Internet Safety Presentation

Presenter Rachel Sitarz, a Lake Central graduate who works in conjunction with the Indiana State police as a member of the Internet Crimes against Children Task Force, will be talking to parents about responsible internet usage and how to keep their kids safe in a world revolving around cyberspace and social media. Ms. Sitarz is currently working toward her PH.D in Cyber Forensics and majored in Law and Society at Purdue University Lafayette. Ms. Sitarz is a recipient of The Department of Homeland Security Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fellowship. She is also a member of the Purdue Visual Analytics for Command Control and Interoperability Environments Program. The presentation will take place in the Clark LGI Room on April 12 at 6:00. Because of the sensitive material presented, only parents are to attend the presentation. (Flyer Attached)

Reading Insights from Mrs. McDermott

Creating your Child's Own Reading Library (continued from last month)

How to Choose Books:

Choose a book that is appropriate to your child's development: Can the child handle the book, touch it, or mouth it? Can the child relate it to their life?

Look for books that initiate independent reading: For beginning readers, wordless picture books allow a child to “read” the pictures and follow the story.

Choose the right reading level: The child should be able to understand the vocabulary, the sentence structure, and comprehend the story. If the child has a book that is too hard, read it or have a sibling read it to them.

Organize by categories: Help the child organize their library arranging books in different categories: picture books, long/short books, books the parents read, books the child reads, etc.

West Lake Parent Training Workshops

At Homan Elementary School in Room 209, West Lake will be presenting various parent training workshops for parents of students with disabilities. All of the presentations will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and they will be held on April 3, 17, and 24. A flyer is attached that provides more information concerning the content of the presentation.

“No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow.” ~Proverb
Someone You Should Know: Mrs. Pawlak

I am the resident science geek here at Kolling. This is my sixth year teaching. I taught 2nd grade for 2 years and have taught 3rd grade for 4 years. My husband, Mike, and I have two boys, Robert, a freshman at Lake Central, and Jered, a seventh grader at Clark Middle School. Before coming to Kolling, I taught adult learners for 18 years.

I wanted to be a teacher since I was very little. My cousin was a teacher and I really looked up to her. In my spare time, I love to read, especially mysteries.

Family Fun: Garfield Park Conservatory

The Garfield Park Conservatory in Chicago is one of the largest and most stunning conservatories in the nation. Often referred to as “landscape art under glass,” the conservatory occupies approximately 4.5 acres inside and out, where thousands of plant species are on display throughout eight rooms in this magnificent facility. This lovely facility is just west of downtown and has free admission to all. There is also a place to picnic, so pack a lunch.

Exciting Kolling News

Check out the showcase by the office and see a little bit of history! Mrs. Van Laten’s class has been studying biographies of famous people. First, each student chose a book, read it, and made a report. Then, they made a bottle doll from a two liter bottle, styrofoam ball, and dressed it as creatively as possible to look like their character. Last, each student presented their report and bottle doll for the rest of the class to learn and enjoy. Our class learned so much about famous people in history and what they contributed to our world. Great job 2nd graders!

Congratulations to Kolling students… Student Council raised about $1,300 for Riley’s Hospital for Children this school year. We raised enough money for Kolling to be a Miracle School. We are very proud of your charitable work!

Mrs. Freeman’s kindergarten class has read 730 books. They built a snowman made out of “snowflakes.” Each snowflake came back signed with the title of the book and the child’s name. We had a competition between morning and afternoon kindergarten! Morning read 330 and afternoon read 400. Nice work, keep reading!!!

Congratulations to Emma Westerfield! She won second place at the Indiana State Gymnastic Competition this weekend (March 10-11th) for her division. Way to go!