

# From Mrs. Albert's Desk

Kingston Catholic School April 2017

## WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE

We could use the whole of Eastertime to explore the richness of the gospel for the second Sunday of Easter. The Risen Christ greets the disciples with the phrase, "Peace be with you." Our children remember it from the sign of peace at mass. Children should also hear that Jesus wants to replace fear with joy, anxiety and fighting with peace; and that

an important sign of Christian ministry is "forgiveness." In the gospel Jesus imparts the Holy Spirit to the disciples and empowers them to forgive.

As we spend time with our loved ones over Holy Week and Easter, we have an opportunity to reflect on our own capacity for forgiveness. Have we forgiven ourselves for past mistakes?

Have we forgiven others? Are we truly Easter people?

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Gospel Talk for Families;  
March 2001



**Were you up for the challenge?**

**If so, please join us for  
The President's  
Challenge  
Celebration  
Tuesday,  
May 9th  
At 6:30pm**

## Testing, 1...2...3, Testing

We continue testing season at school. The NYS tests are given during the month of April. Along with teaching the Common Core Curriculum, our teachers have been preparing the students to succeed on these exams.

All of the class work, as well as the homework, your child has been doing is designed to help

your student reach the goals set by the state. Many of the assignments may have looked quite different from "traditional" school work. However, these assignments were planned very carefully to facilitate a deeper and more meaningful level of understanding. The goal is to help

our students reach higher levels of thinking and learning.

You can help your student by making sure they are well rested and eat a good breakfast the day of the test.



# Young Performers' Edition of *Bye, Bye Birdie* on Broadway

Well, our Broadway, that is! Opening night, April 7th, is here! Our young thespians are working diligently to make this a spectacular performance.

If you don't have yours already, be sure to get your *Bye, Bye Birdie* tickets which are now on sale through the KCS Box Office...also known as the main office (331-9318). Just call Mrs. Germano she will gladly take your reservation with payment.

There are still many details that need to be attended to in order to make this production a smashing success. Volunteers are needed for the many subcommittees in order to make this weekend's event a

success. The subcommittees include: house, costumes, props, set building and decorating, concession, merchandizing, and advertising. If one of these areas appeal to you and you have a few hours to spare Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, please contact Mrs. Macaluso at 658-9895.

Families can also lend a hand by contributing items to the

concession. Please see the website for the letter that requested needed items.

Students in grades 6-8 who are not performing on stage are assisting with concession, the house, set building, and more. There is a lot to be learned about teamwork, business operations, customer service, and responsibility by participating in this school production.

All KCS students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni and friends are welcome to join in the fun of bringing *Bye, Bye Birdie* to life by pitching in, this weekend or attending the show- be sure to bring your friends and family!



## KCS Discount Cards are Available!!

If you missed the opportunity to purchase one of these over the holiday's- there is still time! The KCS Discount Card now costs only \$10.00 and includes the following local merchants: Savona's, Rainbow Drive-In, The Merchant, Planet Wings, Apple Bin, Adam's, Perfect 10 Nails, Patel's Kingston Lanes, Cake Box, Mid-Hudson Buffet, Popeye's, Home Plate Deli and more! This is an easy and inexpensive way to support our school! Please call the school office for information.

## Spring has Sprung on the Playground

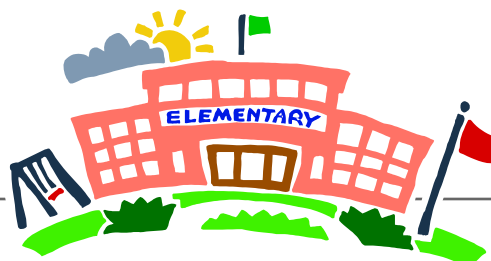
Spring has sprung and we are back outside! This seems like a good time to review a few playground rules.

Students may bring their own basketball, kick balls, soft footballs, etc... to school but must be willing to let everyone play. Students may not bring tennis balls or small rubber balls. Additionally, students are welcome to share the "bucket ball," hopscotch, four square, along with

hula-hoops and jump ropes. The younger children will use the Lisa Land playground on a rotating basis when enough volunteers are present. Children need weather appropriate clothing each day, as we will be going out as often as possible.

Please remember that electronic games are not permitted to be used during any part of the school day including recess.

We still have a need for lunchtime helpers. If you have a little time to share with us, please call the office and let Mrs. Germano know.



Happy Spring!