



GRACEFUL WINGS *Aug. 21, 2009*

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

It has been a busy and exciting week in Kindergarten. In our Bible lesson we are learning that God made each of us special. The children will be making a "ME" person next week and learning a song about how special they are in God's eyes. In math we're busy making AB patterns with unifex cubes and using white boards and markers to form the numerals correctly. Learning the short vowel sound "I" as in Indian and singing a song about rhyming words is lots of fun. Mrs. Zapolski is happy we come to school each day with a happy smile and eager to learn. Thank you to the parents who came to the Potluck/Orientation. I look forward to a great year. Thank you for choosing Grace Christian Academy for your child's Christian education. **Blessings, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

This is going to be an awesome year. Jeremiah Jayhawk is our class mascot who loves students who listen and get their work done neatly and on time. There will be many rewards and surprises for students who are kind, respectful and responsible. Cooperation and blessing others is expected. Please let Mrs. Albin know of any animal allergies. Let's have a super year! **Peace to You, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Welcome back everyone! We are off to a great start! I am so blessed to have such a wonderful class! We have jumped right in with our work. The first book report for 4th graders has been assigned. Please pick a book, your choice, 80 pages or more. You'll be giving an oral report (3-5 Minutes) on Sept. 17th. Please bring your books to get them approved! Your first Homework Reading Note (100 minutes or more) is due Sept. 8th! This is the year of the "Great American History" Awards. Our first document to memorize is the American's Creed. All the memorization for this special award is completed at home. We'll be saying the Creed on Sept. 28th. Please find a copy enclosed in their Friday folders. All documents may also be found in the back of their History books. Just a reminder: Thursdays are Central Market Day & Fridays are Show and Tell days! I'm looking forward to an awesome year!!

God Bless, Mrs. Deen

5th & 6th GRADE

Welcome back! It was a great 1st week and is going to be a great year! Science project are due Monday, Aug. 24th. Root beer floats start next week. Proceeds go towards our "Pennies for Presents" project. Thank you to all the parents who came to the school orientation and potluck. **God Bless, Mrs. Mraz**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Monday, Grace Christian Academy began its 10th year. We started with a small group of families and staff who were led by faith to be part of a new Christian elementary school. Many things have changed, but the goal of providing academic excellence for our students in a Christian atmosphere remains. Welcome back to both new and returning families. We look forward to serving God in the 2009-2010 school year and are excited to experience how God will do His work through us. **Love, Mrs. Harhay**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer families this week is the McConnachie family. Please keep Joe, Ian and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK TARDIES

Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Philippians 2:5

Our tardy policy officially goes into effect on Monday, Aug. 24. Please refer to pages 10-11 in the student handbook.

Dates at a Glance:

Sept. 2 – Labor Day assembly
Sept. 7 – Labor Day – no school
Sept. 11 – Grandparents Day
Sept. 15 – School portraits
Sept. 25 – Progress Reports Grades 1-6
Sept. 28 – Skin Cancer Education/Speaker

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

Thank you for the great turn out for our 1st Fun Friday. The next Fun Friday is Aug. 28th and is a Movie & Make Your own Sundae. Sept. Fun Fridays are bowling on the 4th, games on the 11th, popcorn & a movie on the 18th, and Grandma Daisy's & the park on the 25th. Everyone is welcome. Please see Mrs. Mraz for pricing and questions. Please welcome Allie Spinkelink who assists with our program.
God Bless, Mrs. Mraz

SNACK SHACK:

Snack Shack is open during the morning recess and will begin the week of Aug. 24th. Snack Shack days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday for Grades 1 – 6. All snacks are 50 cents. Kindergarten participates in Snack Shack on Fridays.

DRESS CODE REMINDER:

Students must wear socks with all types of shoes. Open toed shoes are not permitted. Starting next week, students in grades 1-6 should have tennis shoes for P.E.

STUDENT PAPERWORK:

If you have not already returned your forms for this school year, please do so on Monday.

UNIFORM CHANGE:

For the 2009-2010 school year students will be required to have one uniform which consists of a navy blue polo shirt and khaki slacks, skirts, shorts, etc. This combination will be worn for field trips and public performances. Parents will be notified as to when their child should wear this uniform combination.

OPEN INVITATION - CHAPEL:

Parents are always welcome to join us in Chapel. Thursdays are always special because Pastor Graham presents our Chapel lesson.

LABOR DAY ASSEMBLY –

PARENTS NEEDED:

Wednesday, Sept. 2 during Chapel at 8:00 a.m. parents are invited to join us for Chapel and tell our students a little bit about what they do in their profession. You are welcome to wear your uniform, bring a piece of equipment, etc. We'll allow just a few minutes for each participating parent. If you would like to be part of our program, please let your child's teacher know.

GRANDPARENTS DAY/PATRIOT DAY – SEPT. 11:

All Grandparents are invited to pack a lunch and eat at school with their grandchild/children. Lunch begins at 11:30. Dessert and beverage will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

¡Hola padres! (Hello Parents!) This week in Spanish books were handed out, and learning has already commenced! Please make sure that your child completes page 1 for homework and brings his or her book to class each Tuesday. If at any point you need to reach me, please contact the office and leave me a message. Thank you for your support.

En Cristo (In Christ), Señorita Barth

COMPUTER CLASS (1st-6th):

This year we know have the Internet (with an antivirus software that enables parent guards) on our computers in the Specialty classroom. We are excited about the additional learning opportunities we have available. In order for the students to participate in the computer class activities we need the attached "Rules for Acceptable Computer Use" form signed by the student and parent and returned to school. The 5th & 6th graders received this form and should have already brought it home.

THIS WEEK WE WELCOMED:

Mrs. Sandy Show from Grace Community Church. She explained the symbolism of the U.S. flag to our students.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to our first grade families who provided the breakfast food for our new families on the first day of school. It was all delicious.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP:

Tara and Keith Compton are in need of a family who would be willing to have Emmaleigh dropped off each morning at their home at about 7:30 and then brought to school. If you are able to help please talk with Tara or let our office know.

WELCOME - NEW FAMILIES:

We welcome the following students and their families to the Grace Christian Academy family.

Toby & Sam Breedon (K)
Trevor Hoffman (K)
Alyssa Bryant (K)
Keifer Reinhart (K)
Harley Walker (K)
Joy Hatch (1st)
Hope Blatchford (2nd)
Emily Campbell (6th)