

## Catholic Identity

- The principal interviewed and tentatively selected Sr. Jeanne Kenny as the Religious Coordinator/Teacher. The position was restructured with the assistance of human resources to be a part-time position, focused more directly with the faith formation of the school.
- A **reorganization of the religious program** is underway. Discussions were completed with human resources regarding the closing of the current DRE position. A more clearly defined religious coordinator position for the school was created to focus on concentrated effort on Catholic formation and an increased Catholic family involvement.
- A **new pastor, Father Francis Li**, the associate pastor of St. Barbara will be the new administrator of St. Therese beginning July 1, 2010. Discussions with Father were conducted about his vision and hopes for the children's faith formation.

## Excellence

- **Response to Intervention Additions** For 2010-2011, our Response to Intervention program will take on a few changes. Our program will be geared towards Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade with an intensive language arts and mathematics focus for grades K – 2. Our staff and Resource Teacher, Ms. Ng, are currently being trained in administering **Aimsweb** and **Read Naturally**, two progress monitoring programs that track our children's skills in reading and mathematics. All students in grades K – 6 will be assessed three times a year – *fall, winter and spring*, as noted in our 2010-2011 Calendar. Those students identified as needing assistance in any area will be working with Ms. Ng and his/her classroom teachers to strengthen their skills.
- **Dr. Maureen Spelman and Dr. David Bell from St. Xavier University** have worked with the faculty and staff in several informal and formal training sessions on AIMSweb and ReadNaturally. The literacy team consist of our PK, JK, K , 1 and 2 teachers along with Ms. Ng and our auxiliary teacher, Teresa McCabe.
- Dr. Meg Carroll, from St. Xavier University, inserviced the teachers and staff on re-certification, the recording of CPDUs and those with lapsed certificates. The accumulated 250 CPDUs thus far were reviewed and entered. Dr. Carroll also reviewed how to enter the coursework on IWAS. A protocol for any and all professional development internally and externally was created with the principal and teacher, Ms. Deb Oi.
- **Our music teacher**, Ms. Liu, moved mid-May. A search for her replacement is now being explored.
- **The school secretary, Ms. Betsy Young**, notified the principal that she will be retiring at the end of June. A new secretary, Ms. Pamela Wu, is selected.
- **Fall 2010-2011 and 2010 Summer School Registration Packets** The summer and fall registration packets have been sent home. Our summer school this year will have special art, music, Spanish & technology classes AND a special program to help the 4<sup>th</sup> grade transition to junior high. We anticipate a growth of about 3-4% next year, with an **extensive** waiting list for our early childhood and primary grades. Please note, that despite more challenging economic time, financial concerns should not be a factor in families deciding school choice.

## Vitality

- Teachers and staff create a to-do list for the summer regarding minor repair work, etc., prioritizing the work load. This will also include an upgrade to the main office to create a cleaner and more professional atmosphere.
- **Upcoming Capital Projects** – Railing work is continued and is being completed up through the third floor, starting with the stairways to the first floor (completed in April 2010). The work will be done in stages, until all sections of railings are brought to current code. Current railings make is easy to climb up; and also easy to slip through. Final architect approval with the city is being worked out with regard to emergency signage. A floor plan has been completed and is awaiting approval. Fire doors may need to be added on the third floor. With that, additional bidding with our electrician and to become compliant with city code. We are selecting the material and contractor for this work and hope to have this completed before the end of the summer.
- **Keep the Rain Out total to date - \$37,989**
- **Real Estate** – The principal and the facilities committee are beginning discussions with Real Estate at OCS to determine the viability of St. Therese expanding and developing an early childhood center nearby. The waiting list and our current building's physical limitations merit an examination.
- *The School and Family Association Meetings are planning the fall Bazaar & the reunions for our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Chinatown's 100<sup>th</sup>.*