

Calendar of

Events:

April 11—

Geography Bee

April 22-24—

Testing

April 25—

Pack-a-thon

May 2—

Arts Festival

May 8—

Day of Giving

May 29—

Closing Program

May 30—

Last day of School

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Day of Giving 2014

Grace Christian School is participating in the fourth annual Armstrong County Day of Giving. The date is May 8th and it is a one day only event. Armstrong County Community Foundation has set aside this one day to raise as much money as possible for non-profit organizations. Any individual monetary donations from 20 dollars to 5,000 dollars will be matched by the Armstrong County Community Foundation. The amount of money that is matched to every donation will depend on the total amount raised by the group of non-profits. This year, the school is working with Cornerstone Consulting Group in an attempt to raise 30,000 dollars (last year the school made 18,302.69 dol-

lars total). Parents, staff and directors have been asked to commit to sending out letters containing the Day of Giving details to at least 25 people and to doing a follow-up call to the same people. Statistics show that a follow-up call increases the potential of a donation by 300 percent. On April 8th, all the letters were prayed over before they were mailed; the school recognizes that God is the One who can truly increase the donations given. By doing all of this, the school hopes that each family will be able to raise at least 1,500 dollars and together be able to reach their larger goal.

There are three ways to donate. Preferably, it is done by a check or money delivered to GCS before May 8. The

check must be made out to "Armstrong County Community Foundation" and "Grace Christian School" must be in the memo box, also the date on the check must be May 8, 2014. Second, it can be done by a check (made out as stated above) or money mailed to 160 N. McKean St., Kittanning, PA 16201. Third, it can be done online; go to www.ArmstrongGives.org. Remember, this is a one day event, so if done online, it must be done on May 8th or if mailed it must be post marked on May 8th.

With your help and prayers, GCS can meet its goal of 30,000 dollars. All the money raised will go to the McGrady Memorial Fund for Advancement of Christian Education.

Helping Hands

In conjunction with the Day of Giving, Grace Christian School under the guidance of Cornerstone Consulting Group is participating in a "Helping Hands" Meal Pack-a-thon. Walmart, Klingensmiths, Bill Rush Agency-State Farm Insurance, Hiland

Pharmacy... ?? are donating money for the food needed to pack 10,000 meals of fortified mac-n-cheese. On April 25th, all the students and faculty will take part of their school day to put these meals together. The packed boxes will then be do-

nated to the Armstrong County Community Action Agency. This is how the school has decided to say "thank you" to the community for matching the funds given on the Day of Giving. Parents and others are welcome to stop by the school on April 25th.

Exclusive Interview

This year, Mrs. Darlene Edwards was hired to be Grace Christian School's principal. Mrs. Sandy Hankinson was trying to do the jobs of the principal, the administrator and of the 1st and 2nd grade teacher, with the help of Mrs. Crystal Emminger, the school's secretary. Needless to say, hiring Mrs. Edwards has filled a very necessary role.

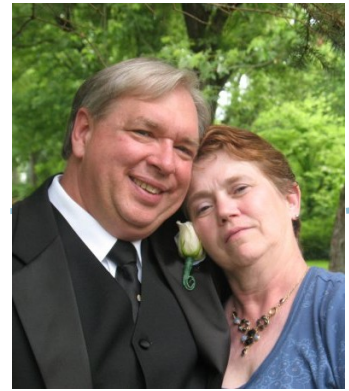
Mrs. Edwards married Larry Edwards in 1974. They have four children and five grandchildren. She graduated from Parkview Methodist School of Nursing and Grace College with a Masters degree in Guidance and Counsel-

ing. She has teaching experience from being CEF certified and teaching nursing at the collegiate level. The experience that has best prepared her to be a principal was homeschooling.

Though not being fully qualified to be a principal, Mrs. Edwards accepted the job offer mainly because she knew the school needed help and she had enough people skills to be a help. She is trusting God to further qualify her and be the Strength in her weakness. So far God has given her a love for the job, especially the kids, and a vision for the school. One day, she would like to see

the high school expand and have a graduating class. She would also like to grow the school's ministry to students with learning disabilities. The icing on the cake, though, would be to have someone come out of the school to be a strong spiritual leader for our nation.

Mrs. Edwards did say that the best part of her job is doing fun things with the students. They bring her lots of joy.



Do the Bunny Hop!

Can you do the bunny hop? How about hopscotch? All the students recently did these, along with jump rope and a hopping race for the Hop-a-thon. During lunch for a week the students got to practice hopping, jumping and having fun. Principal Edwards and Mrs. Crystal Emminger wore bunny

ears. This was done to promote Muscular Dystrophy Awareness. At the end of the week, the PTO donated 50 dollars to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. It was such a hit, the students are planning on doing the bunny hop again, maybe next time it will be to celebrate Easter break.

Read-a-thon

Every year the students participate in the Read-a-thon. The students raise money for the school by getting sponsors for every half-hour of reading they complete. This year, Jared Emminger read the most and Philip Moore raised the most money. Along with raising money, each student also got a ticket for every half-hour of

reading to be used at the Winter Carnival. This year the Winter Carnival was held on February 28th. There were games, like bowling, mini-golf, and a bouncy house, crafts to make and toys to buy with the tickets. The students got to enjoy hot dogs and root beer floats for free. While the games were fun and the toys

Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year is in full swing. Already most of the students currently attending have re-enrolled. Grace Christian School is now accepting applications for preschool thru 12th grade, so enroll now!

were cool, most students saved five tickets for the last event: pie-throwing. Pastor Matt, Mrs. Hankinson, Principal Edwards, and Mr. Lamison went home smelling like whipped cream.

Instead of participating in the Winter Carnival, the high schoolers enjoyed an afternoon at the bowling lanes.