

NEWS OF NOTE

September 6, 2011
Ripon Christian
Elementary/
Middle School

Lead Me to the Rock

Lately, as I walk around the playground watching our students at recess, I am amazed at how many of our kids love to play in the sand. I am sure you know they play in the sand by the marks on their clothes and the sand in their shoes. Almost every group is building fort walls or mountains. The kids work hard to pack the sand so that it is more solid; almost as if they have turned the sand into rocks that then form the walls or mountains they are trying to build. Watching this happen, reminds me of our theme verse Psalms 61:2, "Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." It also encouraged me to search the web for children's devotions about "the Rock" and in doing so I came across the following lyrics to a song by Yancy:

"On Christ the solid rock I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
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Jesus, You are my Rock. My
foundation. My hope is found in
you. You heal the brokenhearted.
You restore my joy and my
strength. Your dreams for me are
bigger than my own. Help me to
love you more every day of my
life so I can experience all that
you have in store for me. The best
is yet to come. I believe it." (For-
kids devotional *Rock-n-Happy
Heart*, Yancy)

Join me in leading kids to know more about Jesus, our Rock and our foundation, by asking them about their sandbox experiences and tying those experiences to stories about Jesus and how He is the "rock" on which we stand.

Kerry Manus



Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this week Wednesday, September 7, will be burritos and chips.



Grades K-8 Back-to-School Night: This parent-teacher activity will occur tonight starting at 7:00 for K-5 students and 7:30 for middle school students. Teachers will share their expectations, procedures, and curriculum, and you will have an opportunity to ask questions.



Christian School Fundraising: The Sally Foster and Gold Canyon Candle fundraiser will continue until September 19. Additional Sally Foster order forms can be picked up in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Doek @ 838-2124 (Sally Foster) or Kerry Harris @ 612-0240 (Gold Canyon). The K-8 student who sells the highest dollar amount for Sally Foster or Gold Canyon Candles will receive a \$50 MasterCard gift card. Classes with 100% participation will receive a donut party and the class with the highest dollar amount sold will receive a pizza party! Funds raised will help defray costs for Spiritual Emphasis Week and technology needs.



Picture Day: Next Thursday, September 15, is Picture Day for grades K-5. Picture packets are being sent home today. Make sure your student returns a completed packet if you wish to order pictures.



Mark your calendar for two exciting events coming up. October 15, will be the Family Fun Festival and November 5, we will have a Dinner/Auction Night Out. More details to follow.



Middle School Picture Day Retakes: Middle school picture retakes will be next Friday, September 16. Students who were absent or dissatisfied with their photos may have them retaken. Please send back complete packets so they can be given to the photographer at the time of the retake.



Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. ó S. Johnston, T. Spagnola, J. Haug, B. Spicer
Wed. ó P. Kessler, W. Bryan, M. Vrieling, K. Van Der Hoek
Thurs. ó J. Haug, H. Wicker, T. Van Vliet, J. Estrella
Fri. ó R. Nelson, L. Hicks, A. Henderson
Mon. ó G. Ruther, R. Booth, B. Salie, J. Zuidervaart



September Calendar

9/6 Back-to-School Night
7:00 p.m. ó K-5
7:30 p.m. ó Middle School
9/15 K ó 5 Picture Day
9/16 M. S. Picture Retakes



Middle School Volleyball

9/6 7th & 8th gr. girls volleyball
@ St. Stanislaus ó 3:30 p.m.
9/8 7th & 8th gr. girls volleyball
@ Home ó 3:30 p.m.



Middle School Soccer

9/6 Soccer @ Big Valley ó
3:45 p.m.
9/8 Soccer @ home ó 3:45 p.m.