



GRACEFUL WINGS **February 25, 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

The performance today at UNLV was excellent as were the manners of the children. The students are doing a fine job reading in Book F. When they come to a word they struggle with, please tell them to code the word. Continue to listen to them read aloud each night as they learn to read with fluency. **Peace, Mary Jo Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Flat friends are enjoying all seven continents. Please touch base with their host families to ask them to send them back by the middle of March. We will be skyping Mrs. Lewis in Italy next week to see how Flat Anthony and Flat Jack M. are enjoying Italy. Second graders are learning their multiplication facts. First graders are learning two digit addition. Remember to always begin by adding in ones column first. Students have been sharing their "Be" raps, cheers and poems. How wonderful that they want to be all that God has meant for them to "BE".

Blessings, Mrs. Albin

3rd & 4th GRADE

We are beginning our new Science books and enjoying learning about our senses this week. Along with that comes thoughts of our Science Collections, which are due April 5th. The students are to make a collection of 10 items (seeds, rocks, leaves, flowers, shells or insects- all 10 different) and mount them on a poster board and label each one. (Please do not buy anything!) Also, all 3rd and 4th graders have received the 2 packets of information about the Science Fair. Please read over these with your child and pick a project (must be experimental). Titles of projects are due by March 4th! Please do not wait until the last minute to begin projects. We have a Health test on March 4th over Chapter 4 and a Science test on March 8th over Chapter 1. **God Bless, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Hey...how are you? We are doing fantastic! Mrs. Sullins says that we all did a wonderful job with the activities during kindness week! She was especially proud of our kindness banners. Reading to the kindergartners was our favorite thing. We can't wait to do it again. The speech meet went well. Our class earned two "Excellent" ribbons and one "Good". Our first person book reports are behind us and everyone did an awesome job. Fifth graders have their research paper coming up and sixth graders need to be preparing their puppet show presentation for their next book report. Tara and Hannah, don't forget to be studying for the Math Olympics on March 18! **Your Truly, the Fifth and Sixth Graders and Mrs. Sullins**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL- Thank you for choosing Grace Christian Academy! We have had a wonderful response to our registration for current families for the 2011-2012 school year. I realize that each family who chooses our school is making a sacrifice to send their child to a private Christian school. We thank you for your confidence in us to provide your child with varied academic education and one which is truly Christ centered. We still have openings for next school year, but I pray that those will all be filled when we open our registration to new families next Tuesday. Please remind friends and family about the March 1 date, as some of our classes fill up quickly. **God Bless, Mrs. Harhay-Principal**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer family this week is the Percival family. Please keep Mikey and his family in your prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

2 Peter 1:5,6a- "Add to your faith, goodness; to your goodness, knowledge and to knowledge, self-control."

Dates at a Glance:

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

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

March 17- School Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

Our next learning unit is body parts vocabulary. As the students learn words, it is important to learn how useful knowing the words can be. Knowing body parts may help communicate where a pain is located. If we come across a Spanish speaking person who is hurt, wouldn't it be wonderful to offer assistance and be able to ask, "Where is the pain? or "¿Dónde está el dolor?". Remember the story of the good Samaritan? This is why learning Spanish is a part of the specialty classes at Grace Christian Academy.

Dios es grande! God is great!
Dios es bien! God is good!
Dios es aqui! God is here!

God Bless You, Mrs. Douglass

PE NEWS:

We will be starting our new unit focusing on four square. Beginning in March, we will no longer be at the Rec. Center on Mondays and Wednesdays. Thank you to the Rec. Center for the use of their facilities.

Love, Mrs. Melendez

MUSIC NEWS:

We will be working hard on our Easter Program the next few months. I'll be sending home practice CD's soon. Third thru Sixth will begin Music Theory classes on March 1st. God is Good! **God Bless, Love-Mrs. Deen**

ART NEWS:

FOR MARCH:

Week One- Journal assignment: Look up the artist Claude Monet and write a short story about him and draw a garden picture. Foreground and Background....Primary colors.

Week Two and Three- All three weeks will cover landscape paintings. I will introduce a horizon line, foreground, middle ground and background. **THINK CLAUDE MONET!**

Week Four- TEST!! I will go over what will be on it. LISTEN!

Week Five- Art Center. Complete cross.

**Thank you,
Mrs. K**

COMPUTER NEWS:

Last week we discussed how being kind starts with us. The students then drew a picture and typed verse 32 of Ephesians chapter 4. Some of the children learned how to insert their picture from Microsoft Paint into a word document or a powerpoint slide. The other children learned how to insert text into a picture. Some of the older children have expressed interest in bringing in their own usb flash drive. This is not a requirement of our class, but the students may bring one to class. Please be sure to label the flash drive with your child's initials.

Blessings, Mrs. Wood

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS:

Conduct- Page 10:

Grace Christian Academy is a Christian school and the students will be expected to conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner. It is essential to respect the rights and feelings of other members of the School community. Behavior that is contrary to the good order and discipline of the School will not be tolerated. Students are expected to abide by the Honor Code.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to the very kind person who dropped off "Be Kind" tee-shirts for our teachers. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Also, thank you to all who provided refreshments for our Valentine's Day party. We enjoyed them all.

SCIENCE FAIR

PROJECTS/SCIENCE NIGHT:

The packets for science fair have been distributed to the students. Please read through them. There will be a "Science Night" this year. This will include the science fair projects on display in the basement from 6:30-7:00 pm on April 7th. Then, there will be science projects in each classroom on display and refreshments from 7:00-8:00 pm. If you have any questions regarding the science fair, please contact your child's teacher. Reminder: Science fair projects are required for grades 3-6, voluntary for grades K-2. All children and families are invited to "Science Night".

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Christian Character recipients for January. They are the following students:

Jack Clary- Kindergarten

Jack Murphy- 1st/2nd

Justice Tilman- 3rd/4th

Tara Spinkelink- 5th/6th

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR:

School begins on Monday, August 22, 2011.

SPRING OUTREACH:

This year, our second semester outreach project will be to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and their Pennies Program. This program works to save lives as well as providing children with an opportunity to help children who have been stricken with serious disease. Our program consist of having coin collection boxes in each of our classrooms. Children will have the opportunity to contribute loose change in any denomination that they may desire. We will raise money as a school through a root beer float sale on Wednesday March 9th and 16th. All profits from these sales will be forwarded to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

NEVADA READING WEEK:

Nevada Reading week is March 2-6 with the theme Reading Rocks. Here at school, we will have a special free dress day on Wed., March 2. Students are invited to dress as their favorite story book character. No weapons or evil characters are allowed. Students who do not want to participate should wear uniforms that day.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Progress Reports for grades 1-6 will be distributed on Friday, March 4. Please sign them and send them back to school on Monday the 7th. If you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment with your child's teacher.

PTF MEETING

Our parent group will meet on Monday, March 7, at 6:30 pm in the Specialties Classroom. All parents are invited to attend.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Our next school board meeting will be on Thursday, March 17. All parents are invited to attend.

REMINDER!

Places on class rosters for 2011-2012 for current students and their siblings can only be held through February 28. On March 1 at 8:00 a.m., registration will be open to families in the community.

BAKE SALE REPORT:

Thank you to all of those who baked for our Valentine Bake sale and also those who worked at the table. We would especially like to thank Helga Schultz for being in charge of this fundraiser. Profits from the bake sale were \$424.15.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY:

Wear **Green!** Students who wear the color **green** on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, may have a free dress day. Students who do not wish to participate should wear uniforms that day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are looking for some volunteers to help with monitoring our students during the lunch period from 11:30-12:15. This time can be used toward volunteer hours for tuition credit.

STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS:

Nevada immunizations requirements include that a pertussis containing vaccine be administered to a child prior to the 7th grade entry into school.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND:

Just a reminder that our school playground is rated for ages 5-12 ONLY, and should only be used under adult supervision. Thank you.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:

If you are interested in the Administrative Assistant position here at the school in the office, which is part-time, please have your application into Mrs. Harhay by Friday, March 4th. Applications and job description are in the office.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Just like the leaves on each shamrock I see. There are three parts to the Holy Trinity. First is God the Father, then Jesus His only Son And the Holy Spirit together as One". – Oriental Trading

FUN FRIDAY:

There will be a "Fun Friday" next Friday, March 4th. Watch for information being sent home on it next week. 1st-6th grade only. The times are 2:45-4:30 p.m. and the cost is \$15 per student.