NEWS OF NOTE

April 18, 2011
Ripon Christian Elementary/ Middle School

Soar!

Principal's Perch:
A hunter whose faithful hunting dog had died visited a pet store to purchase a replacement. The store owner sold the hunter his most expensive canine.

The hunter took out his new dog to give him a test run. Upon shooting a duck that fell into the lake, the man ordered the dog to retrieve the bird. He couldnôt believe his eyes when the animal walked across the water to fetch the duck.

The hunter, wishing to share the miracle with someone, invited a friend to witness the dogôs amazing feat. The hunting scene replayed itself, and the hunter breathlessly awaited his buddyôs response. When asked ñDidnôt you notice anything unusual about my dog?,ò the friend calmly replied, ñYes. Your dog canôt swim.ò

I donôt know about you, but I often ñmissò miracles around með our ability to learn and retain information; the birth of a faculty memberôs perfectly-formed baby; a studentôs successful, intricate surgery. This week letôs marvel at the miracle of Easter:

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
Death at last has met defeat.
See the ancient powers of evil
in confusion and retreat.
Once he died and once was buried;
now he lives forevermore—
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
whom we worship and adore.
(Christopher Wordsworth)

Mr. De Weerd

Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this Wednesday, April 20, is pizza.

Open House & Music Program: Reserve this Tuesday, April 19, for the K-5 Open House (6:00 ï 7:30 p.m.) and the K-3 Music Program (7:30 p.m.) in the Performing Arts Center.

Grandparents and Special Friends' Day: Our studentsô grandparents and special friends are cordially invited to join us on Thursday, April 21, 2011. The day will begin with a K-8 chapel in the high school gym at 9:00 a.m. After enjoying refreshments and displayed artwork, guests are welcome to tour elementary and middle-school classrooms from 10:30 ï 11:30 a.m.

Jog-a-thon Fundraiser: This yearôs jog-a-thon was a great success! We raised $24,000. Thank you to all who gave of their time and money to support Ripon Christian.

Summer Sports Program: Forms are available in the elementary office for students who are interested in the summer sports programs listed below:

- Boys Basketball Camp
  June 6-10: 8th ï 10th grade
  June 20-24: 5th ï 7th grade
- Girls Basketball Camp
  June 6-10: 5th ï 8th grade
  Janet Engel
- Boys and Girls Volleyball Camp ï July 12-15
  Tiger Shelton
- TNT Soccer Camp
  July 18-22
  Keith Terpsma
- Baseball Camp
  June 6-10: 5th ï 7th grade
  Joe Darretta

Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. – J. Haugg, J. Van Groningen, J. Manus
Wed. ï H. Wicker, J. Fisher, W. Bryan
Thur. ï **11:30 dismissal – no duty**
Fri. ï **Good Friday - no school**
Mon. ï **Easter Vacation**

April Calendar

4/19	K-5 Open House ï 6:00 ï 7:30 p.m.
4/19	K-3 Program ï 7:30 p.m.
4/21	Grandparents & Special Friends' Day
4/22	Good Friday ï no school
4/25-29	Easter Vacation ï no school

Middle School Sports

4/19	7th & 8th gr. girlsô softball @ home ï 3:30 p.m.
5/3	7th & 8th gr. girlsô softball @ home. ï 3:30 p.m.
4/19	7th & 8th gr. boysô baseball @ Rainbow Fields ï 5:30 p.m.
4/27	7th & 8th gr. boysô baseball @ Rainbow Fields ï 7:15 p.m.