



Wildcat Weekly

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Crowning our Blessed Mother

The month of May is a special time at St. Mel's. We congratulate our second graders as they deepened their faith and received the gift of Jesus at their First Holy Communion. We celebrate Mother's Day by honoring the selfless dedication and unwavering love that we receive from our mothers. We all know that being a parent is a 24/7 job with no pay, but the benefits (smiles and hugs from our kids) cannot be beat. In the Catholic Church, the month of May is dedicated to our heavenly Mother, Mary, who protects and cares for us, just as she did for Jesus. Traditionally, we crown a statue of the Blessed Mother with flowers as a sign of our love and gratitude. While the parish held the annual May Crowning at last Sunday's mass, Father Fonti led a special crowning ceremony for our children. It was a beautiful day and we know that our heavenly Mother was smiling down on us all. Happy Mother's Day to all our St. Mel's Moms!!!



Animal Takeover

Last week, our Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd graders got to experience nature first hand on their trip to the Queens Farm. This week, we brought the animals to school for our 3K and PreK students! Through the Animals Alive program in partnership with the Alley Pond Environmental Center, our kids got to get up close and personal with some furry and scaly friends. They had the opportunity to meet chinchillas, rabbits, snakes and lizards (oh my!) and learn about their unique habitats and the important role that they play in the ecosystem. The most important thing though is they developed an understanding and appreciation for all of God's creatures. Who says animals can't come to school?!?

Looking Ahead

- Sunday, 5/14—Happy Mother's Day
- Monday, 5/15—\$3/NUT dress down day iReady final diagnostic begins
- Thursday, 5/18—Ascension Thursday—**SCHOOL OPEN**
- Saturday, 5/20—Radio Bingo at 7pm
- Tuesday, 5/23—PAA meeting, 23-24 PAA elections will take place
- Thursday, 5/25—Wildcat Walk-A-Thon
- Friday 5/26—**No school for grades K-5** (PD Day) 3K/PK regular school day
- Monday 5/29—**MEMORIAL DAY—NO SCHOOL**

