

Dear Parents,

I do hope your child/children gave you the March Calendar. If not, you can always call the office for a copy or access it from the website. By the way, when was the last time you went to www.Stethelreda.org? The information posted and the pictures tell the stories of the day-to-day happenings at St. Ethelreda School.

Last month a notice was sent home informing you that only the mandatory grades, 3,5,and 7 and all students who participated in Title 1 will take the Terra Nova Test.

Progress Reports were distributed to all students on February 25th. The first semester has ended and we are halfway through the third marking period. Students who are in danger of having to complete mandatory summer school had this noted on the Progress Reports. Intervention Strategies such as meeting with the teacher, checking your child's assignment notebook and homework and discussing your child's school day with him/her are just a few suggestions that would help achieve success.

- Lost clothes: hats, gloves, coats, shoes, sweaters, sweat shirts, etc., are left unclaimed on a daily basis. One problem is the students won't claim their clothes. Another problem is, we can't return these items because they don't have the child's name written on the tags. Help us return lost clothes to their owners.
- Although the Food Pantry is officially open on the third Saturday of each month, we are here everyday to assist you in your time of need. Just call the office to let us know.
- 22 – Annual all school Black History program will take place at 3:00 (hopefully in the church). Every student has a part in this program. We are asking the students to wear Afro centric Attire.
- 24 – Muffins for Moms – come and spend the morning with your child and enjoy muffins and refreshments with other Moms and Grandmoms.
- 26 – Donuts for Dads – Now it wouldn't be right to not give the Dads their day. Come and spend the morning with your child and enjoy donuts and refreshments with other Dads and Granddads.
- Dropping off and picking up students is suddenly becoming a problem. Why? Everyone wants to park in front of the school or double park and let students out while blocking traffic. This is dangerous! The street will be blocked from 7:45 – 8:10 and from 2:45 – 3:45 for the safety of **ALL** of our children during rainy, snowy and dry weather.

- ICE (In Case of Emergency) call the following: Parents, please call and inform us of a change of phone number, change of address, change of emergency contact information and/or change of work number. It is most important for us to be able to reach you in case of emergency.

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching. Some people will make their last '08 – '09 tuition payment next month. **EVERYONE** must be finished paying in May. Students who still have outstanding tuition cannot participate in any graduation activities, receive awards, the final report card, test scores, transfers or any other school records. Don't embarrass your child. Take care of your financial obligations.

Have you seen the St. Ethelreda School ads in the Beverly Review Newspaper? Pick up your copy from now until August and check out our ads promoting our school.

Look for exciting information next month about our Open House Extravaganza!