



# **GRACEFUL WINGS** Feb. 5, 2010

Grace Christian Academy's Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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**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**

We ended the month of January eating chicken soup with rice, which goes with our monthly poems, on a cold and windy Friday. Thank you for attending your child's conference. It's always a pleasure to spend time talking with parents about the progress made since the beginning of the school year. The performance of Harry the Dirty Dog was excellent and enjoyed by the children. Thank you to Mrs. Myro and Mr. Reinhart for driving to the UNLV campus. **Blessings, Mrs. Zapolski**

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

The students did an awesome job collecting coins in January for the water wells. They are getting wonderful practice counting by ones, fives, tens, and even twenty-fives as they sort and stack coins. Super Job! Look for an upcoming article in the Boulder City Review that will feature the Well project. Mrs. Townsend has arranged to have plastic and paper recycle bins at school. The children absolutely understand the importance of taking care of the earth. We have a new class pet, Bailey, the guinea pig. If you have any extra vegetables that you would like to bring in, Bailey would truly love them. Students are showing excellent responsibility as they care and hold him throughout the day.

**God Bless, Mrs. Albin**

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

Congratulations to Tori, Taylor and Daniel who will be representing our class at the Speech Meet on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>! Our Valentine's Party is Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are bringing Valentines, please bring one for every student in our room. We will be saying the Declaration of Independence on Thursday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Oral Book Reports will be on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a busy time of year so please stay caught up!! Report cards were awesome. I'm very proud of my class and their hard work! **God Bless, Mrs. Deen**

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

Great job Marybeth for representing our class at the ACSI Spelling Bee at Calvary Chapel. Good luck to Tara, Sarah and Stephanie as they prepare to represent us at the Speech Meet next Friday. This quarter of school seems to be one of the busiest academically. Between learning the states and capitals, 1<sup>st</sup> person book reports, Spelling Bee, Speech Meet, Science Fair, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade research paper that is 800 words long. Although the list seems daunting I have no doubt that these girls are up for the challenge. Keep working hard and doing your best and remember we're over the half way mark. Thank you all for your hard work. **God Bless, Mrs. Mraz**

## **NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### **VALENTINES TO GIVE YOUR CHILD**

**ACCEPTANCE** - Teach kids that you love for who and what they are. Give this gift with a kiss.

**SELF CONFIDENCE** - Help children to understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a hug.

**LIFE WITHOUT NEEDLESS FEARS** - Don't let your kids see you as a worrier. Give this gift with laughter.

**APPRECIATION** - Help children acquire a spark of gratitude and enjoy all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.

**FAITH** - Introduce your children to God, the best friend they'll ever have. Give this gift by taking them to church every Sunday.

From Faith Christian Church newsletter.

**Love, Mrs. Harhay**

## **PRAYER FAMILIES**

Our prayer family this week is the Hanson family. Please keep Hannah and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK** **SPRING OPEN HOUSE:**

I Corinthians 13:13

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Our Open House for new families interested in K – 6<sup>th</sup> grades is Thursday, Feb. 25 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. If you know of a family who may be interested, please pick up a flyer in our office or provide us with their address and we will mail information to them.

## **Dates at a Glance:**

Feb. 1 – Enrollment for 2010 -2011  
Feb. 11 – Valentine’s Day Class parties  
Feb. 12 – Valentine’s Day Bake Sale – BDCU  
Feb. 12 – ACSI District Speech Meet  
Feb. 15 – No school – Presidents Day  
Feb. 16 – School board meeting 3:00 p.m.  
Feb. 18 – Oddball Day  
Feb. 23 – PTF Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Feb. 25 – GCA K – 6<sup>th</sup> Open House  
Mar. 1 – Enrollment open to community  
Mar 12 – ACSI Math Olympics  
Mar. 29 – Apr. 2 Easter Break  
Apr. 7 – Science Fair

## **SPEECH MEET:**

Friday, Feb. 12. Students who are participating should arrive at Mountain View Christian School at 8:45 a.m. for registration. The school’s address is 3900 E. Bonanza Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89110. Their telephone # is 452-1300. Students should wear school uniform or dress in attire appropriate for public presentation.

## **HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT (p.5):**

Re-enrollment of current students for the next school year is dependent upon families being up to date on tuition payments. Families in arrears regarding tuition may be placed on a waiting list for registration for the coming school year until their back tuition has been paid. The \$100.00 deposit would be applied to the family’s balance if they are unable to enroll.

## **MUSIC (1<sup>ST</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup>):**

We had our Easter program drama tryouts last week and I will announce the parts this week! C.D.’s will be handed out in the next few weeks! Love, Mrs. Deen

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

“Me gusta \_\_\_\_.” and “Yo tengo \_\_\_\_.” are two sentences the students enjoy saying in class. They are saying “I like” and “I have” as we learn new vocabulary words. There is also the option to say, “No me gusta” or “No tengo”. The homework assignment each week is to use these simple statements throughout their daily activities. Fun with Spanish is our goal. Gracias y Gloria a Dios, Mrs. Douglas

## **ODDBALL DAY – FEB. 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Students may have a special free dress day where they may wear mismatched clothing, shoes, hats, etc. If your child is not participating they are required to wear their uniform.

## **VALENTINES CARD POLICY:**

In order to avoid hurt feelings, if a child brings Valentines to school, he/she should have one for each member of the classroom. Students who have friends in other classrooms may bring a Valentine for their friend, but they do not have to give a Valentine to each child in the friend’s classroom.

## **VALENTINES BAKE SALE:**

Our annual Valentines Bake Sale at the Credit Union will be on Friday, Feb. 12. Bakery and workers are needed. There are sign-up sheets in the office. We would especially appreciate bakery which goes with our Valentine theme. Profits will go towards our general operating fund.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES-OUTREACH:**

During the month of February our students will be joining with Grace Community Church in an outreach project. The Nevada Wildhorse Squadron is currently serving in Afghanistan. They are assisting in the building of the Mashalo Kamar School in the Qhargayee District of Laghman Province. The school is scheduled to open soon and is in need of school supplies. The troops have also requested hard candy. If your family is interested in assisting, please bring these items to school. They will be collected in chapel throughout Feb.

## **P.E. (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>):**

Our basketball unit wrapped up this week, all students showed great improvement. We will continue on strength training in preparation for the mid-year physical fitness evaluations. The students are learning new stretches which work different muscle groups. We are continuing to work on endurance preparing for the ½ mile (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) and 1 mile (3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>) timed run. Next week starts the opportunity to be an “assistant” PE teacher. For one week each student will be awarded one opportunity to assist me in class with instructions. Reminder: All students should wear athletic shoes to ensure their safety. Thank you again for sharing your children with GCA. It is truly a joyful blessing.

Mrs. Townsend

## **UNLV PARKING TICKETS:**

The UNLV campus police department has taken care of any parking tickets drivers received on Feb. 1 for the play at Artemus Ham Hall.

## **CHRISTIAN CHARACTER:**

Congratulations to our recipients for Dec. and Jan.

Alyssa Bryant - K  
Emmaleigh Compton - 1st-2<sup>nd</sup>  
Joel Mendoza - 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>  
Marybeth Bruninga - 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

## **SCHOOL BOARD:**

Congratulations to Cindy Blatchford and Bill Bruninga who will be sharing the chair position on the school board. Cindy will serve from Jan. through June and Bill from July through Dec.. The next meeting is Tues., Feb. 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Specialties classroom. Parents are invited to attend.

## **PTF MEETINGS:**

The next PTF meeting is Feb. 22 at 7:00 p.m. Future meetings are Mar. 15 and April 19. The “Crop” fundraiser (scrapbooking day) is scheduled for Apr. 24.

## **SUNSHINE CLUB (BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM):**

A great big thank you to all our friends who have been coming to our program. We are planning many fun activities for February. Please watch the calendar (sent out early this week) for the fun, exciting activities going on this month. Any Fun Friday ideas you may have are welcome.

God Bless, Mrs. Mraz & Miss Allie

## **2010-2011 ENROLLMENT:**

Registration for the next school year is being accepted in our office for returning students and their siblings. March 1 enrollment opens to the community.

## **BIBLE STUDY:**

Do you ever wonder where God is? Could you use an extra dose of courage and boldness to manage life? You’re invited to a study on Esther by Beth Moore. Wednesdays at 3 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Contact Mrs. Albin if interested.