



# GRACEFUL WINGS *December 2, 2011*

## CHRISTMAS EDITION

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 week, our class welcomed Mrs. Tilman as our guest teacher on Thursday and Friday. We worked on our 80's family in math and reviewed the other families. The weather at the end of the week certainly reminded us of winter as we began to learn some winter songs and worked on our journals. In Bible, we've talked about friendship as we learned about how two friends in the Bible, David and Jonathan, helped each other. We will be excited to see Mrs. Zapolski again on Monday, but we loved the timewe spent with Mrs. Tilman! **Love, the Kindergarten Class**

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE

Let's give a cheer – December is here! We are working in high gear as the teacher and students know the holidays are near. The school will be collecting mittens and other warm items to hang on the tree in the chapel for those less fortunate. And, even though we will be going caroling and practicing for the Christmas program, please remind your child to stay focused and work hard academically. Can you say the books of the New Testament? As your child to “rap” them to you!

**Blessings, Mrs. Albin**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Don't forget to bring your donations of socks, hats, gloves, scarves and blankets next week! Instead of toys, we chose to collect things to help children stay warm this year. The last day to donate is December 14. We will be drawing names this next week for our “secret” gift exchange in the classroom. Gifts should be around \$8.00 We'll open them on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> at our Christmas Party! We have a History test next Wed., December 7<sup>th</sup>, over Chapter 11. We have a Health test on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, over chapters 1-3. The Spelling Bee is December 7<sup>th</sup> – everyone participates! Hope you've been studying. We won't have a regular spelling oist next week – we will practice the “Bee” list! Don't forget to bring money on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Shoppe. Everything is one dollar! Progress reports will be sent home December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Have a wonderful Christmas Season! Love, Mrs. Deen**

### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE

Greetings! We all had a great Thanksgiving and now we are gearing up for Christmas. This week we started the Jesus Advent lessons and Mrs. Sullins put a Christmas tree up with colored lights. We also had some visitors to our classroom. They were Gandhi, nurse Florence, Laura from Little House on the Prairie, President Obama, Babe Ruth and Bethany Hamilton. It was fun learning their life stories. If God answers prayers, it will snow! In history, we are learning about the brave people that first settled in America and by the way, they never ate turkey at the First Thanksgiving! Our new book report has been assigned, so we need to get our books approved. We also need to get our parts for the Christmas program memorized.

**God Bless, Mrs. Sullins & Class**



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Those teachers who went to the ACSI teachers' convention last week in Anaheim, California, had a wonderful three days as we had some time together to learn, share, and just have a good time. On Sunday, we took a workshop entitled “Think Again” presented by Christian Overman, one of the founders of Worldview Matters. As we became aware of our need to understand the role of a biblical worldview in our own lives, it also became paramount in our minds that we have a responsibility to instill this in the lives of our students. This advent season, as we again look at the miracle of the birth of our Savior that first Christmas, we realize that it forms the foundation for all we teach our students. How truly privileged we are to offer this to your children through our Christian school. May the miracle of Christmas touch your hearts this Christmas season. **Merry Christmas! Mrs. Harhay**



Look at the Candy Cane  
 What do you see?  
 Stripes that are red  
 Like the blood shed for me  
 White is for my Savior  
 Who's sinless and pure!  
 "J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure!  
 Turn it around  
 And a staff you will see  
 Jesus my shepherd  
 Was born for Me!

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:**

*Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievance you may have against one another.  
 Forgive as the Lord forgave you.  
 Colossians 3:13*

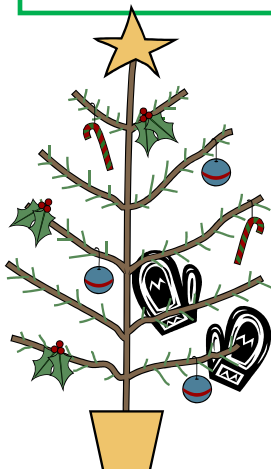
**PRAYER FAMILY:**

**Ariotti**

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

**DATES AT A GLANCE:**

Senior Center Concert (grades 1-6)	December 5
Spelling Bee	December 7
School Board Meeting	December 8 – 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Shoppe	December 9
Progress Reports	December 12
Last Day of Mitten Tree	December 14
Christmas Caroling (grades 1-6)	December 15
GCA Christmas Program	December 15 – 7 p.m.
Christmas Class Parties & ½ Day of School	December 16
Church Cantata	December 16
Classes Resume	January 3



**CHAPEL CHRISTMAS TREE:**

This year, our tree decorations will be mittens, gloves, hats, etc. All donated items will be distributed through the Boulder City Emergency Aid. The last day to donate will be December 14.

### **SPANISH NEWS (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>):**

As the Christmas Season approaches, I always count my blessings and your students are certainly that to me – blessings. Have a very merry Christmas and New Year!

**Feliz Navidad, Señora Douglass**

### **MUSIC NEWS:**

Just a reminder!!! Everyone is to dress in long, dark pants, and Christmas-y shirts for the program. I will provide any costumes or props that are needed for the Christmas Program. The program is on **Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Fox Hall! It's going to be great! **Love, Mrs. Deen**

### **FROM MRS. MELENDEZ:**

**Art** – We have just finished our first self-portrait! Students were to draw a full-body portrait of themselves with their favorite pet just like the portrait of “Don Manuel Osorio” by Francisco Goya.



*Don Manuel Osorio, by Francisco Goya*

**P.E.** –Students did a super job with our first two sport units, football and soccer! Now we are onto our Leadership and teamwork unit where we will learn what it means to be a part of a team. For the month of December, we will be outside for PE unless the weather is rainy, snowy or too windy. So please send a jacket with your students. Also, keep bringing water bottles even though weather is cooler.

### **DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE:**

Discounts are available for GCA parents, students, faculty, and staff for Office 2010 Pro Plus or Office for Mac 2011 from Micro/EDU. The retail values are from \$279 - \$599 and both are available for \$99.00 during this promotion that ends December 31, 2011. To order, go to: [www.paragonmicro.net/acsi promo](http://www.paragonmicro.net/acsi promo).

### **BAKE SALE SUCCESS:**

Thanks to all of you who baked and bought from our bake sale and of course those of you that sat in the windy afternoon to “man” the sale. The profits of \$565 will be used in our computer lab and our classrooms to update our internet technology. If you find you're missing a tray, there are several from the bake sale in our office.

### **ANAHEIM CONVENTION:**

Our teachers who attended the Anaheim convention had a wonderful time. Thank you to all who provided our “goody bags” and made it possible to have a wonderful dinner at the Outback while we were in Anaheim.

### **SINGING AT SENIOR CENTER:**

Students in Grades 1-6 will be singing at the BC Senior Center on Monday December 5. They may dress in Christmas sweaters, dresses, Santa or reindeer hats, etc.

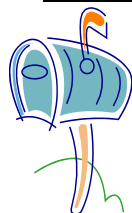
### **CHRISTMAS SHOPPE:**

Students will have an opportunity to buy gifts for their family members. All gifts are \$1.00. Donations of new or gently used items are still needed. Wrapping paper, ribbon, gift bags, etc. are also needed. Items should be brought to school by Dec. 8.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING:**

Thursday, December 15, students in grades 1-6 will be singing at the BC Hospital Long Term Care Unit. Drivers are needed to transport students to and from the hospital. We will leave school at about 9:30 a.m. At 12:30, students will be going caroling through Old Town Boulder City. We are asking for donations of candy canes to pass out to people we meet along the way. All candy canes should be brought to our office by Wednesday, December 14. Students may wear Christmas outfits on December 15 for these two events. The Christmas program has been moved to that evening at 7 p.m.

### **NEW MAILING ADDRESS:**



Our mailing address has changed. It is now 512 California Avenue. (Boulder City, Nevada 89005)

### **FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD**

#### **PRESIDENT:**

Happy December to all our GCA Families! Thank you so much to all the moms and dads volunteering around school! Our school is such the better place because of your support and dedication! For those interested in joining us, the next board meeting will be Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. This meeting was moved from the regular third Thursday spot to make room for our fabulous GCA student Christmas performance on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup>. Agenda will include: budget planning and calendaring next year! As we move into a new year, please start to think about yourself on our GCA Board. After a vote in the October Meeting, the current board voted to change the term of the Board to the regular school year. This means the current Board has agreed to remain on through this school year. Elections will take place early in 2012 and the new board would start the summer of 2012. We have worked hard this past year to make this volunteer position as easy as possible, not to mention great conversation and sometimes snacks!! Please pray about your involvement on the 2012 board! We need you!!

**Thanks for your time and patience!**

-Devon



#### **GRACE GIVES BACK:**

Please consider taking a two hour shift to ring the bell for the Salvation Army next Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. As a Christian school, we want to give back this Holiday season and what a wonderful way to do so – helping those less fortunate! There is a sign up sheet in the office.

#### **GRACEFUL WINGS 2011 :**

This is the last issue of the Graceful Wings for 2011. The next issue will be on January 13, 2012.