



GRACEFUL WINGS

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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

This past week the children enjoyed acting out the Bible story of Samuel. They took turns being Samuel, Eli and God and truly took ownership to the Bible verse Samuel 3:10. Today the children will bring home Book 1 *I learn to Read*. For homework, have them read pages 3-5. They should continue to stretch out the sounds and then read the word the fast way. The children are learning that the words **the** and **a** are sight words and they need to put the words in their memory bank. Each day we are illustrating a picture in our Thankful Book focusing on the many blessings God has given to us. The books will be sent home next Friday so they can be shared with family on Thanksgiving Day when you give thanks with a grateful heart for your many blessings. **Peace, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Rejoice always, pray continually. Give thanks in all circumstances. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18a. We have so much to celebrate in life, and yet even the challenges are there for a reason. I try to remember to ask God, what are you trying to team ME! I am grateful for the uniqueness of each child in my class. Although I am their teacher, each day I learn something from at least one of them. And on how they make me smile and bring joy into my life. May this nine weeks be the best ever. May we have thankful hearts as we gather together as a school family at our Thanksgiving Feast next Thursday. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. **May the Peace of the Lord be with you, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Thank you parents for attending your conference! I really appreciate your taking the time to meet with me! We've started our 2nd quarter. Everyone starts with straights As! You're such a blessing! We'll be having our "Math by Mail" competition next Wednesday, November 16th. Every student will participate. I'm sending home test "examples" so you can see what the tests are like. These do not count on their math grades. It's a great experience and good practice. Next Thursday is our Feast! Please sign up in the office if you plan to come. We'll be saying the "Gettysburg Address" on Monday, November 28th. Please practice and be ready!!! Our next history test will be on Tuesday, November 29th, over chapter 10. Our Christmas Project to help others this year will be collecting things to keep people warm this winter. We'll be collecting NEW gloves, hats, scarves and bags of socks. Please bring as many as you can to help those less fortunate. We will collect through December 13th. This is the beginning of a very busy time of year. Stay caught up each day with your work so you don't get behind. Have a great weekend! **Love, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Last week we had a blast with Nevada Day dress up, the costume and pumpkin competition and the Gold Rush. Mrs. Sullins was impressed with the creative job we did decorating our pumpkins. Parent-Teacher conferences were successful and we received some great suggestions for becoming topnotch students. This week Joel received the Christian Character Award Presently we are practicing our Thanksgiving program with the kindergarten class. We can't wait to present it to everyone at the Thanksgiving Feast. The following activities are coming up: Math-by-Mail, November 16th, first-person book reports due November 30 and the spelling bee in December. We need to be preparing for all these activities.

Mrs. Sullins and her 5th and 6th grade students

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

As Thanksgiving approaches, it gives us as Christians a special opportunity to reflect on God's many blessings to us. The Pilgrims endured many hardships as they arrived on our shores in order to build a community in which they could worship our God in the manner that they desired. This religious freedoms was incorporated by our Founding Fathers as they established the government of our country, and it continues today. This Friday, Americans have an opportunity to thank our Veterans for protecting all our freedoms including that of freedom of religion. So, this Friday, please thank a Veteran.

God Bless, 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:

Our Prayer Family this week is the Locke's.
The Locke families are members of Grace Community Church.
Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

DATES AT A GLANCE:

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

COMPUTER NEWS:

If your child has computer time at home, he or she can practice keyboarding skills with these fun games. Go to typingtest.com and click on the typing games tab. He or she can play typing games – home row, bubble typing game, alphabets a-z or key bricks typing games. They will be difficult for 1st and 2nd graders and challenging for 3rd-6th. **Love, Mrs. Estes**

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, we are thankful for our families. The next bilingual reader will be "Mi Familia Es Muy Querida" (My Family Is Special). The students will be illustrating the book. ¡ Dios te bendiga!
Señora Douglass

MUSIC NEWS:

We are learning our parts, singing and dancing and having a great time in music. Your children are such a blessing!
In Christ, Mrs. Deen

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.



FROM MRS. MELENDEZ:

Art – In art, we will be continuing our figure art by learning about artists like Francisco Goya and others. Students will learn correct proportions in drawing human figures.

P.E. – Everyone did a great job with our soccer unit! Our next sport will be football! We will be learning how to throw a football about offense and defense and be playing some mini football games!

REMINDER – UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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.

BAKE SALE:

Our fall bake sale will be on Friday, November 18, at the Credit Union. All proceeds will go towards the technology upgrade that is in progress. Workers and bakers are needed. Please sign up in the office.

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

PRESIDENT:

Happy November to all our GCA families and children! With it being the month of thanksgiving, I extend my deepest thanks to our awesome school family! It is a blessing for my family to be here and I thank you all for keeping our school a safe, loving, Christ filled environment for our children to learn and grow! Please remember that the board is here for any concerns or compliments or questions. It is a much more effective process if we hold to our parent conduct guidelines, and keep any playground chatter free of gossip, allegations, and negative comments! Christ showed us a more peaceful way of communication and problem solving that will continue to be our model at school. Thanks again for all the support of our great school, I am proud to be a small part in this large ministry! Remember that our next board meeting is November 17th at 6:30 pm. The agenda for that meeting will include looking at the budget for a paid playground supervisor, expansion committee progress, changing some wording in handbook language, planning our next fundraiser, holidays, and computers! If you have any expertise or suggestions to help us, please email me at tilmanlaw@cox.net or join us at the meeting. Keep an eye out for a questionnaire coming home on the direction of uniforms for next year. We will consider your suggestions and be talking uniforms at the December meeting. Thank you all for collecting cans! This is a terrific way for us to recycle and earn cash! This is continuous throughout the year, so keep on collecting! Collection bags and an explanation letter will be sent home next week thanks for your time and patience! - Devon