



GRACEFUL WINGS

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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 are busy little beavers each day in Kindergarten. All the short vowels have been introduced so we're moving quickly through the consonants and into blending a consonant with a vowel. In Math we continue to write and identify the teen numbers out of sequence. Next week we will be learning about Johnny Appleseed and doing apple learning activities. The children's journals will be coming home today so find time to look through them. The children enjoy the weekly Bible lesson and are always eager to pray out loud and share what is on their hearts. Enjoy the first weekend of Autumn with your family. **Grateful, MJZ**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Mrs. Albin's class will be going on a field trip Thursday, September 30 from 8:30-10:30 am. We are going to Albertson's, and the students will enjoy a 'hands on' learning experience on the importance of good nutrition. Students are excelling on IXL Math program. They have accomplished together a total of over 3200 IXL math problems in one week. A giant turtle and giant red hand chair have been added to the classroom for quiet reading time. Keep those reading minutes coming in for the end of the month free pizza. A huge thank you to Mrs. Melendez and Mrs. Schultz for organizing learning tubs for individualized learning. Hooray! **Blessings, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Fourth grade book reports will be due and presented on October 8th. Everyone has a book now; so just be prepared to tell us the story in 3-5 minutes. You may have a few notes. Our first History test went well. Third graders may need to study more at home. This is something new, so please realize you will need to study on your own at home when we have tests! Keep up the good work! **God Bless, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

We had another great two weeks. Mrs. Sullins says our class is doing especially good in reading. Our first book report has been assigned. Sixth graders need to turn theirs in on September 30th and the Fifth grade reports are due on October 7th. In Bible, we are learning how to put on the armor of God, while in Physical Education we started Physical Fitness. We should be in great shape real soon. Overall we are having fun and in all of our classes. God Bless!

Sincerely, The Fifth and Sixth Graders and Mrs. Sullins

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's Fall! Hopefully, it will bring several months of beautiful weather. This wonderful season brings cooler temperatures, pumpkins, harvest time, changing colors in nature, and of course, Country Store. Grace Community Church provides our school with a beautiful facility, scholarships for our children, and an abundance of spiritual support as we join them in their ministry to the families of our community. Country Store is a huge sale which has 'shops' throughout the entire facility and the American Legion Hall next door. It is the Church's main fundraising project which provides funds to support many of their mission projects. Country Store also gives us an opportunity to assist the Church in their efforts. You soon will receive detailed information describing how your family can help. As you look at the variety of opportunities to serve, I ask that you prayerfully consider how you can be a part of Country Store and the ministry of Grace Community Church. **Blessings, Mrs. Harhay**

PRAYER FAMILIES

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."-Jeremiah 29:11

Dates at a Glance:

Sept. 27- PTF Mtg. 7:00 pm

Sept. 30- Gr. 1-2 Field Trip

Oct. 1- Progress Reports

Oct. 5-Gr.3-6 Field Trip

Oct. 7- Gr. 1-2 Field Trip

Oct. 14- Family Chapel

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

We begin our next unit of numbers and colors. The students will bring home a study guide. Please ask them to identify numbers and colors *en español* during daily activities. Let them teach you!

Gracias.

Mrs. Douglass

P.E. NEWS:

This week we have been learning about physical fitness and will be continuing this unit for the next week. We will be focusing on what it means to be physically fit, different physical fitness activities, and enjoying overall good health and wellness. **God Bless, Mrs. Melendez**

MUSIC NEWS:

We have completed tryouts for drama parts. Parts will be assigned in the next 2 weeks. Solo tryouts will be in October, after which parts and CD's will be handed out. Have a great weekend. **Love, Mrs. Deen**

COMPUTER NEWS:

The students enjoyed seeing the inside of a central processing unit and comparing it to the insides of a game system. A big thank you to Jenifer Jeffries for donating these items to our computer class. During the next couple of weeks we will be talking about the importance of online safety. Please take some time as a family to visit www.fosi.org, www.netsmartz.org, and www.connectsafely.org. These websites offer important internet safety tips that every family should discuss.

BABYSITTING AVAILABLE:

Michelle Bennett has several openings available for children between the ages of 1-4. She is CPR and First Aid certified and has completed a background check. For more information, you can contact her by phone at 566-8469 or by email at mrmichellebelle@hotmail.com.

UNIFORM COMMITTEE:

Periodically, we review our uniform policy. If you would like to serve on this review committee, please let our office know.

MANY THANKS:

-Many thanks to Mrs. Douglass for sharing with us in Chapel about the children's home sponsored by Foundation for His Ministry in Mexico. Mrs. Douglass has served as a member of a mission team which has volunteered at the home.

-To Francyl Gawryn who led our chapel time last Thursday.

-To Russ Jeffries who filled all of our play balls with air for P.E. and Recess.

- To all those who participated in our "See You At The Pole" on Wednesday- especially our students who prayed: they were Everyynn Andrade, Jeremiah Roach, MaryBeth Bruninga, and Abbi Matthews.

MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE PROJECT

This year our annual Make-A-Difference project will be to collect new or used children's books for the Spread the Word Kids to Kids Program. This program promotes literacy and makes it possible for all of Nevada's children to experience the magic of books. The books collected are distributed to elementary students throughout southern Nevada. Our school will be collecting gently used children's books throughout the month of October. Books can be brought to our school office. When kids read, they succeed!

"WISE MEN":

My name is Kenny Reinhart. I am a member of Grace Church and a parent of a student at Grace Christian Academy. I would like to start a group of volunteer workers willing to donate time and skills to the Academy. Examples of jobs we might do would be setting up and taking down of the school plays, paint trim and general upkeep of the school grounds. I would like to call the group "WISE Men" (Workers in Service Everyday). We will take direction from the church Pastor and the school Principal. I will not know what time of day or day of the month we will work until I know what times you are available. If interested, please contact me at 575-3549 or vreinhart@cox.net.

ACSI SPELLING BEE WORD

LIST:

The ACSI Spelling Bee list for grades 1/6 is available at www.acsi.org/Students/StudentActivities/tabid/591/itemid/159/language/en-US/Default.aspx

The password is SPELL1011*wds.

We will not be distributing printed word lists to each student. If you need a copy, please let your child's teacher know. The Spelling Bee in Las Vegas will be January 7. Our school Spelling Bee will be in December.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS:

School Board (Handbook pg. 14). School Board meetings are open to parents. If a parent would like to have an item added to the agenda, a written description of the item should be given to the Board Chairman at least 3 days before the scheduled meeting.

NEVADA DAY:

October 29. School will be in session that day.

DEDICATION OF CHAPEL:

On Sunday, October 10, Grace Community Church will be dedicating the newly renovated Chapel between its two services from 9:00-9:30 am. At 6:00 pm that evening, Christian Comedienne, Cathy Wilson, will present her comedy in the Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend the Church service and both of these events.

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE:

Special family occasions may merit an excused absence. When this occurs, parents should notify the office at least one week in advance and complete a Pre-Arranged Absence Form. The parent will take this form to the teacher to fill in advance class assignments. The teacher will turn in the form to the office for approval and attendance records. The form will then be returned to the child's parents. When the student returns to school, the student has the same number of days to make up the class assignments missed as the number of days absent from school. (tests and quizzes included).

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Progress reports for grades 1-6 will be distributed on October 1. Please sign them and return them to your child's teacher. If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

VISION/HEARING SCREENING:

For Kindergarten's and new students only, will be on Friday, October 1. Parents should return their permission slips as soon as possible.

PARENT/TEACHER**FELLOWSHIP:**

PTF meets on Monday, September 27 at 7:00 pm in the Specialties classroom. This is comparable to PTA in public school. All Moms and Dads are invited to come and discover ways to help our school.

FAMILY CHAPEL: October 14, at 8:00 a.m.

You are cordially invited to attend our first Family Chapel of the 2010-2011 school year. Come worship with us in the beautiful, newly renovated chapel. Pastor Graham will be speaking that morning. Our children love Thursday morning with Pastor Graham, and I am sure you will also.

SCHOOL EXPANSION**COMMITTEE:**

Several families have expressed an interest in beginning to look ahead to the possible expansion of the grades available at Grace Christian Academy. A committee is being formed consisting of both Church members and school families to begin looking forward as to how our school ministry can grow. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let Marcia Harhay know.

COUNTRY STORE MOVE:

On Friday, October 15 at 12:15, we will be moving the furniture out of the Kindergarten, 5th-6th grade, 3rd-4th grade and 1st-2nd grade classrooms and putting it all in the office, the Specialties Classroom and onto the stage. We need volunteers to help with this move and also on Sunday, Oct. 24, at 4:00 pm when everything has to be set up for classes on Monday morning. Both of these opportunities can be used as Volunteer Time.

FIELD TRIP:

On October 5th, grades 3-6 will attend a field trip to the Community College in Boulder City to learn about the history of Boulder City. On October 7, grades 1-2 will go on the same field trip. All grades will be walking to the College.