

Principal's Perch



Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

(Isaiah 40:31, NIV)

Out on the turf the other day I observed some fourth graders telling one another, "Lift me up so I can be tall." They were having fun shooting up a few inches on the spot! As noted in the upper-right corner of this newsletter, this year's school theme is *Soar!* Throughout the year in our classrooms and chapels, we will focus on Bible characters who "shot up" with God's help. "What do these fellow children of God teach us about soaring like eagles?" is an overarching theme question.

It is my prayer that as we explore God's world together this year, we will take full advantage of the Holy Spirit's power and soar as creation caretakers.

Come with me, walk with me, run with me, fly with me, We will roam the Father's land together! Living in His everyday love, guided by His everyday power, Feeling the warmth of the sun above, We will know the loveliness of every hour. Come with me, walk with me, run with me, fly with me, We will roam the Father's land together!

("Come with Me" by Ken Medema; emphasis added)

Mr. DeWeerd



Hot Lunch: The hot lunch program will begin on Wednesday, September 8, 2010. *Remember forms must be in by Wednesday, September 1.*



Chapel: The K-8 chapel topic next week Tuesday, September 7, is *Abram/Abraham—Faith*. Chapel will begin at 8:40 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. You are welcome to join us!

Ripon Christian School Circle: Mark your calendars to join us on Friday, September 3, at Almond Valley CRC (corner of Second and Wilma). Drop your children off at school, grab a few friends and join us for coffee at church. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m. Our principals will be on hand to give us updates and answer any questions. This is a great way to meet parents. Nursery is provided. We are still in need of an Assistant Treasurer. Please prayerfully consider filling this position.



Grades K-8 Back-to-School Night: This parent-teacher activity will occur next Tuesday evening, September 7. Teachers will share their expectations, procedures, and curriculum, and you will have an opportunity to ask questions. Additional information is being sent home with your child(ren). We look forward to seeing you!

Baby Congratulations: We are excited to announce the arrival of twins, Hudson Lee and Brooklyn Helena, born to Mr. and Mrs. Schenk on August 20 and a daughter, Reese Elizabeth, born to Mr. and Mrs. Vander Wal on August 24. Mr. Schenk is one of our 6th-grade teachers, and Mrs. Vander Wal teaches 5th grade.



Sally Foster: The Sally Foster fundraiser will begin this Friday, September 3. Packets will be sent home with your child on that day.



TRIP: The following new stores have been added to TRIP:

Aeropostale

Little Caesars

El Torito (which also works for *Chevys*)

We also have a list of special-order vendors:

PF Changs

Cheesecake Factory

Pet Smart

REI

Restoration Hardware

Ruth Chris

Sunglass Hut

Express

Ordering is done on Tuesdays with orders received on Thursdays. Orders will be ready for pick up on Friday. If you have any questions, please contact Doreen at 599-6351.



September Calendar

9/6	Labor Day – No School
9/7	Back-to-School Night 7:00 p.m. – K-5 7:30 p.m. – Middle School
9/13	K – 5 Picture Day
9/17	M. S. Picture Retakes



Middle School Sports

9/2	7 th & 8 th gr. girls' volleyball @ home – 3:30 p.m.
9/7	7 th & 8 th gr. girls' volleyball @ home – 3:30 p.m.