



Grace Christian School
2009-10 Newsletter

January 21, 2010

Praise God for His bountiful blessings:
~ for ACSI – Association of Christian School International, an organization that supports and guides Christian Schools with many programs including student activities, such as the Geography Bee, Spelling Bee and Art Show.

If Armstrong School District has a 2-hour delay tomorrow, Friday, January 22, 2010, Grace Christian School will not be in session due to the fact that we had only a 1/2 day scheduled.

Dear Parents,

I would like to take the time to thank each of you for your support and prayers for our fundraisers. We are in the middle of our Read-A-Thon. Thank you for encouraging your child to participate. Our upcoming fund-raisers are the Spaghetti Dinner with Gospel Concert on March 13th and our Yard Sale on the 10th of April. We will be contacting those who signed up for one at the beginning of the year. Since we depend on the fundraisers to cover the shortfall in the budget that tuition does not cover, it is imperative that each family participates in this endeavor. Therefore if you did not sign up on the 2009-2010 fundraising sign up sheet or if you were unable to keep a previous commitment to help, please contact the school to help with these upcoming fundraisers.

Opportunities for you to serve God and Grace Christian School

**Help with display in the Chamber of Commerce's window to promote Grace Christian School. Mrs. Phillips, our art teacher is in charge of this project. We are able to display in the window February 22nd through March 5th.*

**Pray for the Grace Christian School students that are attending the ACSI Geography Bee on Friday, January 22, 2010. Angel Campbell and Nathan Wilson, 3rd grade, Logan Callen and Gavin Martin, 4th grade, Jared Emminger and Samuel Wilson, 5th grade will represent GCS. We thank these students, Mr. Blakney and the volunteers for their support and hard work.*

**The next PTO meeting is Tuesday,
February 9th at 6:30 PM.**

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School Attendance

Dear Parent,

GCS would like to highlight a few points regarding attendance from the GCS Handbook. A written excuse is required for each day your child is absent from school. Our records indicate that some students have not turned in excuses for days missed. And with the flu going around many have already exceeded 10 days of absence. As it is written in the handbook,

“Since school attendance is a vital component of each child’s education, Grace Christian School requires written excuses for each absence. If a child exceeds 10 days of excused absences, all subsequent excuses must be signed by a doctor in order to be excused.”

We recommend that you schedule appointments and vacations after school or during school breaks. It is hard for the student to make up missed work and the lost classroom instruction. As a final note from the handbook:

“Note: According to regulations set by the foundations that provide scholarships and aid, those who receive financial aid cannot miss more than 10 days of school per school year or aid must be returned.”

Please review your handbook pages 16 and 17 regarding attendance. Should you then have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office. Excuse blanks will be sent them home with your child upon request.

The candy bars sale is going well. As you sell your candy bars, please turn in your money. Thank you for supporting Grace Christian PTO. It is with these funds that PTO sponsors Grandparent’s Day, the Christmas reception, Teacher appreciation, field day, field trip, graduation reception and other school activities.

Kindergarten Screening

Grace Christian School will be having kindergarten screening on February, 16th, 18th, 23rd and 25th. Please contact the school to schedule an appointment. If you know of someone that is considering sending their child to kindergarten next fall, please let us know, so that we can invite them to the screening.

