



GRACEFUL WINGS *October 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.



KINDERGARTEN

The children are blending with confidence in their Blend books. They continue to read words like bēt, gēt, jēt, lēt, and mēt. They are very excited about learning to read! In math we are counting pennies in rows of 10 to 100 and then putting the pennies in bundles of 10 so we can count to 100 by 10s. This week I introduced addition math facts using popsicle sticks to solve the problems – so fun! Today everyone is bringing home some facts they have learned about Nevada. Take time to let them share what they know and sing Home Means Nevada. Enjoy the cool weather this weekend. **Blessings, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Nevada Day celebration will be on Monday. Please bring a pumpkin and things to decorate it to school on Monday. Costumes should represent Nevada history. Candy is also needed – preferably wrapped in silver or gold. IXL minutes have been reduced to 75 minutes have been reduced to 75 minutes. As the weather turns cooler please remind your student to wear their jackets and always wash their hands to help them stay well. November 4 is the last day to turn in books read to earn a free book for these past 9 weeks. A special thanks to Mr. Hoyer. Spelling test have been all As for the whole class with his excellent help! **Blessings, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE



Pumpkins! Pumpkins! Pumpkins! Monday, October 31st, we will be decorating pumpkins. Please bring a small pumpkin and any decorations you would like to use to dress the pumpkin up! Most everyone did an awesome job saying “The American’s Creed.” Our next memorization will be a portion of the “Gettysburg Address,” which will be due November 28th. Papers will be sent home. Our next history test will be on Monday, October 31st over chapters 1 through 7. This will be an open Book review test. On Tuesday, November 1st, the 3rd graders will have a test over the novel Pilgrim Boy. You may want to look over previous chapters over the weekend. On Thursday, November 3rd, the 4th graders will have a test over the novel Saved at Sea. Please read over any chapters you missed. On November 8th and 9th, we will have half days of school in order to have parent conferences and hand out report cards. You will find enclosed in your child’s green folder a schedule for your conference. Please return the bottom portion to let me know if you can attend or if you need a different time. Thanks for your cooperation! **Love, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Greetings from 5th and 6th graders! Hope you had a great week off. This week was Red Ribbon Week and we talked about how illegal drugs are bad for us. We all completed and presented our cell project which was fun and we learned a lot about how a cell functions. We are also learning facts about Nevada and we will celebrate our state’s birthday on Monday. Don’t forget to dress as a Nevada Day character and bring a pumpkin to decorate! Besides that, we need to remember that our book reports are due on Monday and we need to prepare for next week’s science test.

We’ll catch ya’ later, The 5th & 6th graders and Mrs. Sullins



FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

October 24-31 has been designated as the Red Ribbon week for 2011. It began in 1988 to honor DEA agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena who was killed in the line of duty in 1985. By wearing red ribbons during the last week of October, Americans show their opposition to drugs. This year at Grace Christian Academy, we have hung our sign “God answers prayer, drugs don’t” and our students have tied red ribbons around our campus. This year our school scripture goes so well with the goals of Red Ribbon Week. I Corinthians 6:20 – Christ has paid the price for you. So use your bodies in a way that honors God.

Love, Mrs. Harhay – Principal

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:

*I will lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:1 – 2*

PRAYER FAMILY:

Jeffries

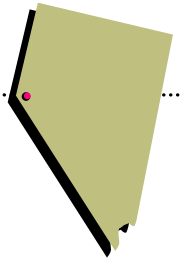
Our Prayer Family this week is the Jeffries.
Please keep Natalie, Jamie and Mikey and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

DATES AT A GLANCE:

October 31	Nevada Day Party
November 3	PTF Meeting at 2:30
November 4	End of First Quarter
November 8 – 9	Parent Teacher Conferences (grades 1 – 6)
November 8 – 9	Classes dismiss at 12:00 noon (grades 1 – 6)
November 16	Math by Mail (grades 3 – 6)
November 16	Expansion Committee Meeting at 1:30
November 17	Thanksgiving Feast at 11:30 (all grades)
November 17	School Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
November 18	Bake Sale at Boulder Dam Credit Union
November 21 – 25	NO SCHOOL

Celebrate Nevada Day! 1864 – 2011

Capital: Carson City
State Flower: Sage Brush
State Animal: Desert Bighorn Sheep



COMPUTER NEWS:

The 1st and 2nd graders will begin to learn the basic functions of the keyboard. They all have mastered the use of the mouse. The 3rd through 6th graders are continuing to work on keyboarding and they have also learned the page set up and the Word Art formatting tool. It is amazing to see the students share their knowledge with their fellow classmates of what they know about computers in our class.

Blessings, Mrs. Estes

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

A teacher's greatest desire is to see the student's enthusiasm for the subject being taught. I have been blessed and encouraged by the students' enthusiasm this first nine weeks. The students will bring home their first bilingual reader next week to share with the family. Enjoy! ¡ Te bendiga!
God bless you! **Señora Douglass**

MUSIC NEWS:

The children are sounding great! Keep practicing at home! Drama speakers should have the 1st 2 scenes memorized.

God Bless, Mrs. Deen

END OF FIRST QUARTER:

November 4th is the end of the first quarter. Parent Teacher conferences for children in grades 1-6 will be on November 8 & 9 (Tuesday and Wednesday). School will dismiss at 12:00 noon those days.

FROM MRS. MELENDEZ:

Art – This week we ended our unit on drawing portraits. We learned about artists who were famous for creating life-like portraits. Our last artists we learned about was Masaccio. We studied his painting “Profile of a Young Man” and did our best to draw our own profile pictures. Everyone did a great job! We also studied Leonardo di Vinci’s “Mona Lisa.” It was a lot of fun! Next unit we will build on our own portrait unit and start learning about figures.

P.E. – This week we began our unit on soccer! This is the first sport unit of the year. It is exciting because many of the students are currently playing on a team. Monday we will not have PE due to all the Nevada Day activities.

HELP WANTED:

A volunteer is needed on Wednesdays Thursdays and Fridays to monitor our gate from 7:45 – 8:00 a.m. If you are interested in this position, please see Mrs. Harhay in the office.

NEVADA DAY:

October 31 is Nevada Day and class will be in session. We will be celebrating our statehood with a Nevada Day celebration. Students in grades K-6 are asked to dress in costumes reflecting early Nevada. These include cowboys, cowgirls, miners, pioneers, Native Americans, circuit preachers, etc. Do not send children in typical Halloween costumes such as devils, monsters, skeletons, vampire, etc. Also, no toy weapons should be included as part of a costume. Gold and silver wrapped candy is needed on October 31 as part of our Nevada Day celebration we will include our traditional hunt for gold and silver. Candy can be brought to the office anytime before the 31st.



Additionally, on Monday, October 31st, students will be decorating pumpkins as part of our Nevada Day celebration. Students are asked to bring a small pumpkin and articles with which to decorate it to school. Pumpkins will NOT be carved on that day.

COUNTRY STORE:

Thank you to all those who helped with Country Store. Your help is always appreciated.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE

MEETINGS:

The **PTF** will have a meeting at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, November 3rd. The **Expansion committee** will be meeting on November 16th at 1:30 p.m. and the **School Board** will meet on November 17th at 6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST:

Each year, the Grace Christian Academy family celebrates Thanksgiving here at school with our annual potluck feast. Parents and siblings are invited to celebrate God's blessings to us on November 17th at 11:30 a.m. in the church basement. Each family is asked to provide a dish to share for the meal. Sign-up sheets are available in our office. Help is needed to set up and clean-up.



UNIFORMS:

Beginning November 1, boys should wear their Lands' End long pants on Thursdays and for field trips. Girls may begin wearing white knee socks or white tights with their uniform skirts. Students may also wear a white long-sleeved t-shirt under their uniform polo shirts and for field trips as well. Also, during cold weather, students may wear a white, navy or forest green turtleneck Monday – Wednesday. If a student chooses to wear a sweater in class, it should be solid navy, white or forest green in color. Students are not permitted to wear jackets in class.

PTF KICK-OFF:

The PTF will be having a kick-off meeting at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, November 3rd. We would like to accommodate all parents and therefore will be switching from afternoon to evening meetings every other month. Additionally, we will send updates to those interested in what was discussed and planned in each meeting. We are also hoping to add a page to the GCA website with PTF details. We hope all parents can try to attend at least one PTF meeting this school year.

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

PRESIDENT:

The next board meeting will be November 17th at 6:30 p.m.. Please consider coming and taking part in the school's plans. I will be sending home an agenda beforehand so parents and staff are informed of what we plan to discuss that night.

A Bake sale is planned for Friday, November 18th at the BDCU. There is a sign-up sheet in the school office to volunteer. Please see Helga Shultz to help. All proceeds will go towards our "new computers" fund!

Volunteers are working hard to get our Parent Teacher Fellowship up and running in full force. If you haven't volunteered for a committee – it's not too late. We can NEVER have enough great volunteers like our GCA parents!

Please plan to join the school family on November 17th for our annual Thanksgiving Feast. It is a wonderful time to get together with each other and show our gratitude to the Lord for all he has given us. Truly, we are blessed.

DON'T FORGET

FRESH & EASY REBATE:

GCA is now collecting Fresh & Easy grocery store receipts until December 31, 2011. For each \$20 in receipts we submit, our school will receive \$1. Receipts can be brought to our office at any time and put in the envelope on our bulletin board.

HOT LUNCH:

Just a reminder - there is no hot lunch when school is only in session for half days.

PTF COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

STILL NEEDED:

Thank you to those who have so graciously accepted positions on PTF committees. Without your time and talents, GCA would not be the wonderful school that it is. We are still in need of a few committee leaders, including: Staff Appreciation, Classroom Needs & Technology (sub-committee of Fundraising) and also a Membership chair. If you think you could help in one of these capacities, see Joie Murphy for a short description on what each committee does.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE:

The P.E.O. Chapter K presents their annual holiday boutique on November 19th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Boulder City Senior Center. Proceeds help to provide scholarships for local women.



HOLIDAY COMPETITION & FAIRE:

A Gingerbread House completion and Holiday Faire will be held Friday, November 25, Saturday, November 26 and Sunday, November 27 at the BC Recreation Center. Times are from 3:00 -9:00 p.m. (Friday), 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Saturday), and from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Sunday). Flyers and a few free tickets are available in the school office.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT –

Academic Probation:

Students who do not maintain a C average in the major subjects of Reading, Language, Mathematics, History, Bible, and Science/Health at the end of a quarter may be placed on Academic Probation. These students will be required to meet with the teacher, the school administrator and their parents to develop an academic improvement plan. Failure to comply with the agreed upon academic improvement plan may result in dismissal from Grace Christian Academy.