



GRACEFUL WINGS **April 29, 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 completed the SAT booklets today. Hurrah! Thank you for getting the children off to a happy start each morning. The class is anxiously waiting for live caterpillars to arrive in the mail to be observed each day in the classroom. When the caterpillars finish eating they crawl to the top of the lid and hang upside down for us to watch as they each form their own chrysalis. We will continue to observe and wait for the change from the caterpillar to a Painted Lady butterfly! It's so-o-exciting to take place right in front of our eyes! We will keep you posted on this exciting happening in kindergarten.

Love, Mrs. Zapolski

1st & 2nd GRADE

Each year our class reaches out in a service project together. Last year the students raised money to build wells in Peru. This year, our class got excited to help Mr. Reinhart, Keifer's dad, raise money for Relay for Life. Thanks to everyone who brought in pennies, dimes, dollars, etc. to help people with cancer be able to celebrate another birthday. Our class would like to take it "many steps" further by walking in the Relay for Life on Friday at the Boulder City High School Track from 6 pm – 7 pm. We are encouraging as many families as possible to come join us fight the battle of cancer. We would like the students to wear their school uniforms to show the community how much students at GCA care. Just a side note – the 40 students at our school raised over \$200 more than all the students at Martha P. King. Our students have the biggest hearts ever. Moms – save the date: May 13th from 12:00-2:00. Watch for your invitation to the Mother's Special Spa Day! Dads – save the date: Friday, June 3rd for the Amazing Dad Adventure! Life is Grand. Let's live it! **Blessings, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Students did an awesome job on their Oral Book Reports! Our final Book Report will be due June 3rd. Books MUST be approved by May 13th. Select a biography with at least 100 pages. You will make a booklet with a cover, 2 pages of hand written story and 2 illustrations of the story. I have construction paper if you need it. Next Wednesday we will be taking a field trip to the Galleria Mall in Henderson. We'll be participating in the "It's a Gas – The Bright Side of Science" exhibit. We need drivers! If you're available, please call the office. We will return to school for lunch, so pack your regular lunches. Our next Science Test will be May 10th over Chapters 4-6. Have a wonderful weekend! **Love, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Our Easter program was a huge success and now we are getting excited about the talent show. Next week on the 4th, we have a Science field trip in the morning and the Art Show in the evening. DARE day is on Friday, May 6th so we all need to complete our Dare reports. As you can see, things are getting really busy around here, but don't worry, we are still working hard in the classroom! The three chicks that we hatched now reside at the Myro's house. Madison says that they are getting so big. Presently we are raising four tadpoles and one already has its hind legs.

Have a great weekend! Fifth and Sixth Graders and Mrs. Sullins

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This year, Wednesday, April 27, was designated as Administrative Assistant's day, a special day to honor those who perform the many duties involved in keeping offices running smoothly and efficiently. Here at Grace Christian Academy, we have always been truly blessed to have outstanding ladies in our office performing a myriad of duties. This school year, we have been fortunate to have Mrs. Spinkelink, Mrs. Key, and Mrs. Murphy as those ladies who assist our parents, our students, our staff, and myself in so many ways. Through their interactions with all those with whom they have contact, they exemplify that Grace Christian Academy is truly a Christian school. I appreciate their wise counsel, their willingness to give so much of themselves to our school, their love for our students, their professionalism, and their acceptance of the ministry to which they have been called. They are the best, and I am honored to have the opportunity to work with them. May God bless them and their families. **Mrs. Harhay-Principal**

DATES AT A GLANCE:

April 30 – Dumpster Painting
May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
May 2 – PTF Meeting 2:30 p.m.
May 4 – Art Show 7:00 p.m.
May 6 – D.A.R.E. Day
May 9-11 – Spirit Week
May 11 – Boulder City Library Speaker 11 a.m.
May 13 – Progress Reports
May 13 – Spa Day for 1st and 2nd Grade moms
May 17 – School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
May 22 – Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-6:00 p.m.
May 27 – Awards' Chapel for grades 1-6
May 31 – Christian Char. Night (grades 1-6)

PRAYER FAMILY:

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth.

Colossians 3:2



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

REMINDER:

All scholarships need to be renewed for the following school year. Applications are available in the school office. Church member scholarship forms may be obtained from the Church office.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

I want to share my excitement for Rosi's and my mission trip with the Faith Christian Church Mexico Mission Team to the children's home in Baja, Mexico supported by the *Foundation For His Ministry* from May 7 to 15. Our students will be coloring Christian Messages Pages to pass out to the children there. The 5 & 6 grades class, under the observation of Mrs. Harhay, agreed to plan and teach the classes on May 12, while we will be gone. We can all be proud of them for showing their enthusiasm on this special project, but I especially give them a special blessing and thank you.

Dies es grande, Sra. Douglass

PE NEWS:

Wow! It is hard to believe our school year is almost over! We only have 2 more units left in PE, our kickball unit and our final unit on Creating our own games. Everyone did an awesome job on the softball unit! Soon we will be getting ready for our end of the year Field Day, if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions please contact Mrs. Melendez or leave a message with the office. Also, our mile run will be on Monday, May 2nd. Please wear comfortable athletic shoes to run in, a water bottle and sunblock.

Love, Mrs. Melendez

ART NEWS:



The following is for your journal: Draw two flowers, both vertical. One must be all Primary Colors

and the other in pen and ink only. Week One: Please read and bring to class a short summary of Vincent Van Gogh and his works. The next few weeks we will be creating our own versions of "Starry Night". I am looking forward to meeting all the parents at our Art Show. I am very proud of all the children and I am sure you are going to be very surprised at all the beautiful works they have accomplished. **Thank you, Ms. K**



MUSIC NEWS:

What an awesome job everyone did at the Easter Program!! We will be watching the video next Monday. The Talent Show is our final performance. You MUST try out either Monday, May 9th or Monday, May 16th. These are the only 2 days we will have tryouts, so please come prepared@! The Talent Show will be on Tuesday, June 7th at 7 p.m. You may participate in no more than 3 acts. This is always a very special night!
God Bless, Mrs. Deen

MUSIC THEORY:

Keep practicing those flutophones! You're all doing great! In 2 weeks, we will have written and playing tests.
Love, Mrs. Deen

COMPUTER NEWS:

The yearbook cover pictures the students drew in Microsoft Paint were wonderful. We will be using Abbi Matthews's picture for the cover of our yearbook this year. Another website I want to share with you is www.funbrain.com. This is a great site with math and grammar games.

Blessings, Mrs. Wood.

RELAY FOR LIFE:

Wow! Thanks to all GCA students! Our school raised \$391.63 for Relay for Life. Your generosity will help many people in their battle against cancer. Thank you Mrs. McConnachie, Mrs. Tilman and Mr. Reinhart for providing the food and beverages for our pizza party.

NOTE FROM THE

SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT:

The next PTF meeting will be May 2nd at 2:30 p.m. – right after school. This will be our last PTF meeting of the year and there is still much to plan and prep, so please join us if you can. If you cannot make the meeting – no worries – just email Devon at Tilmanlaw@cox.net to express your desire to get involved! Also, please don't forget Teacher Appreciation Week next week. We are so blessed to have such wonderful teachers at our school, let's all work together to show them just how special we all think they are!

BAKE SALE THANK YOU:

The PTF would like to thank you all for your support with the Bake Sale – either through donating baked items, volunteering your time to represent us at the Credit Union or through stopping by to show your support. Our parents are truly the greatest!

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Grades 1 – 6 will be distributed on Friday, May 13.

SPECIAL VISITOR:

On Wednesday, May 11, the children's librarian from the Boulder city Library will be visiting our school in order to introduce our students to the summer reading program that will be available through the library this summer.



AWARDS:

Awards' Chapel for grades 1-6 will be on Friday, May 27th at 8:00 a.m. in our Chapel. Students in these grades will be honored for their classroom achievements this school year. Parents and other guests are invited to attend.

ART FAIR:

Grace Christian Academy's first Art Fair will be held on Wednesday, May 4m at the Boulder City Art Center at ABC Park on Adams Blvd. Mrs. Kariam and our students have been working very hard in order to make this a very special evening where our students can be honored for their artistic talents. Artwork from students in grades Kindergarten through 6th will be on display. It begins at 7:00 p.m. and parents, grandparents, other relatives, and friends are invited to attend this very special evening. Students are asked to dress-up for this special evening.

D.A.R.E.:

Congratulations to our DARE graduates! The following students have successfully completed the DARE program sponsored by the Boulder City Police Department: Jerrod Anderson-Sommer, Joe McConnachie, Marybeth Bruninga, Hannah Hanson, Tara Spinkelink, Madison Myro. We are especially thankful to Officer Krumm who was GCA's DARE instructor this year. The graduation ceremony will take place on Friday, May 6, at 9:00 a.m. at the Boulder City High School football stadium. Following the ceremony, students will attend a special DARE DAY picnic at the park next to the swimming pool. Parents are invited to attend the graduation festivities.

ANOTHER JOB WELL-DONE:

Thank you to all who made our Easter celebration so much fun. Our students and Mrs. Deen presented a wonderful program, and the refreshments provided by our kindergarten families were delicious. A special thank you to all those parents who donated the eggs for our Easter Egg hunt. Our students had a great time. As Christians, isn't great to celebrate Easter every day!

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

AWARDS NIGHT:

Christian Character Awards' Night for grades 1-6 will be on Tuesday, May 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. On that evening, all of our students in these grades will be honored for the Christian Character traits that they have exhibited this school year. Students are to dress up for this awards' ceremony.

UNIFORMS:

Samples of next year's required uniform are on display in the school office.



CLAY POTS:

REMINDER – if you have not yet brought in a clay pot, please do so no later than May 16th. The pot should be approximately 6" and unglazed and without decoration. Contact the office if you have any concerns.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Mrs. Danielle Melendez who will receive the Excellence in Education Award at the May 10th Boulder City Council Meeting. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and you are cordially invited to attend to see her accept her award!

LOVE NOTES:

It was suggested that a nice addition to the Love Note page in the yearbook would be to include a picture to go along with the message. If you have already turned in your note, but would like to add a picture, please send it through email to the school and write LOVE NOTE in the subject line. Pictures should be no larger than 3x3 and need to be submitted by next Thursday, May 5th.

FUN FRIDAY CARNIVAL:

May 20th will be our last fun Friday of the year. It will be a carnival with lots of games and fun. Activities include cake walk, Bean bag Toss, Spin a Prize, Gone Fishing. The cost is \$15 per child. The time is 2:45 to 4:30. Parent helpers are needed and Kindergarten students are invited to attend as well as students in grades 1-6. Parents who wish to help should see Mrs. Melendez, director of our Fun Friday program.



HANDBOOK HIGHLITE:

Handbook Highlite - It has been noticed that some of our students have been wearing pants on free dress day which have holes in the knees. Our dress code prohibits holes in clothing on uniform days as well as free dress day. As the warmer weather approaches, more of our students will be wearing shorts to school. Our dress code policy indicates that shorts should fall no shorter than fingertip from a relaxed arm. Bare midriffs are also prohibited.