



BIBICH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

March 5, 2010

Bibich Penny Wars benefiting Dollars for Scholars begins Monday and runs through the week. Remember, we are helping a former Bibich grad go to college by awarding him/her with a scholarship. Ask mom and dad if they have any spare change . . . making a difference in our youths' future one penny at a time.

Plan to attend this weekend's FAME event at Merrillville High School where 108 Bibich students have art on display.

Thank you to student council, Mrs. Tallent, Mrs. Boersma, Mrs. Keleman, Mrs. Dwyer and Mrs. Tomovich for their great effort to raise over \$500 for Riley Hospital for Children with the Hats on for Riley event last Friday. Please see important Riley information on the reverse.

Please remind your neighbors who may not be aware that kindergarten registration takes place Wednesday and Thursday, March 10 and 11.

February was career month at Bibich School. Thank you to parents who were able to visit and talk about their careers.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration takes place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 10 and 11 from 9 AM-11 AM and Noon-2 PM. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old by August 1, 2010, and legally reside within the Lake Central School Corporation boundaries. Parents must provide their child's legal birth certificate, a utility bill, another bill, valid Indiana driver's license or state ID, and in the case of divorce or separation, custody papers.

Bibich Pennies for Education Scholarship Drive



Dear Parents,

Lake Central Dollars for Scholars is a community based scholarship foundation affiliated with Scholarship America. Lake Central Dollars for Scholars raises money each year to give in the form of scholarships to high school graduating seniors who are enrolled at Lake Central. Last year, this organization awarded \$73,850 in scholarships to ninety-one seniors. In our chapters' short history, we have presented \$502,000 worth of scholarships to deserving Lake Central students. Again this year, it is our goal to help Bibich Elementary students conduct their 5th annual "Penny War" to raise funds to contribute to a scholarship from Bibich Elementary Students to a Lake Central Senior and former Bibich student. Beginning on Monday, March 8th through Friday, March 12th, 2010, our classrooms will be having a "Penny War". Each day we are asking children to donate their pennies (all forms of money are accepted and your checks made payable to Lake Central Dollars for Scholars are tax deductible). A traveling trophy will be awarded daily to a classroom in each grade level. At the end of the week, all the money collected will be combined and presented to the Lake Central Dollars for Scholars in the name of our students, and the scholarship(s) will be awarded on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at the Lake Central Dollars for Scholars Annual Tea Presentation. A child will be chosen from the classrooms that collect the most money to present the scholarship to a graduating senior. Last year Bibich students collected \$3335.27. So, save those pennies, dimes, nickels and quarters to help award a scholarship! Peifer School is currently in the lead with \$3,800.00 donated from Penny Wars.

If you have any questions or you are interested in counting coins, **please contact Chris Poby at 671-2051 or Erin Tacke at 227-6020.**

I desperately need volunteers !! We need a minimum of 4-6 people to count the coins each day the week of March 8th thru March 12th.

PTO NEWS:

Just a reminder....There's a little more than one week left to get out there and sell Butterbraids and cookies for our spring fundraiser. Orders are due Monday, March 15th. All proceeds of this fundraiser will be put towards the purchase of a Smartboard for Bibich. Imagine...if each student was able to sell 2 items from our fundraiser we would make enough money to purchase the Smartboard. Please help us reach this goal!!

WE NEED YOU.....

If you're interested in getting more involved with the PTO, now is your chance. We are currently looking to fill 2 Executive Board positions for the 2010/2011 school year, Co-President and Secretary. If you are interested in learning more about these board positions, please contact the school office @ 322-1185. Or, attend our next PTO meeting on Monday, March 8th (6:30pm, Bibich Library) and see what it's all about. It is a great way to get involved in the Bibich Community and a very rewarding experience.



Riley Children's Hospital -Thank you to all the students, parents and staff that have contributed to the Student Council sponsored "Hats on for Riley" fundraiser! Your contributions to this philanthropic venture support the hospital's clinical areas such as endocrinology, immunodeficiency, hemophilia and sickle cell disease, stem cell transplant and neonatal intensive care. Riley is the only comprehensive children's hospital serving children and families from all 92 Indiana counties, including several from our own school and community. We are \$56.00 short of becoming a school that contributes \$1 per child and participates with the entire corporation to earn the distinction of becoming a Riley Miracle Corporation. If you would still like to contribute towards this goal, please send your donation to the Bibich Office. Again, thank you for supporting this philanthropic venture.

Random Acts of Kindness—Congratulations to the following students whose names were drawn in last week's Random Acts of Kindness drawing: Carlos Mancera, Lindsay Modjeski, George Zapata, Allison Helfers, and Zachary Seljan.

Perfect Attendance -Congratulations to Mrs. Hathaway's class for achieving perfect attendance last week. The class received a traveling trophy to display in the classroom for a week.

Young Authors -Blank books for Young Authors are available in the Bibich bookstore for \$2.25. The bookstore is open daily from 8:00—8:10 AM.

F.A.M.E. -The F.A.M.E. (Foundation for Art and Music in Elementary Education) FESTIVAL will be on the week-end of March 6-7, at Merrillville High School, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 12-5. Schools from Lake County will have art exhibits, and showcase their music programs. Arts and crafts activities, special FAME performances, story tellers, and more, make this weekend an exciting celebration of the arts for all families to enjoy!!!! Students who have artwork on display will receive a letter this week.

Important Dates

- Mar. 1-10 Window for Grade 3 and 4 ISTEP testing
- Mar. 8-12 Penny Wars
- Mar. 8 6:30 PM PTO meeting
- Mar. 9 2:45—4:00 PM Chess Club Grades 3 & 4
- Mar. 10 2:45—3:45 PM Young Rembrandts
- Mar. 10-11 9:00—11:00 AM and Noon-2:00 PM Kindergarten Registration
- Mar. 15 2:45—4:00 PM Chess Club Grades 1 & 2; PTO Fundraiser ends; 7:30 PM School Board meeting Lake Central Freshmen Center LGI
- Mar. 16 2:45—4:00 PM Student Council; 4:30—5:30 PM Market Day pickup
- Mar. 18 2:00—6:00 PM Bibich Blood Drive
- Mar. 19 Popcorn Day, Pajama Day changed to April 9;
End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- Mar. 22-26 No School—Spring Break
- Mar. 29 2:45—4:00 PM Chess Club Grades 3 & 4
- Mar. 30 6:00—8:00 PM Community Dialogue #2 at Kahler Middle School
- Apr. 1 Kindergarten Tuition payment due
- Apr. 2 No School
- Apr. 5 7:30 PM School Board meeting Lake Central Freshmen Center LGI
- Apr. 6 Report Cards
- Apr. 8 6:00—8:00 PM Special Person's Night; 6:30—7:30 PM Hands on Workshop for Parents of Incoming Kindergarteners at Watson
- Apr. 9 Pajama Day



**GREENHOUSE AT
GIBSON WOODS COUNTY PARK**

**THANK YOU
BIBICH STUDENTS AND STAFF**



Gibson Woods County Park in Hammond is making a greenhouse from recycled milk jugs.. The idea behind making this dome is to make a visual statement as to how much plastic waste we produce and how important it is to recycle. They still need 300 jugs with lids. Please bring empty, rinsed gallon milk jugs to the office. The greenhouse will be at Gibson Woods the month of April. There will be a Family Nature Craft program on Sunday, April 11th at 1:00 PM (fee \$2). We will be making sculptures out of recyclable materials. This would be a good time for a visit to Gibson Woods.