



GRACEFUL WINGS February 11, 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.

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KINDERGARTEN

We had an excellent presentation today about the importance of good dental hygiene and eating a healthy diet. Just a reminder that we will be driving in private vans on February 25th to see the performance on the UNLV campus. We should return to campus around 12:00. Parent conferences went well. The children are working hard to be ready to enter 1st grade. **God Bless, Mary Jo Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Science Fair will be coming soon. Our class will be doing a class project together. If your child would like to do an individual project, please stop by and see me for the paperwork. If your child has not returned their "Be" paper, please bring it to school on Monday. Our class has been working on "Being Kind" to each other. We talked about how bullying, even name calling, is opposite of being kind. Bullying is never allowed at school. Mrs. Albin challenged, especially the boys, to be Heroes by standing up for others. Valentine's Day party will be Monday afternoon. Love One Another!! **God Bless, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Congratulations to Justice Tilman, our Christian Character winner for January. Monday is our Valentine's Day Party. Please bring valentines for everyone in the room, if you are sharing valentines. Our last history test is Tuesday, the 15th, and is over pages 192-239. We will be starting Science next Friday. As our class science project, we will be collecting 10 items and displaying them on a board. Each child should have their collection here by April 5th. You may choose to collect flowers, seeds, leaves, rocks, or insects, but be sure all 10 are different! Please label each item after you have collected it from nature. Please do not buy anything. Each child will also be required to do a science experiment for the Science Fair on April 7th. Please find enclosed in your child's folder the rules for all projects and a pack to be completed and displayed with their project. I need to know the name of their project on March 4th. Please start early- don't wait until the last minute. Next week will also be a special week. We will be focusing on "kindness" in all our chapel lessons. God bless you and have a great weekend. **Love, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Happy Valentine's Day from 5th and 6th.

Our party is on Monday. Don't forget to bring your valentines. We will be having games and refreshments after we open our cards. The speech meet is on February 18th. Don't forget to practice Tara, Hannah, Madison and Joe. Guess what's coming up? Our character book reports (Feb. 25)!! We sure hope everyone does a great job. On March 18th the Math by Mail winners will be going to Lake Mead Christian Academy. Good luck Tara and Hannah who will be representing our class.

Your Truly, the Fifth and Sixth Graders and Mrs. Sullins

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL- On February 24, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. we will be having our spring Open House for both current families and those who may be interested in joining the Grace Christian Academy school family. We have realized over the years that the best advertising that we can do is through the recommendation of our present families. I would urge you to talk with your friends at your church, your neighbors, and the parents at your child's sporting events about what Grace Christian Academy has to offer. We are state licensed, have degreed teachers, offer academic excellence and training in Christian values and morals. If you know of families who may be interested in receiving more information about our school, please let our office know, and we will send them a packet of information. Happy Valentine's Day. God is Love! 1 John 4:8b **Love, Mrs. Harhay-Principal**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer family this week is the Werkema family. Please keep Samuel and his family in your prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Deuteronomy 6:5- "Love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your strength."

Dates at a Glance:

Feb. 1- Registration for 2011-2012 begins and reports cards are distributed for grades 1-6

Feb. 10- Family Chapel

Feb. 11- Seven Hills

Orthodontist

Feb. 14- School Valentine Party

Feb. 14-18- Kindness Week

Feb. 17- School Board Mtg. 6:30 pm

Feb. 18- District Speech Meet

Feb. 21- NO SCHOOL

Feb. 22- Presentation by Lois Bush on Antarctica

Feb. 24- Open House

Feb. 25- Play at UNLV Grades K-2

March 1- Registration for 2011-2012 begins for new families in the community.

March 7- PTF Meeting 6:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To Pastor David Graham of Grace Community Church who celebrated his birthday on February 10. Also, to Grace Community Church which celebrates its 79th birthday this month.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

I am very proud to announce this semester's project to collect coins for the outreach ministry of "The Foundation for His Ministry" in Vicente Guerra, Mexico. \$12 will provide a care package, *una despensa*, to mothers, widows and children whose husbands and fathers are not in the area. Each *despensa* includes one kilo beans, one kilo rice, one kilo sugar, one kilo flour, one liter vegetable oil, two small cans of tomato sauce, and two packets of pasta. Students will be able to earn coins for the Mission Counting Jar by returning assigned work pages, using vocabulary in the classroom, and also for good behavior. They are welcome to contribute if they have extra coins. Earning while learning and giving makes our school's Spanish classes special. ***DIOS TE BENDIGA. God Bless You, Mrs. Douglass***

PE NEWS:

This week we started our new unit on Dance! We will be learning different styles of dancing and ways dancing can improve our physical fitness. Later this month we will be focusing on strength building in a unique way that can help our community. Look out for a flyer about this!!

Love, Mrs. Melendez

MUSIC NEWS:

Drama tryouts for the Easter program for 3-6 will be Feb. 14th. Please bring your scripts and be ready to try out for as many parts as you wish.

Love and Blessings, Mrs. Deen

ART NEWS:

Week 3- We all know a triangle, square, rectangle and circle. Now let's be aware of what is around us. Example- Let's draw something rectangle: A DOOR.

Week 4- Art Center-

Bring an old t-shirt with your name on it so you can leave it there.

REMEMBER: BRING YOUR JOURNAL! IT SHOULD HAVE YOUR DECEMBER ASSIGNMENT (CROSS DESIGN) IN IT! WE WILL BEGIN A CLAY PROJECT AND COMPLETE IT NEXT MONTH (March 30). LEAVE ALL JOURNALS WITH ME. I WILL BE GRADING THEM.

Thank you, Mrs. Kariam

COMPUTER NEWS:

The students have really been working hard on their keyboarding skills. Please keep encouraging your children to use correct finger placement when they are using the computer at home. We will be working on a couple of fun Valentine and being kind projects during the next couple of weeks.

Blessings, Mrs. Wood

VALENTINES:

Please bring your valentines for your classmates on Monday. Be sure and bring one for every person in your class if you want to participate.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS:

Grace Christian Academy Health and Medication policy-The office staff and faculty members are not allowed to dispense aspirin, or any other over-the-counter pain reliever without written instructions from the student's doctor. When a child's temperature is 100 degrees or greater, a parent or the designated emergency contact will be called to pick up the child from school.

OPEN HOUSE FLIERS:

Fliers about our Open House are available for parents to take and hang up at Churches, public bulletin boards, etc. in order to help spread the word.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all our students who made Valentine cards for our troops overseas. They were beautiful.

SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS:

It's time to begin thinking about science fair projects. Students in grades 3-6 are required to do a project. It is optional for students in grades 1 and 2.

REGISTRATION:

Registrations for 2011-2012 are being accepted for returning students and their siblings. Registrations from the Church begin on February 15 and children from the community will be accepted starting March 1.

FREE DRESS MONDAY:

Students who wear the color red may have a free dress day on Monday, Feb. 14th. Students not wearing red should dress in uniforms.

KINDNESS WEEK:

The week of February 14-18 has been designated as Kindness Week here at Grace Christian Academy. More details will be coming with our plans which aim to emphasize kindness at our school and beyond.

NEW DENTIST:

New Dentist in Boulder City, Dr. Anna To has joined Dr. Ron Gardner's practice at 410 Nevada Way, Suite 180, in Boulder City. She loves children and is available only on Mondays and Fridays from 8:00-3:00. Please call 293-2436.

ALL "A" HONOR ROLL:

Tara Spinkelink
Tori Spinkelink
Keifer Reinhart
Jack Ferrence
Dillon Calton

“A-B” HONOR ROLL:

Joe McConnachie
Marybeth Bruninga
Hannah Hanson
Justice Tilman
Sydney Whitman
Jeremiah Roach
Joel Mendoza
Paul Myro
Landon Key
Mikey Percival
Lola Mendoza
Joy Hatch
Isabel Patton
Ian McConnachie
Behrnt Schultz
Alyssa Bryant
Jack Murphy
Abbi Matthews
Harley Walker

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

All scholarships need to be renewed each year. Applications for scholarships for non-church members come out in March. Church members need to contact the church for scholarship information for 2011-2012.

PAINT A DUMPSTER

The Boulder City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an art contest where the 4 winners will be able to paint their artwork on 2 new dumpsters. The painting will take place during the weekend of Spring Jamboree, April 30-May 1. If you are interested in entering this contest, details are available in the office.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

“If the salvation of our children is really that vital to us, then our spiritual training should begin before they can even comprehend what it is all about.”
From: Parenting Isn't For Cowards