



GRACEFUL WINGS DEC. 4, 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

Our wagons filled with canned food were gratefully received by the volunteers at Emergency Aid. Thank you so much for your generosity to those in need in our community. The children are bringing home **Book A** of the reading series. Please listen to them read the assigned pages. Make certain they are touching the letters and blending the sounds together and then say the word the fast way. Give lots of praise to your child as learning to read is hard work! We have an Advent wreath in our classroom which we light at the beginning of each day. During the season of Advent, which means coming, we pray for the light of Christ to be born anew in our hearts. **Peace, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

We welcome Mrs. Townsend into the 1st and 2nd grade classroom. Her kindness, enthusiasm and teaching qualifications are phenomenal. We also rejoice with Senorita Barth on her new nursing position. We already miss her. More students earned their second free pizza by completing their reading minutes. Hooray for the love of reading! The teacher's conference was outstanding. New ideas for the classroom are under way, not only to increase academics, but also the spirit of reaching out to others. Be looking for a very special water jug, as the 1st and 2nd graders will be digging deep, to help raise money to dig a water well in Haiti. Wow, what a **BIG** difference each little child can make in the world. More info will follow. Also if you could save any used gift baskets after Christmas, we have a neat project we will be needing them for in the future. May the true spirit of Christmas light up your holidays this season. **Blessings, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

Please don't forget the Spelling Bee is next Wednesday. We will not have a regular Spelling List, but **will focus on the "Bee" list next week only**. Our next memorization assignment is the Gettysburg Address. This will be due Jan. 7th! The next fourth grade book report will be a non-fiction book of at least 100 pages. **Please get your book approved by Dec. 15th**. There will be a form to follow that will be due Jan 19th! There will not be any big tests until after the first of the year. This is a busy time of year, so please don't get behind in your daily work assignments! Have a great weekend! **God Bless, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

Welcome back! Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed to the breakfast. "Pennies for Presents" is a great outreach program that helps our students enjoy the gift of giving to those less fortunate than themselves. We will be shopping for the angels Friday, Dec. 11th during the school day. Your daughter will need to bring lunch money. We plan to be back before the end of school. This month is tremendously busy and things are changing rapidly, so please read all Graceful Wings, reminders and notes. **God Bless, Mrs. Mraz**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week, our classroom teachers and I were privileged to attend the Association of Christian Schools International Southern California Educator's Convention. This was made possible by funding through the Title II grant and a donation by the Boulder City Sunrise Rotary. We had an opportunity to earn CEU credits, listen to inspirational Christian speakers, attended seminars for personal growth and others which provided us with new goals for our own school. Our teachers all have returned with renewed enthusiasm to try ideas and methods which they gained from attending the convention. The number of delegates attending was affected by recent economic challenges experienced by Christian schools. I would ask that you keep all Christian schools and their missions in your prayers as they along with G.C.A. educate our children and prepare them for future leadership roles in our society. **Love, Mrs. Harhay**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer family this week is the Barth family. Please keep Stephanie in your thoughts and prayers as she begins her new career.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

I will teach you the good and the right way. I Samuel 12:23

CANTATA REMINDER

Please turn in your form by Mon., Dec. 7th if your child will be participating the Christmas Cantata on Fri., Dec. 18th at Grace Community Church at 6:30.

Dates at a Glance:

Dec. 9 – School spelling bee 1st – 6th
Dec. 10 – Singing at BC Hospital 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 11 – Progress Reports
Dec. 15 – Christmas Shoppe
Dec. 16 – Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 17 – Community Caroling 12:30 p.m.
Dec. 18 – School is dismissed at 12:00
Jan. 4 – School is back in session

SUNSHINE CLUB (BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM):

Welcome Back! Please take a look at our new calendar that came home this week, we offer many enrichment activities for your child/children. Feel free to use our services if you have an appointment, errand or Christmas shopping. **There is no after school program on Dec. 18th. School dismisses at 12:00 p.m.**

God Bless, Mrs. Mraz & Miss Allie

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT (P.13):

Leaving school grounds: Grace Christian Academy operates a closed campus concept. Once arriving on campus, students remain in school until conclusion of classes at the end of the day. The safety and security of the students are of primary concern. No child is released to any person other than the parent or the designee listed on the Student Release form.

SINGING AT BC HOSPITAL:

On Thursday, 12/10 we are in need of drivers at 9:30 a.m. to transport our students to and from the BC Hospital Long Term Care Unit. Students are to wear a navy blue polo and khaki pants/skirts .

SINGING AT GRACE:

Our students **will not** be singing at Grace Community Church on Sun. Dec. 6.

CANDY CANES NEEDED:

Candy canes are still needed for Old Town Christmas Caroling on Dec. 17th. Please bring candy canes to the school office.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPE:

The date has been changed to Dec. 15. New or gently used items are still needed in all age ranges and can be brought to our office. Wrapping paper, gift bags, tags ribbon, etc. are also needed. If you would like to help that day, please contact Holly Percival.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

¡Hola padres! There was no Spanish class this week as the students rehearsed for the upcoming Christmas program. The next Spanish class will be Sept. 8th.

En Cristo, Señorita Barth

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE:

Last Spring, Stephanie Barth, our Spanish teacher and classroom aide, graduated from Nevada State College and received her nursing degree. She has accepted a position at a clinic and is fulfilling her dream to be a nurse. We are excited for her although we will miss her. She has not only been a terrific teacher but also a fantastic Christian role model for our students.

WELCOME MRS. TOWNSEND:

Mrs. Shannon Townsend is our new classroom aide in 1st-2nd grade. She has a state of Nevada teaching license and is a wonderful addition to our staff. We all look forward to working with her.

MUSIC:

We are continuing to work on our program. We are having all rehearsals on stage now with drama & music. Please pray for us as we work to do our best, for the Lord. **Mrs. Deen**

CHRISTMAS CLASS PARTIES:

Class parties will be on Friday, Dec. 18, school will dismiss at 12:00 for children in grades 1-6.

STUDENT GIFT EXCHANGE:

Children in grades 1-6 will be drawing names for the class party gift exchange. Gifts should be wrapped and brought to school by Wed. 12/16 for the parties on 12/18. Gifts should cost about \$7.00.

ACSI SPELLING BEE:

Our school spelling bee will be Dec. 9, and the Las Vegas District Spelling Bee will be in January.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

Reports will be distributed on Friday 12/11. Please sign and return them on Monday 12/14. If you have any questions please make an appointment with your child's teacher.

SCHOOL BOARD:

Our next school board meeting is Monday, Jan. 11 at 3:00 p.m.

At our Jan. PTF meeting, parents will be voting on 2 representatives to represent them on the Board. Qualifications for this position are available in our office. Please stop in and pick one up if you are interested in serving. Please prayerfully consider if you would like to be a part of this Board.

CHRISTMAS PARADE:

For any students participating in the parade you need to be at the Matuska home, 307 Wyoming St. at 4:00. Please dress warm and in bright colors. Wear a funny hat if you have one. The children will be toymaker elves and will need to bring a toy with their name on it. If your child is young you may ride on the float.

THANK YOU'S:

Jeremiah Roach says "Thank You for all the prayers for his Mamaw!

The Thanksgiving Feast was delicious. Many thanks to all those who provided the food and help. Also a thank you to our students for the festive decorations and the wonderful program.

1ST QTR HONOR ROLL:

A HONOR ROLL

Landon Key	Emily Rinella
Daniel Percival	Victoria Griess
Sarah Estes	Hannah Hanson
Tara Spinkelink	Stephanie Yoxen

A-B HONOR ROLL

Abby Matthews	Aubrey Townsend
Dillon Calton	Emmaleigh Compton
Gady Conner	Ian McConnachie
Isabel Patton	Julian Estorga
Lola Mendoza	Hope Blatchford
Jeremiah Roach	Tori Spinkelink
Joel Mendoza	Taylor Blatchford
Christina Avery	Joe McConnachie
Matthew Smith	Marybeth Bruninga