



GRACEFUL WINGS Oct. 16, 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

Thank You Firefighter Reinhart, Keifer's dad who came to our classroom and shared important fire safety rules. He said it's important we learn our address and phone number. Let's see if we can recite it on Oct. 26 to Mrs. Zapolski. In math we are learning about numbers that are greater, counting by ones to 50 and by 10's. During our phonics time we continue to do our blending cards. We are also blending three sounds together to make words like at, bat, fat, hat, mat, sat. Please find time to do this during our time off next week. Enjoy your week off as Grace Church prepares for their annual Country Store sale. See you bright and early October 26. **Many Blessings, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

I can really tell the difference as our students practice reading at home. It is showing in their daily reading groups. Keep those reading minutes coming in to earn a free pizza by the end of October and every month til March. The Spelling Bee list for the schoolwide spelling bee can be practiced at home. This is extra and the students are not actually tested on paper at school. Every Friday the students who have had a great week earn treasure box. If you would ever like to donate small treasures, the students would be delighted. Thank you to all who are blessing Courty Store with their time and efforts. I truly love Grace, students, parents and staff. You bring joy into my life.

Blessings to You, Mrs. Albin

3rd & 4th GRADE

The week we return from Country Store week will be a busy one. We will be saying the "Preamble on Monday, Oct. 26th. Our next history test is on Wed., Oct. 28th over Chpts. 5 & 6. Also, on Wed, the 28th, we will be attending the Laura Ingalls Wilder" play. We will be stopping for lunch on our way back, so please bring money to buy your lunch that day. On Thurs., the 29th, 4th grade book reports are due. Forms were sent home last Friday in folders. If you plan to order from the book orders they are 10/29. Friday, 10/30, we'll be celebrating Nevada Day. You may wear a costume that has to do with Nevada's history only! Nov. 3 & 4 will be our parent conference days. Please return your form as soon as possible. They will be sent home on 10/26. Our 2nd half of the Sun Safety program is on 11/2. Don't forget to wear a hat!! Well, that's a lot to remember! Have a safe & happy break! **God Bless, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Great job girls! We have only one week left in the 1st quarter (10/30 is the end of the quarter) when we return from Country Store week. Just a few quick reminders, non-fiction book report posters are due 10/20. Lists of work and current grades went home this week. During your time off you can take the opportunity to improve your grades by completing any missing work. Play at UNLV is on 10/28, bring lunch money we will be stopping for lunch on the way back to school. Have a fun week off! **God Bless, Mrs. Mraz**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Oct. 23 – 31 has been designated as Red Ribbon Week. Schools throughout country place special emphasis on teaching their students the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Our main participation in Red Ribbon Week will be to have Boulder City D.A.R.E. Police Officer Krumm as a chapel speaker. This will give our students an opportunity to meet with him. Officer Krumm will be back at our school after the first of the year.

Love, Mrs. Harhay

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer families this week is the Yoxen family. Please keep Stephanie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

In those days, John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near. This is He who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah.

Matthew 3:1-3

PTF MEETING

Our first Parent Teacher Fellowship meeting will be Monday 11/2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Specialities classroom. All parents are invited to attend.

Dates at a Glance:

Oct. 19 – 23 Country Store Week
Oct. 26 – Cookie Dough Fundraiser ends
Oct. 27 – Red Ribbon Week Celebration Day
Oct. 28 – Laura Ingalls Wilder play (3rd-6th)
Oct. 30 – Bake sale at the credit union
Nevada Day Celebration
Nov. 2 – Sun Hat Day & Sun Safety Program
Nov. 2 – PTF meeting 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 3 – 4 Parent Teacher Conferences
School dismissed at 12:00 (1st-6th)
Nov. 9 – Veterans Day Chapel Celebration

SUNSHINE CLUB (BEFORE SCHOOL) & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

We are very excited to offer our before school program in the morning (7:00 – 7:45). Both programs are going very well. We have rescheduled our family dinner to 11/5. Mark your calendars, on Wed., 11/4, our after school program will be making plates. We are doing them early so they will be back before Christmas. The plates make a great gift. The total cost is \$15.00. Have a fun & safe week off.

God Bless, Mrs. Mraz & Miss Allie

RED RIBBON WEEK:

One of our activities during Red Ribbon Week is for the students to wear a shirt with red on it. This day is designated on Tuesday, 10/27. **Those students participating will have a free dress day.**

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT:

Party Invitations: Unless a child is inviting his or her entire class to a party, invitations should not be brought to school. It is not the responsibility of the teachers to distribute party invitations.

LAURA INGALLS WILDER PLAY:

Students in grades 3 – 6 will be stopping for lunch at a fast food restaurant on the way home from the play. Students will need to bring money for lunch and also, students should wear navy blue polos & khaki skirts, slacks, etc. Drivers are still needed.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Conferences are scheduled for Tues, 11/3 & Wed. 11/4. Teachers will soon be sending home conference information. School dismisses at noon for grades 1 – 6 and there is no hot lunch.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

¡Hola padres! This week in Spanish we worked words for members of the family. The week we return from Country Store will be the final week for homework to be accepted before 1st quarter grades are inputted. Please remember: grades are tabulated based on participation, bringing books to class each week, and homework. The following pages were assigned for this quarter & will be accepted for a grade through Tuesday, 10/27: pages 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 19, 23 for all grades and also page 5 for 3rd – 6th. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via the office. Enjoy the break!

En Cristo, Señorita Barth

VETERANS DAY CHAPEL:

To honor our Veterans, on Mon. 11/9 we invite family & friends of our students who are veterans of the U.S. military to our 8:00 a.m. chapel. If any veteran would like to come in uniform, that would be a great experience for our students. Our children will be singing a special song which honors each branch of the U.S. military.

ART NEWS (1st – 6th):

Today in Art, our students made cards for patients at the Las Vegas Ronald McDonald House.

Also, please bring a pumpkin and decorating supplies on Monday, 10/26. Students will be decorating their pumpkins in class that week and displayed on Friday, 10/30.

MUSIC:

Drama parts & CD's have been handed out. Please try to memorize your part as soon as possible. Drama rehearsals start after Country Store week. Letters about parts & costumes will also be sent home that week. **Love, Mrs. Deen**

QUARTERLY WINGS:

We are preparing the first quarterly Graceful Wings newsletter which is sent out to people, businesses, and organizations which may be interested in our school. If you know of someone that would be interested in being on our mailing list please let our office know.

SUN SAFETY HAT DAY:

As a follow-up to our Sun Safety program presented by the Nevada Cancer Institute, we will be having a special "Hat Day" on Monday, Nov. 2. Students are asked to wear a hat to school which would provide maximum protection from the sun's rays. If a student does not have this type of hat, he/she is invited to create one of their own. Those students participating will have a free dress day. Students not participating should dress in uniform.

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER:

The cookie dough fundraiser forms and money are due back to school on Mon. 10/26. Checks are made payable to Grace Christian Academy. Cookie dough will be delivered the week of Nov. 16. Happy Selling.... For every 10 items you sell, you will get an entertainment book.

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER:

The following students were awarded Christian Character for the months of September and October.

- ❖ Stephanie Yoxen -- 5th & 6th
- ❖ Tori Spinkelink 3rd & 4th
- ❖ Abbi Matthews 1st & 2nd
- ❖ Harley Walker K

HELP: CLASSROOM SETUP:

Just a reminder that parents will be needed on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 4:00 p.m. in order to put our school furniture back in the classrooms. This time can be used as volunteer hours towards your tuition credit.

SCHOOL NEEDS:

Battery charger for "D" batteries for the lantern in the 1st & 2nd grade classroom.

A DVD player if someone has an extra one that they would like to donate.

File cabinet with a lock for school office. If you have one to donate, please call our office.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all who volunteered to work at Country Store. Don't forget to record your hours in the Volunteer book. The book is located in the office.