

Principal's Letter October 30, 2009

Dear Family,

What a wonderful day yesterday! I got to put my feet up while Taylor and Emma Stordahl took over as Principals for the Day. They were great (if not a little bossy) as they threw me out of my chair, and at times, my office, and showed me what they thought school should be like. Apparently, I ought to be having dance parties, free ice cream and extended recess for my teachers...well, I'll have to think about that!

They also scolded students who arrived late, as well as those "sent to the bench" for misbehaving. They were a little disappointed that the junior high students didn't dance, but they felt that the younger children made up for it. Taylor and Emma checked the coin jars that we have in each room for our sister parish in El Salvador, and encouraged the classes to fill the jars by today, the deadline. They kept busy, and by the end of the day, they were old hands at the job of being principal.

However, it was not all fun and games. The Stordahl children came up with the idea of collecting donations for the Susan G. Komen 3 day walk. They have a friend, Tracy, who had cancer and now participates in this walk each year to raise money for breast cancer research. Her team raised \$27,000 for the foundation in 2009, and Tracy had a personal goal to collect \$2,500 in October. Well, thanks to the generosity of our students and parents, the girls collected over \$2,500, so Tracy has reached her goal!

So now I'm back in my office, sitting in my chair, and I have to say, I miss the company. Thank you, Emma and Taylor, for letting me see my job through your eyes. It gives me a different perspective!

PS. At one point, Emma said she was bored. I must say, Emma, I am *never* bored!

The eighth grade class, under the direction of their art teacher, Robin Besagno, made two huge banners for a Northwest Harvest dinner, and the committee members were so impressed with them that they asked if they could display them permanently at the Harvest warehouse. Thanks to Robin for spearheading this project, and to the eighth graders, for their good work.

We have Mass on Monday at 10:30. If possible, could your family send in a can of food so that we can help the St. Vincent de Paul Society replenish their supply? They do a wonderful job of helping families in need.

Happy Halloween,

Sheila