



GRACEFUL WINGS Jan. 22, 2010

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

In January the children enjoyed listening to the stories by Eggar Jack Keats. If you go to the public library invite your child to check out his/her favorite book by the author so you can read it aloud and they can listen to it again. February 1st we will drive to the UNLV campus to attend the performance of Harry the Dirty Dog. Our dismissal time that day will be around 11:45. On February 5th we will go to Mitchell Elementary school to have a vision and hearing test. Attached is the permission slip that requires your signature to have your child tested. Your children continue to bless me each day with their enthusiasm and excitement for learning! Have a relaxing weekend. **Blessings, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Hooray the students did wonderful reciting their poems and scriptures for the Speech meet. Thanks for working extra hard with them. Having Mrs. Townsend is a true blessing as she works with smaller groups allowing for even more individualized instruction. The students have been sharing their excitement about collecting money for the wells. On Thursday, January 28th the Boulder City Review will be coming to do a special article on their project. Please send in the water jugs, as we see how much we have raised in the first month. If you would like to take your child's jug to the credit union please return the form located in your child's planner. February will bring even bigger rewards as students work on Friendship, Charity and Responsibility. More info to come. **Happy New Year, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Third & fourth grade book reports will be due on Feb. 25th. Just tell us the story in 3 to 5 minutes. Please get your book approved as soon as possible. We'll be saying the Declaration of Independence on Feb. 18th! Please start now to memorize it! Report cards will be given out next week on Tuesday. Please sign and return the green copy. You may keep the white copy. Next week begins a new semester. We will be starting Science, but will continue memorizing the historical documents. Have a great weekend! **God Bless, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Great Job on the Speech Meet! Thank you parents and girls for all your hard work, this first semester of school has gone extremely well. Report cards come out on Tuesday, Jan. 26th. The first person book report has been moved to the middle of February, please have your books approved by Jan. 25th. Parents, please see me about the Carson City trip. Girls, keep working hard and trying your best. **God Bless, Mrs. Mraz**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Start spreading the news! Our school board has made some changes in the schedule for registration for the 2010-2011 school year. Beginning Monday, February 1st, parents who currently have their students enrolled at Grace Christian Academy and any siblings can begin re-enrolling for next year. Grace Community Church members can begin enrolling on February 16, and others in the community can begin the enrollment process on Monday, March 1st at 8:00 a.m. Throughout our history, we have concluded that the best way to advertise our school is through the parents who have had children attend Grace Christian Academy. If you have friends, relatives, colleagues, etc. who may be interested in G.C.A. please tell them about what we have to offer and invite them to attend our Open House on Thursday, February 25 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. You will soon be receiving more information about the upcoming registration. I look forward to having your family a member of GCA in the coming school year. **Love, Mrs. Harhay**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer family this week is the Hatch family. Please keep Joy and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Also, keep in your prayers Lois Bush. One of our school board members who will be undergoing surgery next week.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Romans 12:10
Love, each other...and take delight in honoring each other.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE:

Our annual Open House for prospective families interested in K – 6th grades is Thursday, Feb. 25 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Dates at a Glance:

Jan. 22 – End of 2nd Quarter
Jan. 25 – School Board Meeting 3:00 pm
Jan. 26 – 2nd Qtr Report Cards
Jan. 28 – Family Chapel 8:00 a.m.
Jan. 29 – ACSI District Spelling Bee
Feb. 1 – Enrollment for 2010 -2011
Feb. 1 – K -2nd Field Trip UNLV
Feb. 5 – Kindergarten Vision & Screening
Feb. 11 – Valentine's Day Class parties
Feb. 12 – Valentine's Day Bake Sale – BDCU
Feb. 12 – ACSI District Speech Meet
Feb. 25 – GCA K – 6th Open House
Mar 12 – ACSI Math Olympics
Mar. 29 – Apr. 2 Easter Break
Apr. 7 – Science Fair

FAMILY CHAPEL:

Our first Family Chapel of 2010 will be on Thursday, Jan. 28th at 8:00 a.m. Parents, grandparents, etc. are invited to join us as we gather together in worship. Pastor Graham of Grace Community Church will be speaking to us that morning.

P.E. (Basketball):

It has been an exciting 2 weeks in P.E. We are continuing our unit on basketball. 1st & 2nd graders are working on dribbling and passing fundamentals. 3rd – 6th graders are developing ball handling skills and proper shooting techniques. My plan for our P.E. program is to meet each students individual needs, interest and abilities, challenging each to do his/her best work. I use a variety of teaching styles that provide for creative learning to reach the whole child, spiritually, mentally, physically, socially & emotional growth. I am so grateful to work with your wonderful children. Thank You!

Mrs. Townsend

SPELLING BEE:

The district Spelling Bee is on Friday, Jan. 29 at Calvary Chapel Christian School, 7175 W. Oquendo Rd. Students should arrive between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. Our students will soon be receiving their name tag. Be sure to bring the name tag to the spelling bee.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

As we begin a new semester and a new unit, we will be adding vocabulary words for body parts and clothing. It will be fun to hear the students use these everyday words zapatos (shoes) and chaquetas (sweaters). Dios es amor. **Jana Douglas**

MATH OLYMPIANS:

Congratulations!

Sarah Estes Victoria Griess
Hannah Hanson Daniel Percival
Matthew Smith Tara Spinkelink
Tori Spinkelink Stephanie Yoxen

These students will be representing our school at the regional Math Olympics competition on March 12 at Lake Mead Christian Academy in Henderson.

REPORT CARDS:

Report cards for the second quarter will be distributed on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Please sign and return them to your child's teacher. If you have questions or concerns, make an appointment for a conference with your child's teacher.

HARRY THE DIRTY DOG PLAY:

Grades K – 2nd will be attending the play on Monday, Feb. 1 at UNLV. Kindergarteners will be dismissed at 11:45.

VALENTINES CARD POLICY:

In order to avoid hurt feelings, is a child brings Valentines to school, he/she should have one for each member of the classroom. Students who have friends in other classrooms may bring a Valentine for their friend, but they do not have to give a Valentine to each child in the friend's classroom.

VALENTINES BOXES (1ST – 6TH):

On Friday, Feb. 5th, students will be making their Valentines boxes for their class Valentine exchange. Students will need to bring a box to decorate and items with which to decorate it.

VALENTINES PARTY (1ST – 6TH):

Classroom Valentine's Day parties will be on Thursday, Feb. 11. Many of our students will be participating in the Speech Meet on Friday, Feb. 12, and we want them to be able to enjoy the party.

SCHOOL BOARD:

The next meeting is January 25 at 3:00 p.m. in the Specialties classroom. All parents are invited to attend.

SUNSHINE CLUB (BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM):

Fun Fridays have been a great time there were 10 students bowling we had a lot of fun at McDonalds. Thank you parents who helped drive. If anyone has any Fun Friday activity ideas please see me. We are looking forward to serving and providing a fun enrichment program for the rest of the school year.

God Bless, Mrs. Mraz & Miss Allie

2010-2011 ENROLLMENT DATE:

Beginning Monday, Feb. 1, parents who currently have your child/children enrolled can reserve a spot for the next school year. Information will be sent home.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Applications for 2010 -2011 will be available in our office in March. Those families who presently are receiving scholarships must re-apply for the coming school year. Those families who are members of Grace Community Church should contact the church for scholarship information.

2010 CENSUS JOBS:

For information check the website. 2010censusjobs.gov or call 1-866-861-2010.