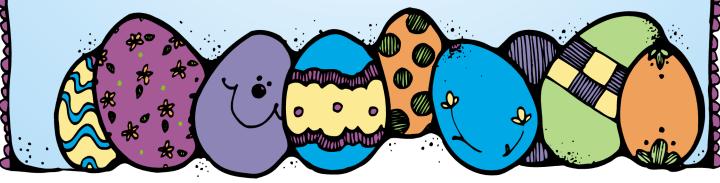


Message from the Director: Janet Boutin

With the arrival of Spring, we are very aware of the many changes around us. We are especially aware of the changes in all the children. They are growing and maturing before our eyes.

April holds a special celebration for St. Peter's School. The Week of the Young Child. The purpose of this week, April 12th—16th is to draw positive attention to the needs of young children and to emphasize the importance of quality early childhood education. We plan to host many hands on learning experiences at the School: music, math, tools/tinkering, science experiments, nature walks and free art. Our activities will focus on this year's NAEYC theme "Early Years Are Learning Years."

Also in April, we will start our School Board's Annual Mother's Day Campaign. Our Campaign will span from April 6th – May 9th. Please indicate special mothers and grandmothers on your donation card. Our campaign will end with our students honoring their mothers and grandmothers in our schoolwide Mother's Day Chapel on Wednesday, May 5th. Please watch this Chapel on the Church YouTube Link. Your contributions allow wonderful schools like ours to thrive and grow. Thank you in advance for your support of St. Peter's School and its children.





National Association for the Education of Young Children

Important Dates

<u>SCHOOL CLOSED:</u> FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND AND MONDAY, APRIL 5TH FOR EASTER BREAK.

Annual Mother's Day Campaign: April 6th to May 9th.

PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING: FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH, ZOOM MEETING @ 12:30 PM.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 12TH.

<u>Week of the Young Child:</u> April 12th thru April 16th. Celebrate Early Years Are Learning Years.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH.

ALL SCHOOL RECYCLE WEEK: APRIL 19TH TO APRIL 23RD. LEARN ABOUT RECYCLING AND MAKE RECYCLED ART.

<u>SKYSCRAPER DAY</u>: THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND. ALL THE CLASSES WILL BE BUILDING SKYSCRAPERS AND TOWERS FROM RECYCLED BOXES.

SEE OUR 2021-22 CALENDAR ON THIS WEBSITE. START PLANNING DAYS OFF AND VACATIONS NOW.

 Dear Families,
We still have a few openings in the 2's Program for 2021-22. Tell your friends about our School.

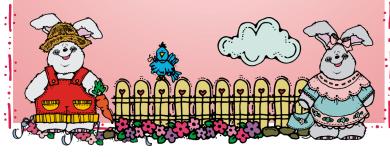
Message from the Parent Association: Kristen Hoech, President

Thank you to everyone that has been joining our monthly SPPA Zoom meetings. At our last meeting we voted on our 2021-22 SPPA Officers:

> Courtney MacDonald, President Brittany Lehmann, Vice President Cristina Bueche, Secretary Jenny Ligon, Treasurer

We will still need volunteers for Teacher Luncheons, TAG Team, Room Moms and more. Our year has been different due to COVID but our spirit of supporting the classrooms has been amazing!

Please join us for our next meeting, Friday, April 9th at 12:30 pm by Zoom. Please join our <u>Facebook</u> for school announcements and alerts.





Everyone

that supported our Scholastic Book Campaign to replace our damaged books!

God Bless.

He is Risen!

St. Peter's Staff

Dress Code

Children are expected to wear comfortable, casual, wash and wear clothing to school.



should be worn at all times. Sandals, boots, and other hard-soled shoes are not appropriate or safe for the playground. It is also recommended that clothing worn be easy for your child to get on and off by themselves.



Pesticides on Campus

The State of Texas requires that our school families know that pesticides are used on our campus. St. Peter's School is treated quarterly by a licensed pest control operator.

> Janet Boutin, Director 830-257-0257



We are following up to let everyone know our school will not be making any changes to our requirement to wear masks. As a licensed childcare facility in the State of Texas, teachers are mandated to wear masks indoors to protect our young students and fellow staff from the possible exposure of COVID.

Parents, please put on a mask at carpool times while staff are attending to your child. Governor Abbott stated, "Make no mistake COVID-19 has not disappeared."





Thank you for your help and understanding, Janet Boutin, School Director





In April all of our classes observe the life cycle of the Painted Lady Butterfly.

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All About Painted Lady Butterflies

Where is home?

The Painted Lady is probably the most widespread butterfly in the world.

They are found all over the North American continent, ranging north into the sub-arctic and south to Panama. Painted Ladies are also found in Asia, Africa, and Europe—they especially like living near flowery meadows and mountain tops.

These butterflies migrate from south to north in the late spring. In cold climates, you can see Painted Ladies between March and October. In some southern deserts, they live all year round.

What does it look like?

The butterfly has four wings—two hindwings and two forewings—that are symmetrical in pattern and shape. The upper surface of Painted Lady Butterfly wings is mostly black brown, and orange. There are also some white spots and red and blue markings. The underside of the wings are gray, with white and red markings. Butterflies have three pair of legs — each divided into five parts. At the end of the legs are tiny spurs that help them land and stay on plants or perches.

Fun Facts:

- Butterflies are solar-powered! They need the sun to fly.
- Male Painted Ladies have smaller abdomens than females.
- Favorite butterfly flowers: aster, cosmos, thistle, and buttonbush.
- Favorite caterpillar plants: thistle, mallow, hollyhock, malva, and sunflower.
- Butterflies are diurnal (active during the day).
- Painted Lady Butterflies see more patterns, a wider range of color, and more shades of green than people do.
- The tiny scales attached to butterfly wings give the wings their color.
- Butterflies have taste sensors on their legs.

Did You Know... There are about 125,000 known species of butterflies and approximately 700 North America alone!







