



GRACEFUL WINGS Sept. 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 Bible lesson this week has focused on God's creations. We are singing a song called "I Am Special" and the "Me" people we made are hanging up in the room. Come and take a peek! One of our favorite books is "Down By the Bay" because it is a fun way to learn about rhyming words. In math we are forming the numerals 1 -1 10 and doing oral counting to 30. Our days are busy and always exciting. Have an enjoyable weekend and I will look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. **Blessings, Mrs. Zapolski**

1st & 2nd GRADE

Work habits and routines are growing strong for 1st & 2nd graders. Keepup the great work practicing for Friday's spelling test and completing all your reading minutes. Speed drills have begun in Math. Please practice and review facts from speed drill page. Jeremiah Jayhawk's fried will be flying in over Labor Day to spend time in our class. The students earned the visit by being.able to line up without a peep. Truly Awesome! All parents in the school are invited to exercise their bodies and souls. Come walk with us (The Walking Club) on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 pm. Starting Sept. 15 meet at the school with water bottles. Bible study begins Wed. Sept. 16 at 3 pm. We will be doing an 8 week study called Biblical Principals for a Strong Foundation. We will be learning everything from who is Jesus Christ to End Times. Please let me know by Sept. 9th so she can get books and CD's. Mrs. Mraz hass offered the after school program for \$5.00 for kids whose parents attend the bible study. You are also invited to pray with us in the Chapel every Wednesday at 7 am. It's a great way to start your day in peace. **Blessings, Mrs. Albin**

3rd & 4th GRADE

We've had a great time these first few weeks. We will be having our first history test on Wednesday, Sept.16. Use some of your homework reading minutes to read over chapters 1 & 2 to review for the test. The first homework reading note is due Tuesday, Sept. 8! Don't forget to be memorizing the American's Creed. We'll be saying that on Sept. 28! The 4th graders will be giving their oral book reports on Sept. 17th! Just tell us the story in 3 – 5 minutes. Keep up the good work & have a great Monday off! **God Bless, Mrs. Deen**

5th & 6th GRADE

A big thank you to the girls and parents, for getting this year off to a great start. Everyone is working hard and trying their best in all that we are doing. Our 1st root beer float sales were great we sold 20. T he proceeds go towards our "Pennies for Presents" outreach. On Tuesday, Sept. 8th please bring a book of at least 150 pages to school to be approved for your 1st book report. Have a wonderful weekend. **God Bless, Mrs. Mraz**

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, & self-control. Galatians 5:22. These are some of the characteristics that we at school look for in our students as the year progresses. At the beginning of the year, I have seen so much kindness extended to our new students by those who "know the ropes". T hose who are new have been welcomed into playground games, invited to join chapel praise song groups, lunch tables groups, etc. The new and the old are blending into one Grace Christian Academy family for the 2009 – 2010 school year. **Love, Mrs. Harhay**

PRAYER FAMILIES

Our prayer families this week is the Key family. Please keep Landon and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please use our school website (gracechristianacademybc.org) to view the Graceful Wings, school handbook, calendar and other information.

Dates at a Glance:

Sept. 6 – Kung Fu Panda 2 pm Fox Hall
Sept. 7 – Labor Day – no school
Sept. 11 – Grandparents Day
Sept. 14 – School board 3:00 pm
Sept. 15 – School portraits
Sept. 24 – Family Chapel - Pastor Graham
Sept. 25 – Progress Reports Grades 1-6
Sept. 28 – Skin Cancer Education/Speaker

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

WOW! Thank you to all the students who have participated in our Fun Fridays. The slip and slide day brought 16 students together for a great time. Making sundaes and watching Hannah Montana brought 10 friends together last Friday. Coming up in September are a lot of great activities that we hope you are able to come & enjoy. 9/11 Slip & Slide, 9/18 popcorn & a movie, 9/25 Grandma Daisy's & the park.

Starting 9/15 the after-school program will be joining the youth bowling league. You can join us for \$10 that includes a snack, bowling & supervision at the bowling alley.

God Bless, Mrs. Mraz

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SPEECH:

We will not be watching President Obama's speech to the schools on Tuesday Sept. 8.

UNIFORM REMINDERS:

All shirts worn by our students must be polo shirts with no design or logo except the Grace Christian Academy logo. White blouses for the girls are not considered to be uniform attire. Also, please stop by our office to take advantage of our Uniform Exchange. These are used uniforms that are in good condition given by families whose children have outgrown them. You may take what you like and when your child has outgrown his or her uniforms you may bring them to the exchange.

PATRIOT DAY:

Friday, 9/11 is Patriot Day. Because that is a regularly scheduled free dress day, we will show our support for our country by having a special free dress on Thursday, 9/10. Students may wear red, white & blue. If a student does not wish to participate, he/she should dress in uniform.

GRANDPARENTS DAY:

We plan to bake some of our unsold cookie dough for our dessert for Grandparents Day. If you would like to bake some, let us know and we'll give you a tub of dough. Grandparents are invited to bring a lunch and eat with us at 11:30 on 9/11.

PORTRAIT DAY:

On Tuesday, 9/15, DCI Studios will be taking student portraits. If parents are planning on purchasing pictures, students can wear whatever their parents like. Students whose parents are not purchasing pictures should dress in uniforms.

SPANISH NEWS (1st – 6th):

¡Hola padres! (Hello Parents!) This week in Spanish class we learned & reviewed the numbers 1-20. For homework, 3rd-6th need to complete p. 5 and 1st-2nd need to complete p. 7 and homework for next week's class will be p. 9. All assigned pages will get a green "muy bueno" stamp once I have seen them. I will accept completed work for full credit through the end of each quarter. Assigned work will appear biweekly in the Wings. If you have any questions please leave me a message with the office. And, don't forget to bring those Spanish books to class every Tuesday. Thanks so much.
En Cristo (In Christ), 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. Pastor Graham will teach the lesson that day. Parents are welcome to attend chapel any morning.

MUSIC:

We have started practicing our Christmas musical "Christmas Hang Ups"! We'll be trying out for drama parts in grades 3 – 6 at the end of September. **God Bless, Mrs. Deen**

NEED A TUTOR:

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

SCHOOL YEAR SCRIPTURE:

We will again be choosing a scripture for our all school scripture for the 2009-2010 school year. We will be taking suggestions through Friday, 9/18. Parents as well as staff & students are welcome to turn in suggestions. Our students and staff will then vote for this year's scripture.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

Our next school board meeting is Sept. 14 at 3:00 pm in the Specialties classroom. All parents are invited to attend.

GRACE CHOMMUNITY CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8:00 Family Worship – blend of contemporary & traditional. Sunday school K – 6th.

9:30 Traditional Worship Services.

6:00 pm Youth Group.

THANK YOU:

Thank to all the parents who made our Labor Day chapel such a success. We had an opportunity to learn more about some professions which were familiar to us and some which were new.

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.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

We have several on-going fundraisers which bring in revenue for our school. 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.

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