



Principal's Perch:



Last week's puzzle challenged families to identify a list of twenty-one acronyms, phrases, and abbreviations. For example, the first entry, **26 = L of the A**, stands for **26 letters of the alphabet**. Here are the rest of the answers:

- 7 wonders of the world
- 1,001 Arabian knights
- 88 piano keys
- 13 stars on the American flag
- 32 degrees Fahrenheit at which water freezes
- 18 holes on a gold course
- 90 degrees in a right angle
- 200 dollars for passing GO in Monopoly
- 8 sides on a stop sign
- 3 blind mice (see how they run)
- 4 quarts in a gallon
- 24 hours in a day
- 1 wheel on a unicycle
- 5 digits in a zip code
- 57 Heinz variety
- 11 players on a football team
- 1,000 words that a picture is worth
- 29 days in February in a leap year
- 64 squares on a checkerboard
- 40 days and nights of the Great Flood

So how did you do?

Mr. DeWeerd

Lost and Found: Are you wondering where your child's sweatshirt is? Most likely it is mixed in with lots of other clothing items waiting to be claimed by their owners. Please check the tables outside the elementary office before Thursday. Unclaimed items will be given to charity.

EXPLORE Test Results: Last fall eighth graders took the EXPLORE, which consists of four tests—English, math, reading, and science. Students went over the results today and took home a score report and booklet entitled Using Your EXPLORE Results. The school is analyzing the student data to determine strengths and weaknesses of our academic program.

Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this Wednesday, April 6, is burritos and chips.



Ripon Christian School Merchandise & Livestock

Auction: Please mark your calendar for Saturday, April 16, to attend the 29th Annual RCS Merchandise & Livestock Auction. The auction starts at 9:30 a.m. and will again be held at the Escalon Livestock Market, located at the corner of Lone Tree & Escalon Bellota Roads in Escalon. This auction has been a very important fundraiser, benefiting RC's General Fund, assisting in improvements to the school's building and grounds, and supporting its Industrial Arts program. There will be over 125 items (goods and services) to bid on in all price ranges. Students involved with RC's Close-Up Club will be offering a car wash during the auction, and a free tri-tip lunch will be provided for all who attend. If you have an item you would like to donate towards this year's auction, please call Ken Van Gorkum at 838-2549 or Bryan Van Groningen at 765-1494.



Summer Reading Skills

Program: Today we sent home a flyer describing a series of summer-break programs designed to improve reading and study skills and stimulate a greater interest in reading. Offered by California State University, Stanislaus, the programs meet once a week at Central Catholic High School/on the university campus.



Chapel: April's chapel topic is *Saul/Paul – Humility*. Tomorrow Pastor Lloyd Wicker will meet with grades K-8 from 8:30-9:00 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.



Yard Duty Volunteers

- Tues.** – J. Haugg, M. Mendes, D. Gerdes, M. Schmidke
- Wed.** – G. Van Vliet, W. Bryan, F. Braga
- Thur.** – T. Van Vliet, M. De Abreu, M. Petlansky, L. Van Vliet
- Fri.** – R. Nelson, K. Miller, F. Larson, M. Franzia
- Mon.** – S. Johnston, P. Stuit, T. O'Neal



April Calendar

- 4/14-15 Beginners' Day (kindergarten)
- 4/16 Merchandise & Livestock Auction
- 4/19 K-5 Open House – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- 4/19 K-3 Program – 7:30 p.m.
- 4/21 Grandparents & Special Friends' Day
- 4/22 Good Friday – No School
- 4/25-29 Easter Vacation – No School



Middle School Sports

- 4/5 7th & 8th gr. girls' softball @ home – 3:30 p.m.
- 4/7 7th & 8th gr. girls' softball @ Weston – 3:30 p.m.