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Dear Parents,

Sign out Sheet Updates

We have received information from the district that they would like us to have a great deal of face-to-face interaction with you as the parent/guardian. This interaction is crucial to building relations with you and your student, with this we are creating a **NO CELL PHONE ZONE** when you come in to sign out your child. If at all possible, please refrain from talking on your phone when you come to the program area so that we may better interact with you and your child when you sign them out for the evening.

ST. PATRICK DAY FACTS

WE SHOULD REALLY WEAR BLUE

Saint Patrick himself would have to deal with pinching on his feast day. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue," a light shade. The color green only became associated with the big day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.

2. SAINT PATRICK WAS BRITISH

Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish himself. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.

3. THE IRISH TAKE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SERIOUSLY

As you might expect, Saint Patrick's Day is a huge deal in his old stomping grounds. It's a national holiday in both Ireland and Northern Ireland.

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Upcoming Events

March 15th, Parent Workshop
Summer Slide 5:15 p.m. Sabal Cafeteria

March 17th, 2017: St. Patrick Day Celebration

Test Taking Tips for Parents

- ✓ Keep a positive attitude about tests.
- ✓ Mark down test days on your calendar so you and your child are both aware of testing dates.
- ✓ Make sure that your child gets enough sleep on the night before the test.
- ✓ Ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast and avoid heavy foods that may make him/her groggy and avoid high sugar foods that may make him/her hyper.
- ✓ Make sure that your child gets up early enough so that he/she will be on time to school.
- ✓ Talking about the test with your child can relieve stress about test taking.
- ✓ If your child is struggling on their tests, talk to them about it and meet with their teacher to find out the best way to help your child.
- ✓ Praise/reward your child when they do well on a test or for their hard work preparing for a test.



4. SO DO NEW YORKERS

New York City's Saint Patrick's Day Parade is one of the world's largest parades. Since 1762, 250,000 marchers have traipsed up Fifth Avenue on foot – the parade still doesn't allow floats, cars, or other modern trappings.

5. CHICAGO FEELS LUCKY, TOO

New York may have more manpower, but Chicago has a spectacle all its own. The city has been celebrating Saint Patrick by dumping green dye into the Chicago River since 1962. It takes 40 tons of dye to get the river to a suitably festive shade!

6. IT USED TO BE A DRY HOLIDAY

For most of the 20th century, Saint Patrick's Day was considered a strictly religious holiday in Ireland, which meant that the nation's pubs were closed for business on March 17. (The one exception went to beer vendors at the big national dog show, which was always held on Saint Patrick's Day.) In 1970, the day was converted to a national holiday, and the stout resumed flowing.

7. IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS

Not every city goes all-out in its celebratory efforts. From 1999 to 2007, the Irish village of Dripsey proudly touted that it hosted the Shortest Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the World. The route ran for 26 yards between two pubs. Today, Hot Springs, Arkansas claims the title for brevity – its brief parade runs for 98 feet.

8. THERE'S A REASON FOR THE SHAMROCKS

How did the shamrock become associated with Saint Patrick? According to Irish legend, the saint used the three-leafed plant as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.

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