

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 have made a "Me" person and learned a song how special they are in God's eyes. We have been making AB patterns with unifex cubes and using white boards and markers to form the numerals correctly during math time. Rhyming words and learning short vowel sounds is keeping us busy during phonics. Mrs. Zapolski is happy we come to school each day with a big smile and eager to learn. Thank you to the families who attended the Potluck/Orientation. I look forward to a great year. Your children are very blessed you have chosen Grace Academy for their Christian education. **Blessings, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Mrs. Albin's class is "Going Global" this year as flat Stanley travels around the globe. Bailey, our class guinea pig is back with us. Important notes will be in student planners. Daily work and homework will be in their folders. We are going to have an awesome year as this group of students are ready to learn and grow together. Please allow plenty of time for your child to get out their planners and folders, put their backpacks in their lockers, and be on the line by second bell. **God Bless, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Welcome Back! This has been a great 1st week. I have a wonderful class this year! Letters were sent home explaining our reading program for this year! Please let me know if you have any questions. Our first note will be due Sept. 13th! Late notes will not be accepted unless your child has been ill on Monday. It was great to see everyone Thursday night. God Bless! **Love Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

It is great to have everyone back for school. We hope you had a great summer vacation. In the fifth and sixth grade classroom, we are off to a great start with freshly painted walls and new curtains. We have been learning the new expectations and procedures of our classroom and Mrs. Sullins says we are doing an awesome job. During the next few weeks we will be studying ants.

The Fifth and Sixth Graders and Mrs. Sullins

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL Welcome to the 2010 – 2011 School Year! We have had a terrific first week here at G.C.A. God has already begun to pour out His blessing upon us – great staff, students, and parents, new lockers, and beautiful bathrooms and chapel. I pray that each of you has carefully considered the volunteer opportunities that are in this issue of the Graceful Wings and also those which were offered to you in the student paperwork forms. Volunteering enables you to develop a unique bond with our school and a closer relationship with our God. I invite you to visit our office and offer your time and talents as together we lead our children to grow in wisdom and stature. **Love, Mrs. Harhay**

PRAYER FAMILIES

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

For great is His love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Psalm 117:2

Dates at a Glance:

Sept. 6 – Labor Day- NO SCHOOL

Sept. 8- Field Trip Grades 3-6

GRANDPARENT'S DAY:

We invite the Grandparent's again this year to pack a lunch and bring it to school on Friday, September 10 at 11:30 am and eat with their grandchildren. Desserts will be provided.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED:

Applications are available in our office for the position of Custodian. The job cannot exceed 10 hrs. per week at \$10.00 per hr. Applications are due by Friday, September 3.

USED SCHOOL UNIFORMS:

If you are in need of used school uniforms, please check the dresser located just outside of Mrs. Deen's classroom door.

Please note the last page of the Student Handbook has been updated.

ART SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Mrs. Kariam is looking for the plastic trays that come with some microwave meals. If you have any, please bring them in! Thank you.

The next School Board Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 8, 2010.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

We are using a new approach for teaching Spanish. This once-a-week, half hour specialty class is designed to stimulate students' interest, enthusiasm, and respect for the language and cultures of Spanish speaking countries. *FUN* is the goal: *F - follow directions; U - unite in learning; N - never give up.* Classes include prayers, Bible verses, songs and activities. Grades are given for Spanish class based on classroom participation and behavior. Home study is encouraged by having a children's Spanish dictionary available, and letting your child share Spanish with you! Thank you for your support and prayers as we find out learning Spanish is fun! Mrs. Jana Douglass

ART NEWS:

This year our Art Program for students in grades 1-6 has a new format. The new art teacher, Mrs. Kariam, is also the director of the BC Art Center at ABC Park. For most months, she will have an art class on Wednesday for the students at our campus. On the 4th Wednesday, our students will have the opportunity to go to the Art Center in order to take advantage of Art Center equipment, supplies, etc. that we do not have at our school. This is a wonderful new partnership that we have with the City of Boulder City and an exciting opportunity for our students. We will need drivers on that last Wednesday of the month after lunch in order to shuttle our students to and from ABC Park. This is also a good opportunity to earn some volunteer hours on a regular basis.

P.E. NEWS:

Hello, my name is Mrs. Melendez and I am so excited to be teaching PE this year! PE will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Children are required to wear athletic shoes, and are welcome to bring a bottle of water. For the first two weeks we will be introducing expectations, routines, and requirements. We will be starting our first unit after Labor Day on September 8th.

If you left your dishes at the Potluck Thursday night, they are in the school office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

-Drivers Needed: Students in grades 3-6 will be attending the "Ends of the Earth" exhibition at the Galleria Mall on Wednesday, September 8. We will leave the school at 9:15 am and be back by noon. If you are able to drive, please contact Mrs. Deen or Mrs. Sullins.

-Drivers are also needed to assist with the Art program for grades 1-6 on the last Wednesday of each month in order to shuttle our students to and from the Art Center in BC.

-Monthly Calendar: This involves preparing the monthly calendar for our parents each month. Information is provided by the office. This is a good opportunity to earn volunteer hours at home. Please contact our office if you are interested.

-Fund Raising: This year, we are developing a "standing" committee for fundraising. This committee would be responsible for developing a fundraiser calendar and planning the events. Please contact Board Chairman Bill Bruninga if you would like to serve on this committee.

-Yearbook: We are in need of volunteers to work on our yearbook. This year, our plan is to have several people be in charge of only a few pages. Two months worth of pictures will be provided on a disc, and each volunteer would be responsible for the pages associated with the events pictured on that disc. We have a couple of volunteers but need more in order to have a yearbook next Spring. If you would like to help, please let our office know. This is a good opportunity to earn volunteer hours at home.

GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

STAFF 2010-2011:

Principal- Mrs. Marcia Harhay
Administrative Assistant: Becky Key
Bookkeeper-Jennifer Spinkelink
Kindergarten- Mary Jo Zapolski
First & Second- Pam Albin
Third & Fourth- Mary Deen
Fifth & Sixth- Carla Sullins
PE & Aide- Mrs. Danielle Melendez
Spanish- Mrs. Jana Douglass
Computer- Mrs. Staci Wood
Art- Mrs. Robin Kariam

GCA SCHOOL BOARD:

Mr. Bill Bruninga-Chairman
Ms. Holly Jeffries
Mrs. Anne-Marie Carnes
Mrs. Chris Ward
Mrs. Lois Bush

CHANGE TO GRACEFUL WINGS

DISTRIBUTION:

In an effort to save paper and time, the office will be distributing your copy of the Graceful Wings (G.W.) via your current email address. If you do not have email, or prefer NOT to receive the G. W. this way, please contact Becky in the office as soon as possible. The Graceful Wings is your **valuable** source of current school information, so we will be happy to print a hard copy for you if you prefer. A copy of the G.W. will always be posted on the bulletin board of the School Office. Thank you!!!

TARDY POLICY:

Students shall be required to arrive at classes on time. Students are considered tardy to school if they are not on the flag salute line when the second bell rings in the morning. Tardies due to medical appointments, dental appointments or other such situations shall be considered as excused. In order for other types of tardies to be considered excused, parents have the options of calling the school before 8:00 a.m. to report that the child will be tardy that day, recording the tardy in the attendance book when the parent brings the child to school or writing a note and bringing it to the office when they bring the child to school. All of these options must be completed on the day that the child is tardy. If a parent fails to notify the school on the day of the tardy, the tardy will automatically become unexcused.

PARKS AND RECREATION

FALL /WINTER BROCHURES ARE IN THE OFFICE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE ONE.