

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- January 2nd  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
New Year's Recess
- January 9 - 23  
**DIBELS TESTING**
- January 13  
**PTO MOVIE NIGHT**
- January 10 - 13  
**4 SIGHT TESTING**
- January 16  
**SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 17 - Feb 17  
**DRA2 TESTING**
- January 23  
End of Second  
Marking Period

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# Albert Schweitzer Gazette

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## New Beginnings....



Dear Schweitzer Families:

In this time of joy and hope, I would like to extend a wish from our entire staff to your family for peace, joy and love during this holiday season and throughout the new year. Our brightest gifts of the season have been your beautiful children. They bring joy to our lives every day as we watch them learn and grow.

Thank you for your support this year. We all look forward to a busy and fruitful 2012!

Many blessings to you and your families.

Happy Holidays,

Ms. Kathleen Brewster

## "The Spirit of Giving"

A "Warm Thanks" to the Albert Schweitzer Staff and Retirees,  
the Carl Sandburg Staff, Albert Schweitzer's PTO,  
Carl Sandburg's National Junior Honor Society and Band Members,  
the Middletown Foundation and Queen of the Universe Church  
who graciously showed their generosity, compassion and empathy  
for others this holiday season.

Gift cards and toys were available to families  
as a result of everyone's care and concern for others.  
Thank you for making the holidays a happier time for everyone!





# Winter Concert



A special thank you to Mrs. Kirsch, Mr. O'Neill and Mrs. Waterson for all of their assistance in preparing our Orchestra, Band and Chorus for the Winter Concert. The student body, family and friends were treated to beautiful music from our very talented students! The Orchestra, Beginner String Ensemble, Advanced Band Members and Chorus played and sang seasonal tunes to get everyone in the holiday spirit !



## Neshaminy "Takes Pride"

January's "TAKES PRIDE" theme is "SERVICE"

"Service" is an act of helpful activity.

People who give "service"  
take action to help someone or to  
do them a favor.



## Principal's 200 Club "December Mystery Motivator" Winners

**MADISA MOORE**



**RAY YEDMAN**



**EMMALEIGH MCGINTY**



**LANDON MITCHELL**



## Schweitzer Holiday Food Drive and Pajama Day

The students and families of Albert Schweitzer Elementary School, led by the School Ambassadors and Safety Patrol Officers, collected non-perishable food for needy families in the local area. The food drive took place from November 15<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>. The food was donated to the Penndel Food Pantry, who was very appreciative of the generosity of our school community!

As a special reward to our students for their support of this effort, Schweitzer students were allowed to hold a special “Pajama Day” and wear their pajamas and slippers to school. Fun was had by all!!!



Be sure to check out  
our website for our  
Food Drive and Pajama Day  
Slideshows!  
[www.neshaminy.org](http://www.neshaminy.org)



## Schweitzer's 5th grade students make the holidays special for “Military Working Dogs” serving overseas...

Albert Schweitzer 5th grade students collected boxes of treats for dogs that are serving in our military. Military working dogs have been used since World War I. They have saved countless lives since they were introduced to military service and continue to do so today. The treats will be mailed to a military base overseas. Dog handlers can use them to reward the dogs for a job well done!



## JANUARY SCHOOL EVENTS

# Happy New Year!!!

JAN 2	SCHOOL CLOSED - NEW YEAR RECESS
JAN 3	FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS
JAN 8 - JAN 23	DIBELS TESTING (Grades K, Pre1st, 1st and 2nd)
JAN 10 - JAN 13	4 SIGHT TESTING (Math & Reading for Grades 3, 4 and 5)
JAN 16	SCHOOL CLOSED - MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
JAN 17	MARKET DAY PICK-UP - 7:00 pm
JAN 17 - Feb 17	DRA 2 TESTING (Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
JAN 20	END OF SECOND MARKING PERIOD

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

**EMERGENCY DISMISSALS:** If school closes early for an any unforeseen reason (especially weather), you will receive a district phone call from our Superintendent's office with specific information.

**School closings will also be announced on the following stations/networks:**

WBCB 1490 AM, KYW 1060 AM, WPST - 94.5 FM. **Our school number is 752.** School closings and emergencies are on the Neshaminy Network Television (NNTV), Comcast Cable - Channel 28 and Verizon FIOR Channel 43. Urgent information is also listed on the Neshaminy webpage at [www.neshaminy.org](http://www.neshaminy.org).

**Please make sure your child knows where to go when dismissed in the event of an emergency, especially if no one will be at home.**

**DAY ROTATIONS:**

Please note that day rotations are subject to change if school is closed unexpectedly.

**PROPER DRESS ATTIRE:** Please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately for school, as they will be going outside for recess in the colder weather. Hats, gloves, jackets will all help keep your child warm .