

February 10, 2006

Dear St. Francis Xavier Families,

We had our Good News assembly this morning, and we took this opportunity to formally welcome John Leclair home from Kuwait. It was wonderful to hear once again about the special achievements and news of our students.

Tomorrow is the Kids Vermont Camp and School Fair. St. Francis Xavier will be at the Wyndham from 10 AM to 2PM, and we hope that you direct friends and family who are interested in our school to us. We will have flyers promoting our summer programs, and we will include details in next Friday's letter.

Yesterday was the **100<sup>th</sup> day of school**. We celebrated with a Read-In from 10AM to 11AM. Everyone had a wonderful time and as a school we read 443 books. Along with the Read-In, we have had another successful literacy activity. The First Graders have reached their service project goal of reading 100 books by March. As a result, Scholastic will donate 100 books to a school in New Orleans that had been destroyed by the hurricanes. To make there goal even more challenging, each student only counted books that were read on his/her own. Great job, Grade 1!

Last week was Catholic Schools Week, and it was a great opportunity to reflect on what it means to belong to the strong community here at St. Francis Xavier School. Several of our students shared their thoughts by reading the essays they wrote. Their essays were very well written, and many people, at our parish and at the other parishes at which they read, commented not only on what they said, but how well they said it. We thank all the students who participated at the various Masses.

The **Science Fair** is coming up on Thursday, March 9. Middle School students should be finishing their experiments this weekend. Students should begin putting together any diagrams, pictures, or other materials they will need for their display boards. Middle School students will be working on their display boards in the school during the week of February 20. Thank you again for all your support.

The Student Council has organized a **St. Valentine's Day dance** to be held Saturday, February 11 from 6:30 to 9:30. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited. The cost is \$4 per student and music will be provided by Top Hat Entertainment. To ensure that the dance is a safe, appropriate and fun event, we remind all Middle School students of the school's **conduct and dress expectations** for the dance.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers here at school – your efforts are noticed and appreciated. We are truly blessed here at St. Francis and we are grateful to all the students, faculty, families and friends who work so hard to make our school and our school community such a special place. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Maria Horton

Mrs. Kathryn LaVigne

Mr. Simeon Lewis