



GRACEFUL WINGS *January 28, 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

We will end the month of January learning about life in Antarctica as we study about penguins. The long vowel sounds have been introduced to the children. From now until the end of the year we'll be reading words having the long vowel sound that follow....1) sneaky E rule and 2) when two vowels go walking rule. Children become good readers by reading, reading and reading more. Make listening to them a special time and offering lots of praise. Journal writing is letting me see great rewards as all the children can write a complete sentence to tell about their illustration. Great job Kindergarten friends! Conferences will be held next week. Please stop by the classroom to set up a time that's convenient for you. **Peace, Mary Jo Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Students are doing an amazing job in IXL math as they have answered over 20,000 problems on the I pads. Second graders are being challenged with remembering to borrow and carry in math. Most of our Flat students have left the country to visit different continents. Flat Alyssa and Flat Keifer will be leaving with Mrs. Albin's daughter, Haley, as she travels to Africa on a mission trip Feb. 5th-18th. Please keep her in our prayers. Bailey was returned to his original owner. We have a new class pet. Find out who it is and his name from your child. Next week the students will be watching a Stranger Safety movie. Protecting your child is so very important to Mrs. Albin. At conference she was able to attend a class called "A Quarter Blue", which covered a vast array of safety information. Educating and talking with your child is the biggest deterrent in helping to keep your child safe. Go to www.aquarterblue.org for more info. In February, our class will be focusing on becoming the best we can "Be". Look for the "Be" flyer coming home soon. **God Bless, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

The next 4th grade book report will be due on Feb. 25th. Please select a non-fiction book with at least 100 pages and get it approved as soon as possible. We will be decorating our Valentine's boxes on Thursday, Feb. 10th. Please have a box (shoebox size or smaller) to class by then. Our party will be Monday, the 14th. Our reading party for the 1st semester will be on Monday, Feb. 7th in the afternoon. We will not be leaving the campus. We made Valentine's for the troops again this year. Please keep them in your prayers. Report cards will be handed out on Tuesday, Feb. 1. Please sign and return the green card. You may keep the white copy. Have a wonderful weekend! **Love, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Greetings from 5th and 6th graders, Everyone did a great job at the speech meet. Congratulations to Joe, Tara, Hannah and Madison for being able to go on to the next round. Mid-terms have just been completed and we are relieved. During reading, we are working hard to improve our comprehension. In Music we have started to work on the Easter program. For Spanish the whole school had La Fiesta Grande. Yum, yum, it was wonderful! Thanks Senora Douglass. Don't forget that the valentine boxes are due on February 11.

Your Truly, the Fifth and Sixth Graders and Mrs. Sullins

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL- Last week you received information regarding registration for the 2011-2012 school year as well as my request that you prayerfully consider Grace Christian Academy as a continuing partner with you as you work to fulfill your responsibility for the education of your child. We consider ourselves to be an extension of your home and are dedicated to the principle that a balanced education is based on the Word of God. As with all schools, we encourage a child's growth mentally, physically and socially. But, we also emphasize a fourth dimension of a child's maturity- his/her spiritual growth. Those Godly principles your child learns while he/she is young sets the foundation for life. Proverbs 22:6-"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." **Love, Mrs. Harhay-Principal**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer family this week is the Calton family. Please keep Dillon and his family in your prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

1 Corinthians 13:4- "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."

Dates at a Glance:

Feb. 1- Registration for 2011-2012 begins and reports cards are distributed for grades 1-6

Feb. 10- Family Chapel

Feb. 11- Seven Hills

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Feb. 14- School Valentine Party

Feb. 14-18- Kindness Week

Feb. 17- School Board Mtg. 6:30

pm

Feb. 18- District Speech Meet

Feb. 21- NO SCHOOL

Feb. 24- Open House

Feb. 25- Play at UNLV Grades

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March 7- PTF Meeting 6:30 p.m.

NEW SCHOOL BOARD

REPRESENTATIVES:

Congratulations to Kenny Reinhart and Devon Tilman who were elected to the School Board as parent representatives serving for the next year. Thank you to all who attended and voted. Thank you also to all of those who ran for the positions.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

A new semester begins, and we will continue to build the vocabulary we have learned. Counting in Spanish is only the beginning! We will now use numbers to tell time, learn telephone and address numbers, plus do math facts! Keep encouraging your child to say words they know in Spanish and English.

**Muchos Gracias,
Mrs. Douglass**

PE NEWS:

Last Friday we finished our unit on Basketball. A big thanks goes out to the BC Recreation Center for allowing us to use their facilities and making the unit a success. Our next unit will be on Dodgeball. We will be playing many games that focus on dodging skills. We will still be at the BC Recreation Center for the next month. The students have done a great job representing our school and respecting their facilities.

Love, Mrs. Melendez

MUSIC NEWS:

We have started working on our new Easter musical, "Easter Praise Parade". Tryouts will be in 2 weeks. After that, I'll be sending home practice CD's.

Pray for us as we practice this awesome program.

God Bless, Mrs. Deen

ART NEWS:

Mrs. Kariam will return in February. Assignments from Mrs. Kariam for February are as follows:

Week 1-Each student will receive a paper bag. Close your eyes and feel what is inside. Do not look. Draw with black ink what you think the object is. Next, draw with color what color you think it is?

Week 2- You will find an object on your table. We will draw this inanimate object. Next we will turn our inanimate object into an animate object horizontally.

Week 3- We all know a triangle, square, rectangle and circle. Now let's be aware of what is around us.

Example- Let's draw something rectangle: A DOOR.

Week 4- Art Center-

Bring an old t-shirt with your name on it so you can leave it there.

REMEMBER: BRING YOUR JOURNAL! IT SHOULD HAVE YOUR DECEMBER ASSIGNMENT (CROSS DESIGN) IN IT! WE WILL BEGIN A CLAY PROJECT AND COMPLETE IT NEXT MONTH. LEAVE ALL JOURNALS WITH ME. I WILL BE GRADING THEM.

Thank you, Mrs. Kariam

COMPUTER NEWS:

The kindergarten class had a great first week in computer class!! I was just introduced to a new website that I would like to share with you. It is www.wegivebooks.org. This is a free website that has an online library of about 150 children's books. For every book that you read, a book will be donated to a literacy group. Please visit the site and check out the details.

Blessings, Mrs. Wood

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS:

The Graceful Wings publications the official means of communication between the School and its families. It is the responsibility of parents to read the Graceful Wings and be responsible for its content.

THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Patton for teaching art class in December and January. You did a fantastic job!!!! Thanks to Joie Murphy for facilitating the Scholastic Book Fair fundraiser. Thanks to Holly Jeffries and Bill Bruninga for serving as board members for the past year.

SPEECH MEET:

Congratulations to the winners of our school speech meet:

1st-Jack Murphy and Jack Ferrence

2nd- Anthony Wightman

3rd- Zaine Buettner and Landon Key

4th- Joel Mendoza and Paul Myro

5th- Joe McConnachie

6th- Madison Mryo, Tara Spinkelink and Hannah Hanson

These children were given the opportunity to go to the District Speech Meet in Las Vegas on February 18.

FUN FRIDAY:

Our last Fun Friday event at Boulder Bowl was awesome, all who went had a blast! Our next event will be Super bowl Friday on Feb. 4th. Students are invited to wear sports jerseys, team colors, etc. There will be team competitions, games, snacks and prizes! Cost if \$15 per student. Grades 1-6.

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.

FINANCIAL POLICY:

Students who tuition accounts are more than 30 days delinquent will need to make arrangements with the administrator to bring the account to date. All tuition balances must be up to date by the end of each quarter in order for the student to return for the following quarter.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Congratulations to the Calton family on the arrival of their new baby girl, Oaka Rae, born on January 18 at 9 lbs. and 20 inches long. Mom and baby are doing very well!!

REPORT CARDS:

End of the Second Quarter and the First Semester is on January 28. Report cards will be distributed for grades 1-6 on Tuesday, February 1. Please sign them and send them back to school. If you have questions, please make an appointment with your child's teacher.

FAMILY CHAPEL:

Although parents, grandparents, etc. are always invited to come and worship with us during chapel, our next designated Family Chapel will be on Thursday, February 10 at 8:00 a.m. Pastor David Graham of Grace Community Church will be teaching our children. We hope to see you there.

SEVEN HILL ORTHODONTICS:

Representatives will be at our school and give a presentation to all of our students on teeth and how to care for them.

REGISTRATION:

Registration for 2011-2012 for returning students begins on Tuesday, February 1. Siblings of current students may also register at this time. Registration fee for returning students is \$100 and for new students, the fee is \$140. Parents of new students should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and immunization record at the time of registration.

KINDNESS WEEK:

The week of February 14-18 has been designated as Kindness Week here at Grace Christian Academy. More details will be coming with our plans which aim to emphasize kindness at our school and beyond.

OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

A volunteer is needed to fill in on Friday, February 18 in our school office. This would include lunch duty from 11:30-12:15 and picking up hot lunch at Pit Stop at 11:15. Please see Becky if you can help.

VALENTINES FOR TROOPS:

Our students are again being given the opportunity to provide Valentine's for our troops overseas. Some of our classes are participating in this project here at school, but it may also be something that you would enjoy doing with your child at home. If you make them at home, please have them to your teacher by February 4th.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

In Chapel, Pastor Graham has challenged our students to learn the 10 Commandments. In chapel, we would like to have a poster made and displayed in order to help us learn them. If you would like to help, please let our office know. We have a copy of the information that was given to the children by Pastor Graham.

SPORTS TEAM DAY:

Friday, February 4th will be Sports Team Day for free dress. Students are encouraged to wear shirts, hats, etc. supporting their favorite sports team. It can be a professional college or recreation center teams.

NOTE FROM BILL:

School board greetings! Like many of you who already do so much volunteering, it has been my pleasure serving on the school board the past year. As many of you know, I encourage you to get involved with the school board, either attending meetings or perhaps seeking to be a member during one of the years of your child's enrollment – you should be a part of the decisions and direction of your school. I like how Craig Sheeler, one of the founding members 10 years ago, said

they made the school the way they wanted it - likewise, all of us can take the same ownership every year. As such, congratulations to this year's newly elected school board members - please support their efforts to continue improving and making our school in Boulder City the best possible! A big thank you to the outgoing board members - we accomplished a lot over the past year. Thanks also to our wonderful school staff for the care and heart you put into our children – we appreciate you! All the best for a successful 2011! Bill Bruninga, 2009-2010 Board Chair.