



GRACEFUL WINGS Sept. 18, 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

Did you hear what happened in Kindergarten last Friday? We made a gingerbread man and he ran away! He left us notes so we could find him. After looking all around the school we found him under Mrs. Harhay's desk and then we got to eat him! M-m-m good. In math we are learning to write and identify the teen numbers out of sequence. The children have been introduced to all the short vowel sounds so now we'll move quickly through the sound of each consonant. A fun game to play at home or in the car: say the word slowly and ask what short vowel sound do they hear in the word (dad, egg, pup, mitt, ax hot, fun). Be sure to praise them when they do a good job. All the children are a joy to teach. **Blessings, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Hooray for reading at home! Students are doing an amazing job reading in their reading groups and turning in their reading minutes. Speed drills in Math are showing improvement. Super Job!!! Memorizing math facts is vital. Jeremiah Jayhawks live bird friend, Blueberry, has joined our classroom fun. Students are doing an excellent job caring for him. The "Secret Place" Tabernacle has finally opened. Students earn time in the inner court, Holy place and Most Holy of Holies. Spending quiet time with God in their Bible, journals and prayers is quite a treat. Bible Study for Moms has begun. You are always welcome to join us as we refresh our souls and pray for our children.

Blessings to You, Mrs. Albin

3rd & 4th GRADE

Our first history test was a great success! Great job!! Don't forget --- We're saying the "American's Creed on Monday, September 28th". Progress reports will be coming out on Sept. 25th! Keep up the good work.

God Bless, Mrs. Deen

5th & 6th GRADE

Thank you students and parents for another great couple of weeks. Students keep working hard, progress reports go home next Friday, Sept. 25. Parents if you have any concerns please schedule a time to meet with me. Also if you have a concern about a specific subject we can arrange a weekly progress report if needed. Please do not hesitate to come in. Thank you for all the root beer float donations. Penny is getting fuller each week. Have a wonderful 2 weeks. **God Bless, Mrs. Mraz**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A few weeks ago, the Sunday edition of the Las Vegas Review Journal had an article regarding private schools. Among the topics discussed by the parents interviewed was the fact that families have to make sacrifices in order for their children to attend private schools. With that in mind, we at Grace Christian Academy are cognizant of the sacrifices made by our families, especially in these difficult economic times. Our goal continues to be to provide your child with the best education possible at the most reasonable cost. Thank you all for your continued support.

Love, Mrs. Harhay

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer families this week is the Avery family. Please keep Christina and her family in your prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Children are a gift from God; they are his reward. Psalm 127:3

STUDENT PORTRAITS

The photos taken by DCI should be delivered to school in approximately three weeks.

Dates at a Glance:

Sept. 24 – Family Chapel 8:00 am
Sept. 25 – Progress Reports Grades 1-6
Sept. 28 – Skin Cancer Education/Speaker
Oct. 12 – School Board Meeting 3:00 pm
Oct. 14 – All Family Picnic 11:30
Oct. 19 – 23 Country Store Week –

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

WOW! We are setting attendance records each week as you all join us. We will be adding bowling on Tuesdays every week for only \$10.00 from 2:45 – 4:45. We hope to see you there.

God Bless, Mrs. Mraz & Miss Allie

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Progress reports will be distributed on Friday, Sept. 25. Please sign them and return them to school on Monday, Sept. 28.

DRESS CODE REMINDER:

Our dress code states that ear rings should not be any longer than one inch in length. Also, all shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, etc. must be fingertip length. This applies to uniform days as well as free dress days. This applies even if leggings are worn underneath.

GCA LOGO:

Parents will again this year have the opportunity to have the GCA name and logo embroidered on school uniform shirts, jumpers, sweaters, sweatshirts, etc. Please bring your items to our office by Oct. 2. The cost is \$6.00 per article of clothing.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12 at 3:00 pm.

ALL FAMILY PICNIC:

Please join us on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 11:30 in the park by the Gazebo. Pack a lunch and meet us at the park.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

¡Hola familias! (Hello families!) This week in Spanish we learned more words for items found at school...crayons, paper, glue & many more. Homework for all classes is page 11. Next week we will continue with words for things found in the classroom. Pages 15 & 19 will be due for class on Sept. 29th. Grades for progress reports will be calculated after class next week. Please check your child's book to ensure that the following pages have a green stamp on them, or your child has not received full homework credit: pages 1, 3, 5 (except 1st /2nd grade), 7, 9, 11. Remember grades are based on attendance, participation, bringing one's book to class & completing homework. Thanks for your support.
En Cristo, Señorita Barth

FAMILY CHAPEL:

Our first Family Chapel of the school year will be on Thurs.,9/24. Parents, grandparents, siblings, etc. are invited to come and worship with us. Francyl Gawryn, Director of Family Ministries of Grace Community Church, will be leading Family Chapel.

MUSIC:

Drama tryouts were this week. I'll announce parts as soon as possible.
God Bless, Mrs. Deen

NEED A TUTOR:

Mrs. Melendez is again available to tutor our students. If you are interested please let her know.

SUN SAFETY:

On Monday, Sept. 28, our students will be participating in an educational program presented by the Nevada Cancer Institute on sun safety. The instructors will visit each of our classes separately in order to present age appropriate instruction. This opportunity is through a grant from the E.L. Wiegand Foundation.

COUNTRY STORE CHANGE:

Country Store is now scheduled for Oct. 23 – 24. There will be no school from Sept. 19 – 23. Families who will be taking a vacation during the week of Oct. 12 – 16 should fill out a pre-arranged absence form for their child.

COUNTRY STORE HELP:

Soon you will be receiving a letter regarding volunteering to help Grace Community Church with their Country Store sale. The letter gives dates, times, & areas in which you can help. Any time spent can go towards your October volunteer hours.

AFLAC:

Aflac is now offering reasonably priced life insurance for children which automatically converts to whole life at age 25 without evidence of insurability. The face amount doubles at conversion and cash and loan values accumulate in the third year after conversion. For more information, please pick up a brochure in our offices.

TARGET FUNDRAISER:

Through Target RED cards, our school can earn money. Target donates up to 1% of purchases to designated eligible schools. To participate, all families have to do is enroll in the program at Target.com/tcoe or by calling 1-800-316-6142. We will receive a check each September.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

Please stop in the office for more info.

Collect Box Tops for Education that can be found on bread, cereal, cake mixes, etc.

Albertsons Community Partners program where you can link your Preferred Card to Community Partners and we receive funds.

Vons E script program & receive funds in the same way as Albertsons.

FLU INNOCULATIONS:

Boulder City Hospital has doses of pediatric seasonal flu inoculations. For more information call B.C. Hospital at 293-4111.