



GRACEFUL WINGS Jan. 8, 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

Happy New Year! This week we welcomed Jack, a new student from Arkansas. We are so happy he has joined our class. Next week we will begin to go to the computer room on Wednesdays with Mrs. Estes as the instructor. The children are being introduced to the long vowel sounds. They will be 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, load, weed, seem. Continue to listen to your child read. Thank you for your support in helping your child become a confident and successful reader. **Blessings, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Welcome back! The students have written their New Year's resolutions, so be watching for greatness to appear. Reading minutes and speed drills are back in action. Book orders will be due Jan. 15 or you can order online. Water jugs can begin to fill with coins at home or ask a business to help support us as we "Dig Deep to Dig Wells" for fresh drinking water. We are so blessed to have our basic needs met every day. **Happy New Year, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Happy New Year! We welcome our new student, Jerrod, to GCA. We are happy he has joined us. The 3rd graders will no longer have assigned homework pages to read; but, instead they will begin having book reports, like the 4th graders. Their first book report will be due on Feb. 25th. They may choose a book to be approved with at least 80 pgs. (100 pgs. for 4th graders). This may be fiction, biography, etc. This will be an oral book report where they'll just tell the story to the class in 3-5 minutes. If you have any questions, please see me! The next memorization for the Great American History Award will be part of the Declaration of Independence. It will be due Feb. 18th. Copies will be sent home next week. Have a great weekend! **God Bless, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Welcome back! Thank you for all the hard work you have put in thus far. Please keep working hard – it pays off. The semester ends on Jan. 22nd. We will be continuing to sell hot cocoa on Wednesday's. Parents, let's try to meet in January about the Carson City field trip. The speech meet is January 20th. Please practice your speech at home; it will be here before you know it! Science Fair project ideas are due Wed. Jan. 20th. **God Bless, Mrs. Mraz**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Out of the Mouths of Babes! During our first chapel of the New Year, we discussed the meaning of the term "resolution" and decided that a "New Year's Resolution" meant that we would try to do better in some area. I asked the students what resolutions we could make in order to make our school better. They offered their suggestions and we talked about how these changes in behaviors or attitudes would benefit our school. I had my summary all prepared but decided to call on one of our first graders. She succinctly summarized the entire lesson with her suggestion for our resolution – "Be nice to God and other People." We have adopted this as our resolution for 2010. We'll check in a few weeks on how we're doing. May God Bless you in 2010! **Love, Mrs. Harhay**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer family this week is the Melendez family. Please keep Mrs. Melendez in your thoughts and prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

May God who gives patience, steadiness and encouragement help you to live in complete harmony with each other – each with the attitude of Christ toward the other. Romans 15:5

SCIENCE FAIR:

Grades 3rd – 6th science fair project ideas are due Wed. Jan. 20th. Projects must be an experiment. We do have Science Fair project books available for ideas. Also, the library has a great selection of books, too. Have Fun!!!

Dates at a Glance:

Jan. 11 – School Board meeting 3:00 p.m.
Jan. 18 – No school Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 20 – Speech Meet & Science Fair Ideas
Jan. 22 – End of 2nd Quarter
Jan. 26 – Report Cards
Jan. 28 – Family Chapel 8:00 a.m.
Jan. 29 – ACSI District Spelling Bee
Feb. 12 – Valentine’s Day Bake Sale – BDCU
Feb. 12 – ACSI District Speech Meet

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.

MUSIC:

We watched the Christmas program during music classes this week and enjoyed seeing everyone’s performance. Next week we’ll be listening to our Easter program.

God Bless, Mrs. Deen

SPEECH MEET (1st – 6th):

All of our students have chosen their selections for our Speech Meet on Jan. 20. The Las Vegas District meet is on Feb. 12 at Mountainview Christian School. We are able to send 1 student per grade per category.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

As the new Spanish teacher, I look forward to sharing my enjoyment of learning Spanish with the students of GCA. My goal is to make learning a new language fun. I confess I do not speak Spanish fluently or with a perfect accent, but with a teaching degree in Elementary Education, years of taking classes, including college level and conversational classes, plus my faith in God’s guidance, the students & I will explore the Spanish culture & language together during our ½ hour weekly lessons. Next week we will be introduced to Peru. I encourage you to ask your student to share the weekly words & lessons with you. Please contact me through the school office with any questions. I look forward to meeting you all. **Jana Douglas**

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE:

Today was Danielle Melendez’s last day as our P.E. teacher. We have all learned from her during the 5 years she has taught at our school. We wish her well as she now begins her student teaching. She will be missed and we wish her well.

WELCOME NEW GCA STAFF:

Next week, we welcome Mrs. Shannon Townsend as our new P.E. teacher and Mrs. Jana Douglass as our new Spanish teacher. God has provided us with two wonderful new staff members who are excited to begin their ministry at our school.

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES:

We have had several new students enroll at GCA this new calendar year. We welcome Zaine Buettner to Mrs. Albin’s class, Jack Ferrence to Mrs. Zapolskis’s class, and Jerrod Anderson-Sommer to Mrs. Deen’s class. We are excited to have these children, their parents, and grandparents to the Grace Family.

P.E. CLASS (1ST – 6TH):

Our students are going over to the B. C. Rec. Dept. gym for basketball on Monday & Wednesday during the months of January, February and March.

Attached is the B.C. Rec. Dept. liability form for your completion. This form needs to be returned in order for your child to participate in P.E. on Mondays and Wednesdays. Thank You.

SCHOOL BOARD:

Congratulations to our School Board representatives for 2010. They are Cindy Blatchford and Bill Bruninga. We appreciate Sue Smith’s service on the Board thank her for her services and dedication.

SUNSHINE CLUB (BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM):

Welcome Back! Please take a look at our new calendar that came home this week, we offer many enrichment activities for your child/children. Feel free to use our services if you have an appointment or errand

God Bless, Mrs. Mraz & Miss Allie

THANK YOU’S:

A Huge expression of thanks to:

- Christmas Shoppe workers
- Refreshment providers for Dec. activities
- Donators of candy canes
- Francyl for leading our caroling
- Mrs. Deen, Mr. Patton and students for a terrific Christmas program
- Prayer chain members who pray diligently throughout the year
- Drivers to B.C. hospital and the Philharmonic

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER:

November recipients

Keifer Reinhart -- Kindergarten
Lola Mendoza -- 1st – 2nd
Taylor Blatchford -- 3rd – 4th

SPELLING BEE WINNERS:

Dillon Calton -- 1st Grade
Landon Key -- 2nd Grade
Jeremiah Roach -- 3rd Grade
Victoria Griess -- 4th Grade
Marybeth Bruninga -- 5th Grade
Stephanie Yoxen -- 6th Grade