



# **GRACEFUL WINGS** Oct. 2, 2009

**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 celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday with a fun art activity, made an apple book, learned how apples grow and enjoyed a yummy apple treat. During phonics we are blending sounds together. For example, ta, te, ti, to, tu. A different consonant is substituted at the beginning of the blend until we've been introduced to all the consonants. The children enjoyed an excellent presentation during the week on "Sun Safety in Nevada" stressing the use of sunscreen and protecting our body with proper clothing. On October 1 we headed to the Fire Station for a field trip. We were very excited to listen to the fire fighter tell us about life in the station. We look forward to a busy October in the classroom and the beautiful season of autumn. **Peace, Mrs. Zapolski**

## **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE**

First and Second graders learned about fire safety on their field trip to the fire station. They also had the opportunity to have lunch with the Graceful Ladies from the church. The ladies shared their faith and the children blessed the widows as they sang Amazing Grace and them cards. Do you like pizza? Do you like to read? Watch for the flyer next week on how to earn free pizzas by reading books. A special thanks to all the parents who volunteer their time and resources to enhance our classroom experience. You are wonderful and appreciated!!! Abbi Matthews has shown outstanding Christian Character by always listening, being kind to others and working her hardest in class.

**Blessings to You, Mrs. Albin**

## **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

We really enjoyed our first "Sun Safety" meeting and look forward to the second one in Nov.! Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade book reports were awesome! Our next History test is Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, over chapters 3 & 4. The third grade has started our multiplication tables testing. They all passed the 0's, 1's & 2's on the first try. Next Wed., Oct. 7 we'll be having a test on the 3's! Please practice at home. This is a timed test that must be passed! Keep up the good work!

**God Bless, Mrs. Deen**

## **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

Thank you to Jeremiah's family for the large donation of root beer and to our families who have brought in the root beer float items throughout September. It is truly a blessing. **Supplies for root beer floats are full so please disregard the October calendar.** Great job on progress reports and all your hard work during this quarter. Please have your non-fiction book approved. Your book report will be a poster about your book due Oct.30. More details will be sent home soon. Have a wonderful 2 weeks. **God Bless, Mrs. Mraz**

## **NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

During the past couple of weeks, we have been having quite a few children who have become ill. On behalf of the staff & all our families, we appreciate all of you thoughtful parents who have kept their children home throughout the duration of the illness and have expressed their concern about not having others at school become ill. We are working here at school to reduce the spread of germs. We have encouraged our children to wash their hands after using the bathroom as well as before eating at recess and at lunch. Our custodian cleans desktops and door handles each evening. Our classroom each have cans of Lysol available for our teachers to use. Again, thank you all for your kind consideration of all our families and staff.

**Love, Mrs. Harhay**

## **PRAYER FAMILIES**

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

## **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8

## **UNIFORM REMINDER**

For the field trips to the Laura Ingalls Wilder play & to the Community College, students are to wear navy blue polo shirts and khaki bottoms.

## **Dates at a Glance:**

Oct. 6 – Field Trip (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) Comm College  
Oct. 12 – School Board Meeting 3:00 pm  
Oct. 14 – All Family Picnic 11:30  
Oct. 19 – 23 Country Store Week –  
Oct. 28 – Laura Ingalls Wilder play (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)  
Oct. 30 – Bake sale at the credit union  
Nov. 2 – Sun Hat Day & Sun Safety Program  
Nov. 3 – 4 Parent Teacher Conferences  
School dismissed at 12:00 (1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)

## **WELCOME:**

We welcome Gunnor Myro and his family to Grace Christian Academy. Gunnor is a member of our Kindergarten class.

## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:**

Thank You! Besides our regular students we have had a lot of drop ins. You all have made our program a big success. October activity schedule went home this week. We hope you have talked about and maybe planned on joining us. I know we are very excited about it. The drop in rate is \$10.00 per hour. Also, we sent home information about our Sunshine Club which is before school care (7:00 – 7:45). See Mrs. Mraz or the office for more information

God Bless, Mrs. Mraz & Miss Allie

## **UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS:**

Grades 3 – 6 will be attending the Laura Ingalls Wilder play on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at UNLV. If you are available to drive please contact your child's teacher or office.

Grades 1 – 6 will be walking over to the Community College building on Wyoming Street for an interactive program on Hoover Dam on Thursday Oct. 6.

## **HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT:**

Attendance: A Kindergarten student will be considered present for the day if the student is at school for at least 2 ½ hours. A student in grades 1 -6 will be considered present for the day if the student is at school for at least 4 hours. If a child arrives late or leaves early, it is the parent's responsibility to record the times in the attendance book in the office.

## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS:**

If you have an item you would like put on the school board agenda, please let Marcia Harhay know at least 3 days ahead and provide a written description of the item.

## **ALL FAMILY PICNIC:**

Please join us on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 11:30 in the park by the Gazebo. Pack a lunch and meet us at the park.

## **SPANISH NEWS (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>):**

¡Bueno padres! This week in Spanish we worked with color words. Homework to reinforce these vocabulary terms is page 13 for all classes. Next week we will begin learning words for family members. Homework due the week of Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> will be page 17. Thanks for your support, enjoy your weekend.

En Cristo, Señorita Barth

## **PASTOR APPRECIATION:**

Pastor Appreciation month is October. Pastor David Graham of Grace Community Church has faithfully led our chapel each Thursday morning both last year and this school year. He is an active supporter of our school, and we appreciate all the help and encouragement he gives GCA.

## **MUSIC:**

The drama scripts were handed out this week. Thanks to everyone for your great attitude in accepting the part you were given! This is going to be so much fun working on this program. Letters will be sent out telling each child (& parents) what part you received & what costumes you need to get. Thanks for your cooperation.

Love, Mrs. Deen

## **SUN SAFETY HAT DAY:**

As a follow-up to our Sun Safety program presented by the Nevada Cancer Institute, we will be having a special "Hat Day" on Monday, Nov. 2. Students are asked to wear a hat to school which would provide maximum protection from the sun's rays. If a student does not have this type of hat, he/she is invited to create one of their own. Those students participating will have a free dress day. Students not participating should dress in uniform.

## **COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER:**

It is that time of year again. We are doing our annual cookie dough fundraiser. It starts today and forms and money is due back to school on Oct. 26. Checks are made payable to Grace Christian Academy. Cookie dough will be delivered the week of Nov. 16. We will notify you when our delivery day is confirmed. Happy Selling.... For every 10 items you sell, you will get an entertainment book.

## **COUNTRY STORE CHANGE:**

Country Store is now scheduled for Oct. 23 – 24. There will be no school from Sept. 19 – 23. Families who will be taking a vacation during the week of Oct. 12 – 16 should fill out a pre-arranged absence form for their child.

## **COUNTRY STORE:**

If you have not already turned in your Country Store volunteer form, please do so on Monday.

Also, If you have items you would like to donate to Country Store bring them by October 12.

## **SCHOOL NEEDS:**

We are in need of a DVD player if someone has an extra one that they would like to donate.

We need to replace one of the file cabinets in our office. If you have one which has a lock and would like to donate it, please call our office.

## **GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH:**

A new Grace Community Church service starts Sunday, Oct. 4. It will be from 6:00 – 6:30 pm in the Chapel with a time of fellowship in Fox Hall. Youth group begins at 6:30 pm.

## **THANK YOU:**

The Boulder City Republican Women have made a donation of 20 copies of Webster's Thesaurus for students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades. This is part of the Barbara Bush Literary Program.