



# PANDA PAPER

L.C. Webster Elementary ★ North St. Paul, Minnesota  
Tuesday, April 1, 2008 651-748-7100



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS. PALODICHUK.....

Greetings Webster Community,

As I look out my window, Mother Nature is saying it is winter even though the calendar says spring! It is extremely important we remember to dress for the weather. Considering the unpredictable weather this time of year please send your child to school in layers. Jackets are required for outdoor recess and activities unless the temperature is above 50 degrees.

The staff and students at Webster returned last week from Spring Break with renewed energy. We started the week off with an all school meeting celebrating the re-opening of Webster school. The meeting focused around celebrating a safe school where learning is our main goal and reminding students of our school wide expectations. The staff made the celebration fun by sharing the information with a game show "Are You Smarter than a Webster Student" and finishing with a live broadcast by Barbara Walters, played by Mrs. Cranston, reviewing student expectations.

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## YOUR UPCOMING WEBSTER WEEKS...

APRIL 1 – APRIL 15

Book of the Month

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Thursday, April 3

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

"Celebrity Scoopers"

*Mrs. Pietig, Mrs. Zaban and  
Mrs. Ochocki*



"Junior Celebrity Scoopers"

*Melanie Schuldt, Caleb Trast,  
Teddy Drake and Kaitlin  
Machovec*

Friday, April 4

9 a.m. – All School Morning Meeting

Monday, April 7

3 p.m. – Choir

Tuesday, April 8

9 a.m./6:30 p.m.  
Kindergarten Program

Tuesday, April 8

3 p.m. – After School Fun

Thursday, April 10  
6:30 p.m. – Pyramid Band  
Concert – Grades 5 – 12  
North High School

Monday, April 14

3 p.m. – Choir

## STAY IN TOUCH WITH SCHOOL

MAIN OFFICE NUMBER:  
651-748-7100

MAIN OFFICE HOURS:  
8 A.M. – 4 P.M.

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:  
651-748-7110

NURSE'S OFFICE:  
651-748-7115

ATTENDANCE LINE:  
651-748-7117

WEBSTER DINER:  
651-748-7104

## "Kids with Cares"

The first "Kids with Cares" celebration was a great success. Two students from each class were chosen to join in an ice cream party. These students have followed the C.A.R.E.S. every day. We are very proud of them. There are more students to honor and we will have more celebrations in the coming months. Thank you to everyone who made this a success!

Mrs. Tillges, Mrs. Johnson,  
Mrs. Kurz and Mrs. Wales



Request for class placement for 2008-2009: We value your input regarding the individual needs of your child. One of the ways we work with parents is by offering an opportunity to provide feedback on your child's needs to assist with next year's classroom placement. The teachers/staff work very hard to create a balance in each classroom. We will consider placement based on your input regarding your child's strengths and needs. Due to potential changes in staffing, requests for a specific teacher are not accepted. Parents of students in kindergarten, first or third grade who are interested in this process need to stop by the office and request a form. Students in second and fourth will loop to the next grade with their current teacher and classmates. **Completed forms must be returned by Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.**

### **The MCA-II**

In the last issue of the Panda Paper I shared some information regarding the upcoming MCA-II tests that will take place this month. The MCA-II (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment) in Mathematics, Reading and Science measure student proficiency on Minnesota's state standards for students in grades 3, 4 & 5. The results of these tests tell you how well your student is performing against state standards, and how well we are doing at getting your student to and beyond these standards. Results are also used for *No Child Left Behind* accountability. While the Webster staff works diligently to prepare your children for the exams, we count on you to have your children in attendance on these important testing days. Please avoid making appointments on these days if at all possible, testing days April 15, 16, 22 and 23. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

By working together to create a safe, responsible, positive learning environment we can expect great success from our children. If you have questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to stop by, give me a call or email me.

Respectfully,

*Sara Palodichuk*

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Principal

### **1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE ENJOY A TRIP TO ORCHESTRA HALL**

It was all ears for Webster first, second and third graders Friday, March 14th when they traveled to Minneapolis to hear the Minnesota Orchestra perform "On the Day You Were Born". The book, narrated by author Debra Frasier was set to music by Steven Heitzeg, with projected illustrations behind the orchestra. Other music celebrated the times of day, including Grieg's *Morning Mood* (with projected student artwork), Debussy's Prelude to the *Afternoon of a Faun*, and two pieces for nighttime.

Webster teachers were able to introduce students to both video and audio productions of the performance prior to the field trip. Third grader Lilyanne summed up the Orchestra Hall experience perfectly, "I loved sitting in that beautiful place just relaxing and listening to the music."

### **SPRING CARNIVAL 2008**

*April 25, 2008*

The Annual L.C. Webster Spring Carnival is coming! Please help us prepare for this exciting event by donating items for some of our carnival prizes. We would like to challenge the K-2 classes to bring in "Sweet Treats" that can be used as prizes such as: Little Debbie Snacks, cereal, Hostess Snacks, Fruit Roll-Ups, and other pre-packaged snacks. The class that brings in the most donations will receive a popcorn party from the PTO. We would also like to offer a popcorn party to the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> class that brings in the most 2-liters of soda pop. We will be accepting donations the week of March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help in making this a successful event!

*L.C. Webster's PTO is a committee of parents and teachers who work together to help support the work of the school. The PTO meets monthly to discuss upcoming events, needs in the school community, and parent concerns. EVERYONE is welcome to attend these PTO meetings. If you are unable to attend the monthly meetings, we encourage you to stay informed of upcoming PTO events and support the work we are doing in whatever way you can! If you have any questions concerning the PTO or about how you can get involved please call Jason Stenman at 651-269-8220.*