



GRACEFUL WINGS Oct. 30, 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

During November we will be learning about Native Americans, Pilgrims and the story of the First Thanksgiving Feast. In math we're using pennies to count to 50 and dimes to count to 50. We celebrated Nevada Day singing the state song and eating cake formed in the shape of our state. Many thanks to Sam and Toby's mom for her baking creativity. **Many Blessings, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

First and second graders are kicking it into high gear by blending special sounds and vowels to improve their reading skills. Many are earning free pizzas by keeping up with their reading minutes. Hooray for them! Washing hands before snack and lunch is helping to keep us healthy. Book orders will be due Friday, Nov. 6th. Every nine weeks the students will be moving desks to make new friends. It is also a time to check on any missing school supplies. Keep up the great work! **Blessings to You, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

A big welcome to our new student – Sydney! We're so glad you're here at Grace! Parent conference notes were sent home on Tuesday. Please fill out and return the bottom portion as soon as possible. Please contact me if you can't make the scheduled time! I'm looking forward to seeing all our parents. The third grade is reading a novel, "The Pilgrim Boy", for the next few weeks. No pages will be assigned for homework while we are reading this novel. The next history test will be a "take home" test. Students may use their books. This test must be turned in by Nov. 13th and will be counted for extra credit. The next 4th grade book report is due Dec. 4th. Please choose a fiction book with at least 80 pages and get it approved. More details in the next Wings. **God Bless, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Welcome back! We have just completed our 1st quarter of school. Parent/teacher conferences and report cards are scheduled for next Tuesday & Wednesday if you receive a time that doesn't work for you please let me know and we can reschedule it. Please note that school is over at noon each day of Parent Teacher Conferences (11/3 & 11/4). The Laura Ingalls Wilder play was dynamic. Thank you for all who participated in this field trip and thank you to the parents for driving. This is a very busy time of year please watch for notes, Graceful Wings and your child's planner to keep informed. **God Bless, Mrs. Mraz**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today ends the first quarter of the 2009-2010 school year. Although it seems to have flown by, the weather reminds us that the hot days of summer are over and fall is here. Next week, parents in grades 1 – 6 have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher. This is a wonderful time for you to express your concerns, ask questions and thank them for their dedication to your child as they serve Jesus Christ. If you wish to meet with a specialty class teacher, please let me know, and I can set up an appointment for you. Our teachers welcome communication with you not only at scheduled conference times, but also throughout the school year. **Love, Mrs. Harhay**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer families this week is the Breeden family. Please keep Sam, Toby and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Let us know love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. I John 3:18

WELCOME SYDNEY

This week we welcomed Sydney Whitman to Mrs. Deen's class. We pray that our school will be a blessing to Sydney and her family.

Dates at a Glance:

Nov. 2 – Sun Hat Day & Sun Safety Program
Nov. 2 – PTF meeting 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 – 4 Parent Teacher Conferences
School dismissed at 12:00 (1st-6th)
Nov. 9 – Veterans Day Chapel Celebration
Nov. 10 – Mojave Desert Artist Presentation
Nov. 19 – Thanksgiving Feast 11:30
Nov. 23 – 27 – School is not in session
Nov. 30 – School board meeting 3:00 p.m.

SUNSHINE CLUB (BEFORE SCHOOL) & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

The morning program has been a great success, and is open to anyone who needs it. The cost is \$7.00 from 7:00 – 7:45 or \$3.00 from 7:30 – 7:45.

Wow! What great fall activities. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed this time with us. Please watch for our activity calendar to come out next week.

God Bless, Mrs. Mraz & Miss Allie

PTF MEETING:

Our first Parent Teacher Fellowship meeting will be Monday 11/2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Specialties classroom. All parents are invited to attend.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT:

Cel Phones: Cel phone use by students on the school campus is prohibited during school hours. Cel phones should remain in the backpack, out of sight, and off during school hours.

MATH BY MAIL:

Students in grades 3 – 6 will be participating in the Annual ACSI Math by Mail competition. Students who do well are eligible to compete in the Math Olympics in March 2010.

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.

PARENT TEACHER

CONFERENCES (1st-6th):

Conferences are scheduled for Tues, 11/3 & Wed. 11/4. Teachers have sent home conference schedule information. Please see your teacher if you have conflicts with the scheduled time. School dismisses at noon for grades 1 – 6 and there is no hot lunch.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

¡Hola padres! This week in Spanish we learned a <<verdad biblica>> (“Bible truth”) that reminded us that we should glorify God because He made us and He takes care of us. In addition, we went over the <<dias de la semana>> (“days of the week”); please ensure that your child completes page 21 for homework. Next week we will be reviewing content from the beginning of the school year through now. Students should complete page 35 after we meet next week. Thank you for your support, as always!

En Cristo, Señorita Barth

VETERANS DAY CHAPEL:

To honor our Veterans, on Mon. 11/9 we invite family & friends of our students who are veterans of the U.S. military to our 8:00 a.m. chapel. If any veteran would like to come in uniform, that would be a great experience for our students. Our children will be singing a special song which honors each branch of the U.S. military.

MUSIC:

Please practice drama parts! Our first rehearsal is Monday, 11/9. Solo parts will be announced next week! Keep practicing those songs. **Love, Mrs. Deen**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

Our next school board meeting is on Monday, Nov. 30 at 3:00 pm.

OFFICER KRUMM’S VISIT:

Officer Krumm’s visit has been rescheduled for Friday, Nov. 13. Parents are welcome to join us as he speaks to our students about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

ACSI SPELLING BEE:

If you have not already received your list of spelling words for the annual ACSI Spelling Bee, your child’s teacher soon will be sending them home. Our school spelling bee will be in December, and the Las Vegas District Spelling Bee will be in January.

MOJAVE DESERT ARTIST:

On, Tuesday, Nov. 10, Sharon Schaefer, Boulder City Artist and naturalist, will be presenting a program to grades 1 – 6 at 10:00 a.m. on plants and animals of the Mojave Desert.

THANKSGIVING:

Our annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 11:30. Parents are invited to join us in this yearly tradition. You will soon be receiving more information which includes an opportunity to sign up for what your family would like to provide.

There is no school the week of Nov. 23 – 27. The teachers will be in Anaheim for the ACSI convention at the beginning of the week and we will be celebrating Thanksgiving at the end of the week.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Please add Sydney Whitman to your school directory.
699 Blue Lake Dr. BC, NV 89005
293-6364 (Mom – Wendy)
604 Valencia Dr. BC, NV 89005
293-6970 (Dad – Wendell)

SCHOOL NEEDS:

Battery charger for “D” batteries for the lantern in the 1st & 2nd grade classroom.

A DVD player if someone has an extra one that they would like to donate.

File cabinet with a lock for school office. If you have one to donate, please call our office.

THANK YOU:

Also, thank you to those who baked and volunteered time for the Bake Sale. All proceeds are for Ann Zapolski who is undergoing a bone marrow transplant.