



GRACEFUL WINGS **April 8, 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 will continue to work in the SAT booklets each day next week. The children have been wonderful as they listen to the directions and mark the answer. Be sure to give them encouragement when you drop them off each morning. Next week we will also have a *River of Prayer Rocks* in the classroom. Each morning they will have the opportunity to choose a prayer rock and pray for a friend, a family member or someone special throughout the morning. At the end of each day can share with the class who they have been praying for during the morning, if they choose to do so. **Grateful, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Testing is going really well. Thank you for having your child well-rested and a healthy breakfast so they are super focused. Our Flat people who went to South America shared a wonderful journey! We are looking forward to the Easter Program next Thursday. Thank you, Mrs. Deen, for all your hard work, bringing out the gifts and talents of all the students. Enjoy and be safe over Spring Break. **Blessings, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Congratulations to everyone who completed their collections and Science Fair Projects. Awesome job! Our next adventure will be a field trip on Monday to a play an UNLV entitled "Seusical." Please wear khaki pants and navy blue shirts to represent our school. We will be stopping to eat lunch so please send money with your child. Oral Book Reports will be the Tuesday we return from Easter Break (4/26). Be prepared to tell us the story in 3-5 minutes. Have a wonderful weekend. **Love, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Greeting form Fifth and Sixth Grade – Last week the sixth grade girls enjoyed presenting their Piggy Puppet Shows to Mrs. Zapolski's class. They did a fantastic job! The boys did awesome on their research reports and will have their puppet shows ready by the end of April. Presently we are completing the SAT's. On Wednesday, two of our chicken eggs hatched. We named one Bigfoot and the other *McNugget*. We are now learning about the life cycle of a frog, as we watch some tadpoles develop in our room. Girls need to be working on their storybooks which are due at the end of the month. Hope to see you at the Easter musical next Thursday. Happy Friday, **Fifth and Sixth Graders and Mrs. Sullins**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Next week has officially been designated as Volunteer Week in our country. Grace Christian Academy has long had a tradition of welcoming volunteers with their desire to serve our school. GCA was founded by many volunteers who gave of their time and talents because they believed that a Christian school here in Boulder City would be a light for Christ in our town. Eleven years later, our volunteers continue to be an integral part of our school. They serve on our playground, in our office, in our classrooms, on our PTF and School Boards, and give of their time to make it possible for our school to offer a wide range of programs. We deeply appreciate all of you whether you are visible on our campus, working at home, or keeping our school in your prayers. During this Easter season, we are reminded how Jesus came to this earth to serve us by His death and resurrection. As He serves us, let us serve others. I wish you a joyous Easter. Hallelujah, Christ has risen! **Mrs. Harhay-Principal**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer family this week is the Townsend family. Please keep Aubrey and her family in your prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

I Corinthians 15:54 "Death has been swallowed up in victory."



DATES AT A GLANCE:

April 13 – Sing at BC Senior Center 11 a.m. & School Expansion Committee Meeting – 1:30 p.m.
April 14 – Easter Program 7:00 p.m.
April 15 – GCA Bake Sale at BDCU Relay for Life Pizza Party (Grades K – 6) at 11:30 a.m.
April 18-22 **Easter Vacation**
April 26 – School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
May 2 – PTF Meeting 2:30 p.m.
May 4– Art Show

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

The classes continue to learn the Lord's Prayer in Spanish and to earn coins for the Mission Counting Jar. They have earned three despensas (food bags) for single mothers and widows. We will continue collecting until the end of the year.

Blessed Easter, Sra. Douglass

PE NEWS:

We will continue to play softball next week at Bicentennial Park. Then, after Easter break, we will start our new unit on Kick Ball! Our mile run is scheduled for Friday, April 30th. Make-ups for the mile run will be the following Monday, May 2nd. Make sure to stay active during break and have fun! **Love, Mrs. Melendez**

ART NEWS:



Your Art Journal assignment for the month of April is to research Artist Marc Chagall and copy one of his drawings into your journal in

colored pencil or colored markers.

In class, we will be creating our own **"I and the Village"** (shown to the left of this paragraph). We will also be studying two other artists this month – Georges Steurat and Vincent Van Gogh (Starry Night). We had our first Art Test and the shock of a test in Art turned out to be a pleasant surprise for most children, the grades were very good. As I said in the last newsletter, your children are working very hard toward their first Art Show on Wednesday, May 4th! Please help and encourage them along.

REPORT CARDS:

If you haven't already done so, please sign your child's report card and send back to school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

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.

HONOR ROLL:

Congratulations to all of our Honor Roll students for the 3rd quarter.

A Honor Roll:

Jack Ferrence
Behrnt Schultz
Justice Tilman
Jeremiah Roach
Landon Key

A -B Honor Roll:

Keifer Reinhart
Alysa Bryant
Jack Murphy
Harley Walker
Anthony Wightman
Abbi Matthews
Ian McConnachie
Lola Mendoza
Isabel Patton
Joy Hatch
Sydney Whitman
Mikey Percival
Paul Myro
Zaine Buettner
Joel Mendoza
Tori Spinkelink
Joe McConnachie
Tara Spinkelink
Madison Myro
Hannah Hanson

MUSIC NEWS:

We are having rehearsals every day to prepare for the Easter Program next Thursday, April 14th at 7 p.m. in Fox Hall. Unless you have been told differently, you should wear long pants and a top (no tank tops). Shirts must meet Friday dress code. You should arrive in my room at 6:50. Please pray four our program to glorify God.

Love, Mrs. Deen

MUSIC THEORY:

We are learning how to read music and play our flutophones. We have 2 different classes and will be having written as well as playing tests. Please practice at home so you'll be prepared. Our 5th and 6th grade class is already playing songs you will recognize. Awesome!! Praise God and have a great weekend. **Love, Mrs. Deen**

COMPUTER NEWS:

The students are drawing pictures using Microsoft Paint for the yearbook cover. We talked about how our school is like a family. It is such a blessing for us to be able to learn, grow, and create memories together. Have a wonderful break. **Blessings, Mrs. Wood**

RELAY FOR LIFE:

The Relay for Life collection continues through April 15th. Mr. Reinhart will collect the buckets the end of next week. Pizza Party to celebrate our great success will be April 15th at 11:30 for grades K – 6.

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.

A NOTE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

*A school is more than books and desk and learning two plus two.
It's people who share their skills and care and try their best in all they do.
Please accept our heartfelt appreciation.
Our school is a better place because of YOUR dedication.*

EASTER CELEBRATION:

On Friday, April 15th, 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.

MUSIC AND ARTS CAMP:

This summer, the Las Vegas Philharmonic is offering a musical arts camp for students ages 5-12. Students will have an opportunity to work with nationally recognized educators and experience the Arts through playing instruments, drawing, sculpture, moving, acting and having fun. There will be two sessions offered. The cost is \$325 per student, per session. More information is available in our school office.

YEARBOOK PERSONAL ADS:

Parents, don't forget to return your Love Notes for the yearbook to the office by April 29th.

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

DONATION REQUEST:



Allergy season is upon us. We are in need of donations of boxes of tissues for our classrooms. If you can donate a box, please drop them off in your child's classroom or our office. Thank you!

CHAPEL:

Next week we continue with our Easter story lessons. We have a set of resurrection eggs which we are using in conjunction with our daily lessons. Each day in chapel, a student has the opportunity to open one of the eggs and show us all what is inside. Each object is a clue to some part of the Easter story. The student opening the egg then has the opportunity to share the meaning of the item that was inside. Our students do a great job on this and really enjoy it.



SCIENCE FAIR NEWS:

Thank you to all our students who worked so hard on their projects and classroom displays to make our first Science Night so much fun. We appreciate those who donated root beer and ice cream for our root beer floats. A special thank you to our two Science Fair judges, Mrs. Cindy Hatch and Mrs. Erica Tietjen.

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! We are currently collecting sharpened pencils and healthy snacks to aid the students in their standardized testing each day. If you'd like to help with this, please drop off your donation in the school office. Don't forget to stop by our information table at the Easter Program next week to learn about new uniforms, current fundraisers, etc. The next School Board meeting will be held April 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the school specialties classroom. The agenda will focus on teacher and student handbooks for the 2011-2012 school year. Please join us if interested.

CLAY POTS NEEDED:

Students will need a 5" – 6" clay pot for a project they will be doing in conjunction with the Boulder City Recreation Department. Students should have their pot here at school by Friday, April 16th.

PTF BAKE SALE:

Friday, April 15th at the Boulder Dam Credit Union we will be selling our goodies to raise money to increase our security measures on campus. We need your baked goods in the office by start-of-school Friday a.m. Let's start baking!

