

February 25, 2010

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Last week at the **Ash Wednesday** Mass your children heard about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during the Lenten Season. Lent is not meant to be an unhappy time, but it is a serious time. It is a time when the students and ourselves have a chance to think about how much the Gospel means to us and how well we are living up to God's law of love.



Our Lenten Journey began as we received our ashes and will continue as we add Scripture to our class bulletin board from each Sunday's gospel. We have a special service project during this Lenten Season – **FOOD FOR THURSTON COUNTY FOODBANK**. This gives our school community the opportunity to "feed the hungry" which Jesus has asked us to do. Each class has an assigned day to bring non perishable foods. Our day is Thursday.



Registration forms for next year are due in the office as soon as you are able to fill them out. Our **Open House** for current school families and perspective families will be held on **Sunday, March 14th**. Please come visit the classrooms from 10:30 – 1:30.

On Wednesday of this week, the 4th graders enjoyed an Olympia Junior Program performance at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts. The performance was entitled "Leyendas de Duende" - Magical Tales of Latin America. Our thanks goes to fourth grade mom, Ann Willis, who organizes all the OJP outings. It is a great opportunity for our children to experience live theater.

Passport Check Day for February is **tomorrow**. Be ready!!

Tomorrow the entire student body will attend the **9 o'clock Mass**. It has become our practice to go to Mass each Friday during Lent. We also join as a school family each Monday morning at **8:30** to pray the **Stations of the Cross**. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to join any one of these prayerful events.
Fondly,

Mrs. Joan Joanis