



# ***GRACEFUL WINGS*** **March 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 leprechauns were filled with magic and mischief on St. Patrick's Day in our classroom! It was a fun filled day that hopefully will leave happy memories of the Irish celebration. We continue to count coins by 5's and 10's and will be introduced to subtraction equations next week. Thank you, God for Spring! Everywhere we look we see new life. We are signing and rejoicing about birds building nests, flowers growing, green grass, buds bursting on trees, and kites flying. We are blessed to be alive. April 4<sup>th</sup> we begin SAT testing. Please remember the children each morning in prayer and remind them to take their time, be good listeners and to do their best. Enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend. **Blessings, Mary Jo Zapolski**

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

Our class pet hamster, Mr. Lightning Bolt Fur now has a middle name, Handini. Luckily after his great escape we were surprised to find him in the trash can. We still have a few flat people who have not arrived back to GCA. Please check with your host. We are excited about the upcoming Science Fair April 7<sup>th</sup>. There were a few squeals as each student got to observe and hold their own worm for our class project. **SAVE THE DATES:** Service Project- May 6<sup>th</sup>. Relay for Life. Mother's Special Spa Day: May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Amazing Dad Adventure: June 3<sup>rd</sup>. As one student informed me this week, only 11 weeks of school left before summer. **Blessings, Mrs. Albin**

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

Please remember to get your book approved. Choose a book with at least 100 pages. You will be telling us the story in 3-5 minutes on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Your science collections of 10 items (seeds, flowers, leaves, rocks, shells or insects) are due between now and April 5<sup>th</sup>. Mount them on a poster board or in a box and label each item. Also, be working on our Science Fair projects. Everyone must present an experimental project. Remember to include your journal packet with your project. Let me know if you have any questions. It's a very busy time of year. Keep up the good work! Our next Science Test is April 5<sup>th</sup> over Chapter 3. Have a great weekend! **Love, Mrs. Deen**

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

Last Friday Hannah and Tara went to the Math Olympics. Tara placed second and Hannah was fourth. Good job ladies! This week on Monday we saw a play called The Mystery of King Tut. It reminded us of what we learned in history. Mr. Reinhart has given each class a bucket to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The class that raises the most money will get a pizza party and the teacher gets a \$20 Starbucks gift card. SAT's will be starting the first week in April and don't forget to complete your Science Project for the Science Fair on April 7. Happy Friday, **Fifth and Sixth Graders and Mrs. Sullins**

## **NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Although Spring officially began last Sunday, our weather this week has seemed more like winter than spring. The new season will bring warmer weather, longer daylight, baseball and Easter. This year, spring will also bring a very special evening for the families of Grace Christian Academy. We will be having our first art show. Mrs. Kariam, our art teacher, has taken on this project with enthusiasm and excitement. Each of our students will have their artwork featured over at the Boulder City Art Center at ABC Park on the evening of Wednesday, May 4. Parents, grandparents and friends will have an opportunity to attend the show and meet our artists. You will receive more details next month about the special plans for the evening. I hope you will be able to attend.

**Happy Spring, Mrs. Harhay-Principal**

## **PRAYER FAMILIES**

Our prayer family this week is the Buettner family. Please keep Zaine and his family in your prayers.

## **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

Isaiah 41:10- "So don't worry, because I am with you....Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you."

## **Dates at a Glance:**

**March 25- Fun Friday Karaoke Dance Party**

**March 28- HOT LUNCH ORDER FORMS DUE**

**March 29-PTF Meeting 8:00 a.m. in Specialties Classroom**

**April 7- SCIENCE FAIR/NIGHT  
(PLEASE WEAR YOUR  
UNIFORM)**

**April 13- School Expansion  
Committee meeting- 1:30 p.m.  
in the Specialties Classroom**

**April 14- Easter Program 7:00  
p.m.**

**May 4- Art Show**

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

The classes have earned three *despensas*, food care packages, for the outreach program of the **Foundation for His Ministry** in Mexico. The students earn coins each week to put in the Mission Counting Jar. We will continue adding to the jar until the end of the school year. Ask your student if he or she can tell you the amount in Spanish.

**Gracias,  
Sra. Douglass**

**PE NEWS:**

Everyone did an awesome job learning and participating in our track and field events! We will continue to train for our mile and ½ mile run in April. Our next unit will be on softball and we will be walking to Bicentennial park for PE during this unit.

**Love, Mrs. Melendez**

**MUSIC NEWS:**

We are working hard on our Easter Program. Some CD's were handed out last Monday, the rest will be handed out next Monday. Please memorize the songs and drama parts as soon as possible. We'll be going on stage soon. May God Bless you as you practice. **Love, Mrs. Deen**

**ART NEWS:  
FOR APRIL -**

Your Art Journal assignment for the month of April is to research Artist Marc Chagall. You will need to know who he is for our first class in April. Copy one of his drawings in colored pencil or colored markers into your journal.

**PARENTS – This is very important!!!** I need for your children to bring 2 photos of themselves, head shot only, one front view and one side view, to the Art Center on March 30<sup>th</sup>. This picture will be cut out and not returned, so please send a picture you

can live without. If you have no pictures, please have them bring a small mirror to the art center. We will be learning silhouette drawings. Your children are working very hard toward their 1<sup>st</sup> Art Show on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>! Please help and encourage them with the assignments this month.

**Thank you,  
Mrs. K**

**COMPUTER NEWS:**

The older students really enjoyed using their parts of speech knowledge to create silly stories on the site [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com). The activity is called Wacky Web Tales and it can be found on the student tab. There are great resources for parents on this site as well. We will be copying and pasting the stories into word documents and discussing copyright laws. A neat site for younger students to visit is [www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/storymaker/](http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/storymaker/). This site allows the children to create stories by controlling characters and objects. **Blessings, Mrs. Wood**

**FUN FRIDAY:**

The next Fun Friday will be on April 8. It's entitled "Let's Get Messy!" The cost is \$15 per student, grades 1-6 and the times are 2:45-4:30 p.m.

**S.A.T.'s:**

SAT's will be given throughout the month of April to students in grades K-6. Each classroom teacher will be developing her own schedule. If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher.

**HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS:**

**FINANCIAL POLICY:**

All tuition accounts must be up to date by the beginning of the next quarter (April 4). If your family needs to make special payment arrangements, please see Jennifer Spinkelink. Please see page 21 of our Handbook to review our financial policy.

**REPORT CARDS:**

The third quarter ends on April 1. Report cards for grades 1-6 will be distributed on April 5.

**HOT LUNCH ORDER FORMS:**

The Hot Lunch order forms for the last quarter have been sent home. Please fill them out and return to Jennifer in the office **NO LATER** than March 28. If you have misplaced your form, another form has been attached to this distribution for your convenience.

**THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you to all who donated meals and gift cards to the Jeffries' family. They were appreciated greatly! Thank you to all those who supplied refreshments for our St. Patrick's Day party. Thank you to all those who supported our Pennies Program. We were able to donate \$97.53 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

**TUITION FEES:**

All tuition and fees will remain the same for the 2011-2012 school year.

**SCIENCE FAIR**

**PROJECTS/SCIENCE NIGHT:**

There will be a "Science Night" this year, see schedule below. **Reminder:** Science fair projects are required for grades 3-6, voluntary for grades K-2. Students in grade 3-6 recently received information for our school science fair. Some families are under the impression that students cannot do projects that involve plants. Experiments with plants can be done, but the plants cannot be included as part of the display. Students are encouraged to use photos. This year, the wording of the Science Fair hypothesis is a little different than in the past. The hypothesis must be in an "if...then" form. For example: "If while light is passed through a prism, then it will separate into the individual colors of light." If you have any questions regarding the science fair, please contact your child's teacher. All children and families are invited to "Science Night". **ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR A UNIFORM THAT NIGHT.** There is also a District Science Fair which will be on May 2. The requirements for the District Science Fair are more detailed than those that we will be using. If you would like to see the more detailed requirements, please see Mrs. Harhay. Students wishing to enter their projects in the District Fair would have to meet the District requirements.

**Science Fair Schedule for April 7 at GCA:**

**7:45-8:00 a.m.- Set up projects in Church basement.**

**8:30-11:45 a.m.- Judging**

**6:30-7:00 p.m.- Students will be available in the church basement to tell about their projects.**

**7:00-8:00 p.m.- Science Fair and classroom science displays are open to the public. Please stop in the classrooms to see all the exciting projects at G.C.A. Root beer floats are also available in Fox Hall (no charge).**

**Need ideas for a Science Fair project? Cheryl Vanier has offered to help provide ideas. Feel free to contact her.**

**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.

**TIME TO SAY GOODBYE:**

Mrs. Becky Key has been our loyal administrative assistant on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays since the beginning of the school year. Today is her last day in that position at our school, and we wish her well as she pursues other professional avenues. We welcome Mrs. Joie Murphy to the position and look forward to having her as part of our staff.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:**

The next School Board meeting will be April 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Specialties Classroom.

**FIELD TRIP:**

On Wednesday, April 13, our students (grades K-6) will be walking over to the B.C. Senior Center at 11:00 a.m. to sing for those who participate in their lunch program. Please remember to have your child wear the navy blue top and khaki colored bottoms for uniform 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.

**EASTER CELEBRATION:**

On Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Easter celebration here at school. As part of our day, we would like to have an Easter egg hunt. We are looking for donations of plastic eggs filled with candy or small toys. Donations can be brought to our office.

**EASTER PROGRAM:**

Our Easter Program this year will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Fox Hall.

**MATH OLYMPICS:**

Thank you to our students who represented our school at the Math Olympics last Friday at LMCA. We are proud of all those who competed. A special congratulations to Tara Spinkelink who won first place in the sixth grade computation category and also to Hannah Hanson who won fourth place in the sixth grade competition category.

**RELAY FOR LIFE:**

White baskets have been placed in each classroom for the Relay for Life Cancer program. Coins can be donated throughout the month of April. The classroom collecting the most money will be treated to a pizza party!

**YEARBOOK PERSONAL ADS:**

Parents, please note that the forms for Yearbook Personal Ads were sent home today with your child. Please look for it and if you would like to participate, return to the office by April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**YEARBOOK CORPORATE ADS:**

Our yearbook has a section with corporate ads. The proceeds from these ads help to offset the cost of the yearbook. If you or a company for which you work would like to have an ad included, information is available in our office. The cost is the following:  
Business card ad- \$25.00  
½ page ad- \$40.00  
Full page ad- \$75.00

**GARAGE SALE:**

Come by Mrs. Albin's garage sale this Saturday at 1513 Christina Dr. in Boulder City.

**NOTE FROM SCHOOL BOARD:**

I am so proud to be working with our GCA school board, and our past meeting was just another example of why! Thank you to the many who gave up their St. Patrick's Day evening to be at a board meeting focusing on the inner workings of our school! It was a busy meeting discussing teacher contracts, new bylaws, handbooks, and budgets! The great news is that we will not be increasing tuition for the 2011-2012 school year. This means we will all have to work together to keep extra funds rolling in! Please join me for coffee and a brief PTF meeting to see where you can fit in! Our next PTF meeting will be Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Specialties Classroom.

**In God's love, Devon Tilman**