



GRACEFUL WINGS **May 27, 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

Officer Krumm has been talking to the children about the importance of obeying signs, when to call 911, gun safety, ways to avoid strangers, the importance of knowing their address and phone numbers and ways to deal with anger... 1). Stop; 2). Take a breath and count to ten; 3). WALK AWAY if the conflict can't be resolved. As we reach the end of the year, please remind the children that we need to continue to focus these last days as we still continue to learn and complete our work. This has been a wonderful year. I have been blessed by your children every day! Thank you for sharing your children with me. Enjoy the long weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning! **Love, Mrs. Zapolski**



1st & 2nd GRADE

Our Amazing Dad Amazing Adventure to the "Seven Continents" brings our flat people project to a close. Your child will be bringing home a large envelope with all their flat people adventures. Plus as an added bonus, their flat people became fluffy on their travels. Each student made a fluffy person to read with over the summer. I hope many students will take advantage of the public library summer reading program. It has been an honor to teach your child. I always tell people there are days where the students have been my teacher through the things they have said or done. Please keep me in your prayers July 28 – August 10 as I go on a mission trip to Zambia, Africa. It has been a dream of mine to help finance a building of a school. Dreams can come true. Life is an adventure. May your family live life to the fullest. Have a safe summer!!!

Blessings, Mrs. Albin

3rd & 4th GRADE

I can't believe the year is coming to an end. It has been a wonderful year. Thank you for sharing your children with us. They have truly been a blessing!! Our final Health Test will be on Tuesday, May 31st. Our final Science Test is on Thursday, June 2nd. We will be completing our Nevada History Notebooks Friday, June 3rd and any make-up work will need to be turned in NO LATER than June 3rd as well!! Thank you for a wonderful year. May God Bless each one of you! **Love, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Hello Fellow Citizens (Kon'nichiwa), Guess what? We only have 8 more days of school left and boy is Mrs. Sullins working us hard. Next week we have finals in all of our classes. We will have to study diligently to be prepared. Last week we painted clay pots and then planted hollyhock plants in them. Mrs. Sullivan explained how the hollyhock seeds got to Boulder City and her aunt Mrs. Smith shared what it was like to be a child when they were building Hoover Dam. We would like to thank them for the fun project. Our class pets (2 tadpoles and 1 frog) are doing great. One of them is in its full grown stage. We have to feed him fruit flies. The boys have their book reports due next Friday and the girls have their Greco letters to turn in. Don't forget to work on your talent show entry. See you later, **Mrs. Sullins and the Fifth and Sixth Graders**

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17





THE PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS:

Dear parents, I think back to last August to the beginning of the school year with the excitement, goals, and anticipation of the new year. There was the renewal of old friendships with those we had not seen all summer, and the awe of how much our returning students had grown. We welcomed new families into our school and hoped that they would soon feel a part of the Grace Christian Academy family. Together we moved closer to our goal of our students growing academically, physically, spiritually, and emotionally. Now, June 10, and the end of this school year is quickly approaching. Soon, there will be an unusual quiet and calm on our playground, and our classrooms will seem dull and devoid of the excitement of learning. The early morning sounds of children praising our Lord will just be a memory. There will be another year, but it will never be the same as this one. I extend to each family my heartfelt thanks for allowing me to be a part of your life this year. I thank you for all that each of you has done for our school and its children. Have a wonderful summer, and may God bless you and keep you in His care. **Love, Mrs. Harhay – Principal**

DATES AT A GLANCE:

- May 27 – Kindergarteners eat lunch at school
- May 27 – Awards' Chapel for grades 1-6
- May 30 – No School in honor of Memorial Day
- May 31 – Christian Character Night (grades 1-6)
- June 7 – Swimming at Boulder City Pool
- June 7 – Talent Show at 7:00 p.m
- June 8 – Kindergarten graduation
- June 9 – Field day
- June 10 – Pick up report cards

PRAYER FAMILY:

Our prayer family this week is the Hoyer family. Please keep Austin and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY MAY 30TH



Enjoy the three day weekend. There will be no school Monday the 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

SPAGHETTI DINNER THANKS:

Thank you to our head chef, Mrs. McConachie and her crew of wonderful parent helpers for making our Spaghetti Dinner a wonderful success. The proceeds were \$320. What a great way to end our fundraising efforts for the year!

SHOW YOUR PRIDE WITH OUR GCA BUMPER STICKERS:

Grace Christian Academy Bumper Stickers are available in our office for a \$10.00 donation. We have two styles from which to choose. One says "*Grace Christian Academy Growing Kids in Grace and Knowledge*" and the other says "*Proud Parent of a Grace Christian Character.*" It is suggested that you not put the bumper sticker on a painted area of a car because it could ruin the paint.

SPANISH CLUB THIS SUMMER:

GCA is hosting a Spanish Club this summer. It will be a time of learning, fun and friendship. Each week will have a different theme – from the basics like the ABCs, to animals, foods and feelings. It is a great way to build on Spanish class, and perfect for those that have an interest in the language. Mrs. Murphy will be leading the class with Mrs. Douglass and Mrs. Wendy Whitman assisting. Activities will include Bible stories, games, songs, and of course snacks! This club is open to all Grace Families (school and church). Students should be entering 1st through 8th grades this fall. Registration packets will be available the last week of school. Cost for the 7 week session will be \$20 per student to cover the costs of refreshments and supplies.

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.

SAVE THE DATE(S):

Important dates for this fall...
8/22/11 & 10/17-21
The new school year begins on Monday, August 22 AND Country Store - no school - October 17 – 21.

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.

MUSIC NEWS:

Our Talent Show is on Tuesday, June 7th at 7 p.m., in Fox Hall. Next week we will be practicing on the stage, so come prepared to practice every day please. Thank for sharing your talents!
God Bless, Mrs. Deen

ART NEWS:

I would like to say Thank You for the opportunity to teach the children of Grace Christian Academy. All of the students, parents and teachers have been very welcoming. I have enjoyed teaching your kids this year so much. Have a safe and blessed summer. **Thank you, Ms. K**

PE NEWS:

Students did such a great job creating their own games and teaching them to their class. After they played each game, they voted on which game they enjoyed playing the most. The winners for 1st and 2nd grade were Abbi and Keifer who created the game "Kick the Die." For 3rd – 6th Grade the winners were Hannah, Landon, and Tori who created the games "Base Tag." This week we also completed our year long challenge to complete our Physical Fitness Card. Ask your students to demonstrate one of the activities on this card. Next and lastly, we will be preparing for our end of the year celebration – Field Day! For Field Day, each student (K-6) will need to bring in a plain white T-shirt, that they will tie-dye at school to wear on Field Day. Students are invited to wear sunblock, bring water and wear clothes to get wet in. Proper athletic shoes are required. If you would like to help with this super fun event, please sign up in the office. Thank you so much in advance and also for such a great school year **Love, Mrs. Melendez**

COMPUTER NEWS:

Grades K-4 have been reviewing keyboarding skills. The kids have really been trying to focus on their finger placement. Grades 3-4 did a great job playing keyboarding baseball. Grades 5-6 have been visiting some sites suggested by the Kids Voting website. During the next couple of weeks we hope to complete some fun end of the year projects. It is hard to believe we only have 3 computer classes left! **Blessings, Mrs. Wood.**

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

In the "Spanish News" at the beginning of this year, I wrote, "This year's goal is to put "special" into Specialty Spanish class". I am so pleased to report this year has been "muy especial". It was fun and personally challenging to be able to be a part of the students' excitement for learning Spanish. Thank you all, students, parents, and the school staff for your support and love... BUT it is not over. This summer we will have a Summer Spanish Club. Details and registration coming!

Con Amor, Sra. Douglass

NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT:

First off, Spaghetti dinner was a fabulous success! What a beautiful night to be in the school yard with children playing and adults enjoying fellowship and delicious spaghetti! Thanks to all who made it possible, but especially our in house chef, Kelly McConnachie, who impressed us all with handmade meatballs! At last count the dinner raised over \$300!

Thank you for a quick year of growth and support! Our last board meeting was last week in which we continued our efforts to keep GCA the best school in Boulder City! Two new items were voted on this month! First, our Spanish program will begin this summer with an opportunity for students to sing play and learn in Spanish. Then we also voted to begin our "Graceful Wings Angels program". This nonprofit fund will be the beginning to us coming together as a school and community to support each other. Our goal is that the fund will be enough to aid our GCA families when in financial hardships with tuition. More info coming as to how you too can start to contribute! We also received the great news that our 4 core teachers will be returning to Grace next year. Thank you Mrs. Zapolski, Mrs. Albin, Mrs. Deen, and Mrs. Sullins! Our Spanish teacher, Mrs. Douglass, has also expressed her intent to continue her teaching with us next year. Please help us to pray for the rest of our staff as they are still in their decision making process! Many board members and teachers will be working over the summer to assure a great start in the fall; please thank them for their strength and dedication! Please also think and pray as to where you will share your talents with us in the next school year! We will start anew with volunteers and new committee positions and we need YOU!

In God's Love, Devon Tilman

GCA CONTEST

"FIND OUR DUMPSTER":

The dumpster we had the honor of painting at the Spring Jamboree for the Chamber of Commerce is hiding somewhere here in Boulder City! While you are walking or driving around town – going to school, home, dance, sports or just taking a leisurely stroll – keep an eye out for the GCA dumpster! Then, if you find it, let Mrs. Harhay know!



AND SO THE SCHOOL YEAR COMES TO A CLOSE...

The end of School Schedule for grades 1 – 6 is listed below. *School uniforms do not need to be worn the last week of school.*

Monday, June 6 - Classroom activities.

Tuesday, June 7 - Swimming and Picnic.

After swimming we will stay at the park for a picnic. Students should be sure to have bathing suits, towels, sun block and a hat. Students should bring a lunch and extra water that day.

Wednesday - June 8 - Cleaning of rooms, desks, and lockers. Be sure that your child has an extra bag that day in order to take home books and supplies. Pizza will be provided for lunch (grades 1-6), and the Christian Character movie will be shown in the afternoon.

Thursday, June 9 - Field Day. Students need to have water bottles, hats, and sunblock for the Field Day Activities. School dismisses at 12:00 noon.

Friday - June 10 - Parents can pick up their child's final report card anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

HAPPY SUMMER!

Drivers are needed to transport students to the pool on Tuesday 6/7

YEARBOOKS ARE COMING:

Thank you to our yearbook committee for all their hard work this year. These dedicated people include: Amy and Darrell Dieleman, Joie Murphy, Tiffany Patton, Laura Palumbo, Kelly Ferrence, Jill Ford and Greg Carnes. Yearbooks will be available the last week of school. The book and supply fee paid at the start of the school year covers the cost of the yearbook.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEEDED:

Over 139 CCSD schools will be changing start and end times next year.

Unfortunately, my teaching contract hours have been jolted! =(We are looking to hire a VERY reliable person to care for Abbi after school from 2:30 to 3:30 (M-F). If interested, please call or text Mindy Matthews @ 445-9136

SWIM DAY PERMISSION SLIPS:

Please remember to send in your child's permission slip for swim day, even if your child doesn't plan on swimming they still need a permission slip to be on deck at the pool. Also, remember parents are welcome to join their students, but due to pool rules, only GCA students may take part in the swim day. Sorry, no siblings.