We are pleased to welcome Eliana Alexander as our new H&S Leader. She brings energy and commitment to the position.

The *Home & School Association* sponsored a Hershey's Candy Fundraiser. The students sold a variety of Hershey candies including Peanutbutter Cups, Carmelo Bars, Kit Kats, and chocolates. They earned \$278.00 profit.

Please participate in helping our school by saving BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION and sending them to the school or giving them directly to Ms. Alexander.

Thank you for your prayers and your support!

## Nature Creations

By Noah Baksa

Building sculptures was great fun! Now, these sculptures are not the types of sculptures you maybe are thinking about. We did not use large rocks and drills. We collected items from nature and used them to make sculptures on flagstone bases. Our flagstone came from a quarry in Potter County Pennsylvania. We used pine and hemlock cones, hickory nuts and acorns, seed pods, dried weeds, burrs, small sticks, and pebbles to create our sculptures.

We used our imaginations. We could make practically anything we desired. Once we were done designing our sculptures, we used a hot glue gun to put them together. We let the glue dry over night. We are proud of our work and eager to show it to our friends and family. We can use the finished sculpture as a paper-weight so our papers will not fly away!



## Citrus Fruit Sales

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