

Where can I find the colors of autumn?

Did you know that today (Friday, Sept. 23) is the first day of Fall? Me either, especially since it might reach 100 degrees today. It certainly does not look or feel like autumn to me today. After moving to Ripon in 2010, I realized that the autumn experience was going to be much different in California than it was in Illinois. Nevertheless, it still remains my favorite time of year. As I reflect on this time of year, I am reminded of God's hand in all of creation and in our personal lives. I want to share the following reflection that I found while searching the web for devotionals about the seasons.

Praising God for the changing seasons

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might, He changes times and seasons... Daniel 2:20-21a

My heart overflows with gratitude to God for the changing of the seasons. Autumn is my favorite time of year. When I gaze upon his creation in the fall, it seems as if God has painted his plants and trees anew with brilliance. My eyes are opened to creation again in a special way as they are each spring. The coolness and crispness of the air rejuvenate me. Wonderful childhood memories warm God's awesome creation and how He is at work in all that we see. You my heart and I feel so alive! Thank you, God, for autumn! Thank you for all your seasons both, literal and figurative, in your physical creation and in our lives. How are you enjoying the beauty and majesty of God's creation this autumn? <http://goingwithoutknowing.com/2010/10/18/praising-god-for-the-changing-seasons/>

I encourage you to share this News of Note with your son/daughter. Talk with your child and you might even want to find some scenes of autumn on the web to show your child the colors of autumn in other parts of the country.

Kerry Manus



Vision Screening: Dr. Hoek will be here Thursday, October 6, to do vision screening for grades K and 1. On Wednesday, October 12, he will finish up with grades 3 and 5. Dr. Hoek is in need of two volunteers each day to help with the screening. If you are able to help, please contact Pam in the elementary office.

Expanding Your Horizons, a conference for 6th- through 12th-grade young women especially interested in possible careers in math, science, or engineering, will be held Saturday, October 22, at the University of the Pacific. A number of 7th- and 8th-grade girls have attended in recent years and found it informational, inspirational, and fun! For more information, request a brochure from Mr. Lemkuil or go online to www.sjeyh.org.

See You at the Pole We encourage middle-school students to attend this prayer event on Wednesday, September 28, at 7:30 a.m. in front of the high school office.

Ripon Christian School Circle – Please join us for our Fall Welcome Brunch on Friday, October 7! After you bring your kids to school come on over to Almond Valley church (corner of 2nd and Wilma) for this month's breakfast meeting. TRIP will be sold and nursery will be provided. Remember this is a monthly \$50 TRIP drawing for all members present.

Science Camp Cookie Dough Fundraiser: The fifth and sixth grade students are currently selling cookie dough to raise money for Science Camp. The sale will run until October 7.

Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this week Wednesday, September 28, will be hot dogs and chips.

Family Fun Festival: Reserve Saturday, October 15 for Ripon Christian's Family Fun Festival from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ripon Christian. This event is for the whole family to enjoy. There will be fun, food and games available.



Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. o R. Alger, M. Franzia, J. Haug
Wed. o F. Larson, M. Swager, J. Dingman
Thurs. o J. Haugg, A. Silva, S. Koolhaas
Fri. o G. Barnes, C. Wilkerson
Mon. o K. Van Donselaar, B. Salie, J. Zuidervaart



September/October Calendar

9/26 Science Camp cookie dough sale begins
9/28 See You at the Pole, 7:30 a.m.
10/6 Vision screening for K & 1
10/12 Vision screening for 3 & 5
10/12 8th grade Explore Tests
10/13 K-5 Picture Retakes
10/17 Teacher In-Service o No School



Middle School Volleyball

9/28 7th & 8th gr. girls volleyball @ home o 3:30 p.m.
9/29 7th & 8th gr. girls volleyball @ home o 3:30 p.m.



Middle School Soccer

9/26 Soccer @ Turlock Christian 3:45 p.m.
9/29 Soccer @ Salida o 3:45 p.m.

