



GRACEFUL WINGS *November 12, 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

Thank you for your generous donations of canned goods to share with those in need that live in our city. In math, we are beginning to count to 100 using pennies and with nickels by 5's. The children continue to do well in the blend books- thank you for reinforcing this important reading skill at home. During our Bible time this week, we have been acting out the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den which has been lots of fun. See you on Monday! **Love, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

First and Second graders got a behind the scene look at how the Post Office runs. They mailed their 'flat people' to 13 different states. Please give a call to confirm your flat person arrived and reminding them to have them back to Grace by the end of November. The students will be measuring stuffing and decorating a 'fluffy person.' We are in need of pillow stuffing, buttons, felt, material, especially white muslin by the end of November. Remember the spelling, phonics and math test will be given Nov. 24th. This will give students extra time to earn top grades. (2nd grade spelling word correction-brok is spelled brook). Thank you parents for being the thermostats in your home by setting the standards for your child's life! **God Bless, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Great job on book reports 4th grade! I really enjoyed all the parent conferences. Thanks for setting aside that time to come to school, parents. All the report cards were awesome! Great job students! This year our class will be hosting a special project to help get toys for children who may not have toys at Christmas otherwise. Our goal is to collect 50 new toys by December 10th. Please bring your unwrapped toys to the 3rd/4th grade room anytime between now and December 10th. Other grades are encouraged to help us reach our goal. We have discussed how important it is to help others, even if we have to sacrifice ourselves. This will be a great learning experience for us! Math by Mail competition is on Tuesday, November 23rd. This is during school time. Keep practicing the Spelling Bee lists also! Have a great weekend and time off while the teachers are at the ACSI Convention next week. **God Bless!, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

On Nevada Day we went to the Hoover Dam Museum, at the Boulder City Hotel. While we were there we learned about how the people lived, did some hands on activities and saw a movie. Afterwards, we went to Grandma Daisy's. Back at school we had fun with Nevada Day dress up, the costume and pumpkin competition and the Gold Rush. Last week a new student named Madison Myro joined our class and she is so awesome. Parent-Teacher conferences were successful and we received some great suggestions for becoming top notch students. This week Joe received the Christian Character award. Presently, we are practicing a cool Thanksgiving program with the Kindergartner's. We can't wait to present it to everyone at the Thanksgiving Feast. The following activities are coming up: Math by Mail- November 23. Spelling Bee- December 7 and book reports- December 8. We need to be preparing for all of these activities. **The Fifth and Sixth Graders and Mrs. Sullins**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I love to hear the prayers of our students in chapel. As my heart delights in their simple prayers, I think about how much joy they must give to God. Common themes for our younger children are the wonders of nature, while our older students are thankful for family members. And, all pray for beloved pets to our listening God. Our Lord is one who desires a personal relationship with us. This Thanksgiving, I would hope that each of us would come to our God with a thankful heart. I wish you a very blessed Thanksgiving.. **Love, Mrs. Harhay-Principal**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer family this week is the Tilman family. Please keep Justice and Ella and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Please also keep Linda Garrison and her family in your prayers. She is the Chairman of the Church Council.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Psalm 100:4 "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name."

Dates at a Glance:

Nov. 17-19-No School- ACSI Teacher's Convention

Nov. 22- School Feast 11:30 Church Basement

Nov. 23-Math by Mail Grades 3-6

**Nov. 23- School Board 6:30 pm
Specialties Classroom**
Dec. 7- School Spelling Bee
**Dec. 10- Community Caroling at
12:30 pm.**
**Dec. 14- Christmas Shoppe in
Church Basement**
**Dec. 15- Christmas Program
7:00 pm Fox Hall**

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

The next School Board Meeting is November 23 at 6:30 pm in the Specialties Classroom.

THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR PARENTS:

The Feast will be on Monday, Nov. 22 at 11:30 am in the church basement. Parents are invited to join us as we celebrate all the blessings God has bestowed upon us. There is a sign-up sheet in the office for RSVP's and for food that you would like to bring. Please RSVP and sign-up for food no later than **November 15th**! Please no last minute RSVP's. Thank you so much and hope to see you there!!

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

Happy Thanksgiving - *Feliz el día de acción de gracias!*

I hope the students are enjoying the Spanish Work Pages sent home last week. When Spanish class resumes, Dec. 2, it will be time to think about Christmas. One of my favorite charities is the **Foundation For His Ministry** which supports children's homes and Christian ministries in Mexico. In order to involve the classes in the spirit of Christmas giving, I asked the students to **complete** and **return** the Work Pages to earn a "Responsibility Buck" for which I will donate \$1.00 to the Christmas Giving Project of the Foundation For His Ministry. Please explain to your child that by doing their work, they can help others.

**Gracias,
Mrs. Douglass**

P.E. NEWS:

Everyone did a great job last semester! Congratulations to those who earned Christian Character and Honor Roll awards! We ended our soccer unit last Friday and have started our new unit on

Football! We will be building on what we've been learning about offensive and defensive strategies with a focus on teamwork. This will lead right into our next unit on Teamwork and Leadership.
Love, Mrs. Melendez

MUSIC NEWS:

We are beginning extra rehearsals now for the Christmas program. Your child received a practice CD and a letter explaining what part they have in the program and what they need to wear. Please encourage your child to practice at home. Time is short! Thanks!,**Love, Mrs. Deen**

COMPUTER NEWS:

Time is going too fast. I sure missed seeing the 3rd-6th graders this week due to conferences. Next week we will continue our graph project on Excel. Then, all grades will be working with a paint program to create holiday pictures. I pray that you have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. I am extremely grateful this year to be here at GCA. **Blessings, Mrs. Wood**

ART NEWS:

This month we will be seeing with more than our eyes!
Week One Project: You will have four sheets of paper in front of you. I will describe four different scenes. You will draw them horizontally.
Week Two Project: You will draw something or someone you are THANKFUL for. (BE THINKING)
Week Three: (NO SCHOOL).
Week Four: Art Center- A surprise!

ACSI SPELLING BEE WORD LIST:

The ACSI Spelling Bee list for grades 1/6 is available at www.acsi.org/Students/StudentActivities/tabid/591/itemid/159/language/en-US/Default.aspx
The password is SPELL1011*wds.
We will not be distributing printed word lists to each student. If you need a copy, please let your child's teacher know. The Spelling Bee in Las Vegas will be January 7. Our school Spelling Bee will be in December.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS:

Now that the weather is turning cooler, students may wear turtleneck shirts to school on uniform days, as long as the turtleneck is of school colors.

GRACE GEEK NEEDED:

We are looking for a parent to be our resident "Grace Geek" that we can call upon when we have technology questions or problems. Please let our office know if you are interested.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT GCA:

The office of GCA is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant, part-time. You may pick up an application in the school office.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE:

Christmas Shoppe will be December 14. Each year, our students (all grades) have an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their family members. Each item is priced \$1.00. The items for the Christmas Shoppe are from the generous donations of gently used items by our families. Donations can be brought to our office. If you would like to help that day, please contact Holly Jeffries.

WORKSHOP ON MONEY MANAGEMENT:

Jana Douglass (Spanish Teacher at GCA) will be the facilitator of a four week workshop held at Faith Christian Church, beginning this Saturday, October 30, 10am-11:30am. It's titled "GOD'S WILL AND MONEY MANAGEMENT: IN GOD WE TRUST". As each week covers a different topic, you are not required to attend every class.
OCT.30- Beliefs about Money
NOV. 6- Budgeting to know your needs
NOV. 13- Blessings through giving
NOV. 20- Beginnings of a new plan.
Bring your Bible, notebook and willing spirit! Call Jana for more information- 293-5245.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

AWARDS:

Congratulations to our Christian Character recipients for October! The following students received their certificate and award:

Angelo Palumbo- K

Abbi Matthews- 1st/2nd

Emily Rinella- 3rd/4th

Joe McConnachie- 5th/6th

MATH-BY-MAIL:

Students in grades 3-6 will be competing in the first level of the Math Olympics on Tuesday, November 3. Answer sheets are scored at ACSI in Arizona and results are returned to us in January. Students eligible for the next level of testing at Lake Mead Christian Academy on March 18, 2011 will be notified after the first of the year.

QUARTERLY WINGS:

Each fall we send out a newsletter to those who may be interested in our school. If you know of someone who may be interested in receiving it, please give us their name and address and we will gladly send them a copy.

SPELLING BEE:

Our school Spelling Bee will be the morning of December 7. The Las Vegas District Spelling Bee at Lake Mead Christian Academy will be January 7.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING:

On the afternoon of Friday, December 10, we will go Christmas Caroling around Old Town Boulder City. We encourage students to wear Christmas sweaters, shirts, scarves, etc. We will be passing out candy canes to those we meet. If you would like to donate candy canes, please bring them to the school office. We could also use a volunteer to help tie the tags on the candy canes.

KATY GRAHAM:

Some of you may be interested in the travel and work of Katy Graham, daughter of Pastor and Linda Graham. If so, her blog is

www.InAfricaToday@blog.spot.com.

CAREGIVER NEEDED:

Mindy Matthews is looking for a.m. care on Nov. 17-19 for her 2nd grader, Abbi. If you can assist her, please contact her at 445-9136.