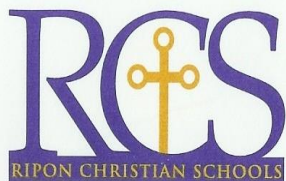


August 29, 2011
Ripon Christian
Elementary/
Middle School

In my new role as K-8 principal I have already had the opportunity to meet with a number of our younger students. These interactions have reminded me of the importance of building relationships with students so that they feel comfortable giving and receiving information. We all want to feel cared for and valued by others. Students are no different. When young people feel that you value and care for them as individuals, they are more willing to comply with your wishes (Boyton). As your K-8 principal and school superintendent I want to let you know that the staff is going to focus on our student-teacher relationships. I plan to make this a topic for discussion at most staff meetings. I realize that we already have a staff that values strong and supportive student-teacher relationships. However, as in every part of our lives, there is always room for improvement, myself included. Please encourage your son/daughter to feel free to speak with his/her teacher about lessons, homework, playground activities, etc. I would also like you to encourage them to speak to that õbig guyõ, as they say it, who walks around Maple I, II, III and the Middle School; thatõs me. I look forward to getting to know you and your son/daughter as we go through this school year.

Kerry Manus



Hot Lunch: The hot lunch program will begin on Wednesday, September 7, 2011. *Remember forms must be in by Wednesday, August 31, 2011.*



Grades K-8 Back-to-School Night: This parent-teacher activity will occur next Tuesday evening, September 6. Teachers will share their expectations, procedures, and curriculum, and you will have an opportunity to ask questions. Addition information is being sent home with your child(ren). We look forward to seeing you!



TRIP: It is great to see so many of you purchasing TRIP at the start of the new school year. We are pleased that Gap has increased their percentage to 14%. Red Robin is offering a 3% bonus in addition to their 8% until September 16. On September 2, TRIP will be sold at Christian School Circle. Hope to see you there!

Christian School Circle: Parents please join us for RCõs first School Circle meeting on Friday, September 2 at Almond Valley CRC (Corner of 2nd & Wilma). Come enjoy coffee and fellowship at 8:20 followed by a business meeting. Our administrators will update us with this yearõs requests and answer any questions. Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved in school circle. TRIP will be sold at the meeting. A monthly TRIP drawing will be held at each meeting. You must be present to win. Nursery is provided.

Volunteers Needed:

❖ **Hearing Screening** õ We need two volunteers to help line up students for testing on Tuesday, September 6, starting at 8:20 a.m. This would only take about 2 hours of your time. Please call the elementary office if you can help.



Chapel: The K-8 chapel topic next week Tuesday, September 6, is *Comfort – when we are sad*. Chapel will begin at 8:30 in the Performing Arts Center. You are welcome to join us!



Hearing Test: Students in grades K, 1, 2, 5, and 8 will have hearing tests on Tuesday, September 6. If your student is not in one of the above grades but you would like them tested, please contact Pam in the elementary office.

School Circle Fundraiser: Information is being sent home this Friday, September 2, regarding the Sally Foster and Gold Canyon fundraiser.



September Calendar

9/5	Labor Day õ No School
9/6	Back-to-School Night 7:00 p.m. õ K-5 7:30 p.m. õ Middle School
9/15	K õ 5 Picture Day
9/16	M. S. Picture Retakes



Middle School Volleyball

9/1	7 th & 8 th gr. girlsõvolleyball @ Colony Oak õ 3:30 p.m.
9/2	7 th & 8 th gr. girlsõvolleyball @ Ripon High õ 3:30 p.m.