



GRACEFUL WINGS *January 14, 2011*

Grace Christian Academy's Bi-Weekly Newsletter

This newsletter is your official notification of school information and important dates. It is the parents/guardians responsibility to know the information contained herein.

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KINDERGARTEN

Next week the children will go to the computer room on Tuesdays and will attend this exciting speciality class with Mrs. Woods as their instructor. During January we are learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks and their dream that all people would be treated equal. I am introducing the long vowel sounds this week. They are learning two important rules in phonics. Rule 1: Sneaky E goes behind the consonant, says Boo to the first vowel to make it say its own name. Example words: gate, bite, dime. Rule 2: When two vowels go walking the first one does the talking and the second one is silent. Example words: team, weed, load. Continue to listen to your child read and thank you for helping your little one become a confident and successful reader. **Love, Mary Jo Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Happy 2011! Let's start off the new year by being organized and prepared. Please ask your child if they need new crayons, whiteboard markers, journal, etc. Also please make sure your child has their planner at school everyday. If not, they will have time off their recess. Treasure chest has begun. Students that have excellent behavior will be able to choose something from the treasure chest each week. We are learning about liquid measuring. Have your child draw you a picture of the goonie gallon. Don't forget to practice for speech meet on Tuesday, Jan. 18th. Thanks to Mrs. Schultz for coming in and working with the students. If you would like to volunteer, send in a note, with the time and day that you are available. It's going to be a great year. Ever want your child to learn to play the piano? Local Christian piano teacher, Sheila Krout has her cards available on the school bulletin board. **Blessings, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Welcome to our new 4th grader- Paul Myro! Congratulations to our Christian Character winner for December- Sydney Whitman. Outstanding job by Jeremiah and Justice on the Math by Mail competition. They will both be going on to the next round! Awesome!!! The 4th grade class enjoyed the Philharmonic concert. **Love, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Happy 2011 from 5th and 6th grade,
Our first week back after Christmas break started out with getting ready for the speech meet. Now we are all working hard on memorizing our words for the competition next Tuesday. We are proud of our classmate Joe. He made it round 6 of the District Spelling Bee. Wednesday we found out that Tara and Hannah won the Math Olympics for our class. Congratulations to them! It is great to be back at school, but we all miss McKenzie and Halle Bennett. Don't forget there isn't school on Monday for Martin Luther King Day! **God Bless, the Fifth and Sixth Graders and Mrs. Sullins**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL- Grace Christian Academy parents have a unique opportunity to participate in the education of their child by being a Parent Representative on our School Board. The Board is made up of three Grace Community Church members and two parents from the school. It is responsible for setting the policies which direct the education of our children both in the present and the vision of the future. At times, Board membership can be challenging, but it is always rewarding. The Board nourishes a close relationship between our sponsoring Church and our School. On January 24, parents will have the privilege of electing two parent representatives for 2011. Presently, we have not had any parents express an interest in serving. I ask you to prayerfully consider running for a School Board position. If you have any questions or need more information, please stop in and see me. **Love, Mrs. Harhay-Principal**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer family this week is the Key family. Please keep Landon and his family in your prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

1 John 4:21- "Whoever loves God must also love his brother."

Dates at a Glance:

Jan. 17- NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 18- School Speech Meet
Jan. 24- PTF Mtg. 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 25-School Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 18- District Speech Meet

PTF MEETING:

The next PTF Meeting is January 24 at 6:30 pm. The two Parent Representatives for our School Board will be elected at that time. If you are interested in serving on our School Board, please let Jennifer Spinkelink or Marcia Harhay know of your interest. Candidates are asked to provide a short resume describing their background. Please pick up Board Membership guidelines and turn in your brief background summary to the office by January 21. There is one vote per family, and a family member MUST be in attendance in order to vote.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, January 25, 6:30 pm in the Specialties classroom. Church members are Anne-Marie Carnes, Cheryl Vanier, and Linda Garrison. We are very grateful to Bill Bruninga and Holly Jeffries who have served as School representatives this past year.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

The classes are in a contest, *la competicion*, as they compete to find out which class remembers this semester's lessons the best. The first competition was listing vocabulary words they knew using the hints around the classroom. The second competition was flash card recall. There will be a third challenge which will require homework to be returned to class to earn points for their teams. Ask your student about his or her team, *el equipo*, and the assignment. In honor of the winning "el equip" (team) we will have a Fiesta Grande with grades 1-6 participating in Spanish games and treats on Thursday afternoon, January 27 from 1:20-2:20 pm. We need a few parents to volunteer to help with treats and supervision. Please call the office to volunteer.

Gracias,
Mrs. Douglass

PE NEWS:

This week we started our new unit on basketball! We will be walking over to the Recreation Center to use their facilities while the weather is chilly. A release form will be going home to be signed and turned in by Wednesday, January 19. We will be there for January and February. Students should continue to wear athletic shoes, bring a water bottle and dress appropriately for the weather. Thank you! **Love, Mrs. Melendez**

MUSIC NEWS:

Blessings, Mrs. Deen

ART NEWS:

For the months of December and January, we welcome Mrs. Tiffany Patton as our substitute art teacher. Mrs. Kariam will return in February. Assignments from Mrs. Kariam for January are as follows: Draw in ink (NO COLOR) horizontally a *NEW YEAR WISH*. Not all students requested or were required to have the small extra credit journal. Remember the small journal is for extra credit and one picture a month should be in it. Please remember to sign and date (BOTTOM RIGHT HAND CORNER). I miss you all- Happy New Year! Ms. K

COMPUTER NEWS:

The first and second grade classes have been working on an ABC powerpoint presentation. They will be printing the slides to create little books. Grades 3-6 will be discussing proper etiquette on the net. When communicating with someone online, it is important for the students to remember to use their best manners just as they would at school, or at home. Parents please check terms and conditions for sites that your children are visiting. Some sites have age restrictions.

Blessings, Mrs. Wood

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS:

Periodically, our students leave school for field trips or community performances. On those days, students will be required to dress in navy blue polo shirts and khaki slacks, skirts, etc. Parents will be notified in advance as to when community uniforms are required.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all those who supported our school through our Book Fair. A special thanks to Joie Murphy for all her time and hard work to make it such a success.

SPEECH MEET:

Our school speech meet will be on Tuesday, January 18. After the Christmas break, teachers will be distributing the materials to our students.

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE:

We have enjoyed having Halle and McKenzie Bennett at our school and pray that God continues to be with them and their entire family.

WELCOME!:

Please welcome Paul Myro to our Fourth grade class. We hope that Grace Christian Academy will be a blessing to him.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to our Math by Mail students. Back in November, our students in third-sixth grade participated in the ACSI Math by Mail contest. Several of our students scored well enough to compete in the Math Olympics at Lake Mead Christian Academy in March. Those students who are eligible are the following: Jeremiah Roach, Justice Tilman, Tara Spinkelink, and Hannah Hanson. Congratulations to all our students!

END OF SECOND QUARTER:

End of the Second Quarter and the First Semester is on January 28. Report cards will be given to students on Tuesday, February 1.

FUN FRIDAY:

Our next Fun Friday will be on Friday, January 21. More details will be sent home later.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER:

Christian character recipients for Nov.-
Dec. are the following:

Mackenzie Ford- K

Jack Ferrence and Alyssa Bryant- 1st/2nd

Sydney Whitman- 3rd/4th

Madison Myro- 5th/6th

Congratulations to all of our Christian
Character students who demonstrated
the Fruit of the Spirit here at Grace
Christian Academy.

COMPUTER NEEDED:

The school is in need of a new
computer tower for the 5th-6th grade
classroom, preferably something newer
and updated. We have the monitor,
keyboard, mouse and speakers...we
only need the tower (hard drive, etc). If
you have one that you would like to
donate, please see Mrs. Harhay or Mrs.
Sullins.

SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS:

It's time to begin thinking about science
fair projects. Students in grades 3-6 are
required to do a project. It is optional
for students in grades 1 and 2.