



GRACEFUL WINGS *October 7, 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

During phonics we have begun to blend a consonant and a vowel together. For example...ma, me, mi, mo, mu. We substitute the beginning consonant letter sound as we progress in The Blend and Word Book. Beginning next week the book will be coming home as part of the evening homework. It's very important the book is returned in their folder each day. Firefighter Reinhart gave an excellent presentation to the children on fire safety. Ike Pappas dressed up in Mr. Reinhart's fire gear and looked mighty fine! We are learning important fact about the state of Nevada and we will be celebrating Nevada's birthday on Monday, October 31st in Kindergarten. **God Bless, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Christian Character awards went to Makayla Sylvis and Keifer Reinhart. Both students are respectful, kind, work hard in class and are super listeners. Field trip to PETCO will be Wednesday, Oct. 12. Please wear school uniforms. Bring in car seats or boosters if needed. B.B. King will be visiting our classroom during our study of fish in Science. What an exciting week it has been writing letters, beading bracelets and making picture frames for our pen pals in Zambia, Africa. We have been learning how fortunate we are for all the freedoms and blessings we have in our country. Gratitude will be our word of the week – have your family share 10 things they are grateful for over this next week! **We are Blessed, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

The fourth grade book reports were awesome!! Our next book report is a biography, 100 pages. Please get your book approved by October 12th. You will make a poster, including a large picture of your character, a one page report, and 2 hand drawn pictures illustrating the story. See me if you need poster paper. Third & Fourth graders - We will be saying the 1st Amendment on Monday, October 10th! If you haven't returned your progress Report, please do so. Parents, please note that the 3rd graders will not be bringing home "assigned Reading pages," for awhile. We're reading a novel and all the reading will be done in class. There will be a test over the book at the end. If you are ordering from the Book Orders, they're due on Tuesday, October 11th!! Our next history test will be after Country Store on Tuesday, October 25th, over chapters 5 & 6. We'll be saying the American's Creed on October 25th. Please study. **Love, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

School is going great! Last week we presented our poems for our first book report and the fifth graders also read poems that they wrote. The main highlight for this week was our field trip. It was about the history of Hoover Dam. We enjoyed all five of the stations that we did. While we were there we learned about why and how the dam was built, the average life for families' living here during that time and present day facts about the dam. In Bible, we are learning about storing up treasures in Heaven and not on earth. Today we presented our biome dioramas. Next week we will have a history and math test. Our book report (long form) is due at the end of October. **Blessings, The students in Mrs. Sullins class and Mrs. Sullins**



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

This week, we had our first opportunity to wear our "official" school uniforms as we all went on our field trip to the Boulder Dam Hotel. The students and staff all looked great and others could recognize us as a particular school. There were students from Martha P. King elementary school there also having our students in uniforms made it much easier to our staff to always be aware of the location of our children. I also appreciate the fact that with a field trip on Tuesday and chapel on Thursday, parents needed to be sure that dress uniforms were available for both days. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Love, Mrs. Harhay – Principal

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:

Our scripture this week is I Corinthians 6:20, chosen by our students and staff.

*Christ has paid the price for you. So use your bodies in a way that honors God.
I Corinthians 6:20*

PRAYER FAMILY:

Goodfellow

Our Prayer Family this week is the Goodfellow's.
Please keep Olivia and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

DATES AT A GLANCE:

October 12 - Uniform Committee meeting - 6:00 p.m.
October 12 – School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. (*CLOSED*)
October 14 - Classes dismiss at 12:00 noon - grades 1 -6
October 17 - 21 - No School - Country Store
October 31 - Nevada Day Party

MUSIC NEWS:

Drama parts have been handed out and we will start drama rehearsals after our Country Store Break! CDs will be handed out next week. Love, **Mrs. Deen**

COMPUTER NEWS:

The students are having fun and working hard in Computer Class! The creativity is coming out in the 1st & 2nd graders as we finish up learning the paint programs. 3rd - 6th has finished learning the correct way of keyboarding the home row keys. We work on keyboarding throughout the year as practice makes perfect.
Blessings, Mrs. Estes

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

Now that we have learned our ABCs in Spanish, we are going to be reading! The students have been exceptional in their eagerness to learn Spanish. They are overcoming their reluctance to speak. Your encouragement is greatly appreciated. Coming home soon will be their first bilingual reader entitled ¡Que Veo!
Amor y gracias, Señora Douglass

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 that day.

FROM MRS. MELENDEZ:

Art – We are starting our new unit on Portraits. We were introduced to Thomas Sully's "The Torn Hat" and did our own version. We focused on the proportions of the face.



The Torn Hat, Thomas Sully

P.E. – Our new unit for the next two weeks is on chasing, fleeing and dodging activities. This is always a fun unit as most of our favorite childhood games fit into this category.

A SNACK SHACK THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the families that have donated snacks over the last few weeks. Your donations are appreciated by our hard-working (hungry) kids!

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.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER:

Congratulations to our Christian Character students for the months of August and September. They are the following: Ike Pappas, Makayla Sylvis, Keifer Reinhart and Josh Larson. These children present themselves as role models for us all.

EARLY DISMISSAL:

Country Store dismissal for grades 1-6 on Friday, October 14, classes will dismiss at 12:00 noon. There will be no lunch period that day.

UNIFORM COMMITTEE MEETING:

Uniform Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, October 12, at 6:00 p.m. All parents are invited to attend. Your input and suggestions are welcome.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

At 7:00 p.m., immediately following the Uniform Committee Meeting on Wednesday, October 12th; however it will be a closed meeting to finalize by-law changes that need to be presented to GCC by October 23rd. The board asks parents to hold suggestions and concerns until November meeting.

YOU'RE INVITED:

Grace Community church invites you to visit their Sunday School. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them." Matthew 19:14. The goal of their Sunday School is to give the children foundational Bible truths through each lesson that they can apply to their lives. Sunday School connects all of God's people with God's Word so God's Spirit can change each of us from the inside out. EACH CHILD SHOULD SHINE! Sunday school classes and nursery are available at the 8:00 am and 9:30 series. Looking forward to hearing from you. Contact Francyl Garwyn at 469-2342, Director of Youth and Children Ministries or Pamela Erskine at 358-2850, Chair, Christian Education. Email info@bc.grace.org

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.

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD**PRESIDENT:**

The next board meeting will be October 12th at 7:00. This will be directly after the uniform committee meeting; however this board meeting will be closed. The only matter at hand is finishing our by-laws to present to Grace church. We ask that all other parent concerns or suggestions wait until our Nov. 17th meeting.

Next week, Oct 10-14, the BCHS cheerleaders will be hosting their cheerleader camp at the high school from 3:00 TO 4:30, a flyer went home today explaining the details.

A Bake sale is planned for November 17th and 18th at the BDCU. Please see Helga Shultz to help. All proceeds will go towards our "new computers" fund! Lastly, thank you to all the parents and families who have offered their volunteer services! It is such a vital part of our school's success, not to mention the valuable influence our children receive. Working together for God, we place our children in the best environment in Boulder City! Let us continue to come together with our fabulous teachers and students to raise Jesus high!

MOM'S IN TOUCH:

This international group focuses on gathering moms together to pray - specifically and spiritually for our children and schools. The local group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Hope Baptist Church, 850 Avenue B, in Boulder City. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

COUNTRY STORE:

This year in order to give the Church more time to set up for Country Store, students in grades 1 - 6 will be dismissed at 12:00 noon.

There will be no hot lunch that day. School will not be in session from Monday, Oct. 17, through Friday, Oct. 21.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with Country Store. Your names have been given to Cheryl Vanier who is in charge of the book department. There is still time to volunteer; just call Cheryl and let her know when you are available.

VON'S e-SCRIPT:

GCA receives funds through the Von's e-script program. It is easy to link your card to the program. For details, check with our bookkeeper, Jennifer Spinkelink. For those families who already participate, you must renew your participation during the month of October. This will ensure that we will continue to earn money. Thank you.

KEEP COLLECTING, PLEASE!

Please keep collecting Aluminum cans for recycling for our newest fund raising project. We encourage you to collect cans at home in a bag and bring them to school the last Wednesday of the Month. We will take them into Henderson for recycling at 58 cents per pound. This is a great way for us to not only recycle, but to raise money for our school. The first collection will be due October 26th. A great, B-I-G THANK YOU to Mrs. Matthews for offering to crush the cans and deliver them to the recycling center!