

## Principal's Perch

*\*Dogs see in blue, yellow, and gray.*

*\*Pepper contains pelerine, a chemical that acts as an irritant in a person's nose.*

*\*Astronauts are unable to burp in outer space.*

*\*Scientists call layers of water moving slowly and smoothly past each other a laminar flow.*

*\*An orange's peel contains "airbags" that allow the fruit to float. Other fruits float if they have seeds and air in their core.*

*\*Immiscible liquids are two liquids that cannot mix (e.g., oil and water).*


*\*Visual vibration occurs when your eyes blend patterns of black and white into patterns of gray; you see something that's not really present.*

These are just some of the fascinating facts I learned at last week's middle school Exploratorium. Terrific work, 6<sup>th</sup>- and 7<sup>th</sup>-graders; I learned a lot from you! Thank you, Mrs. Hulsey, MJC Chemistry Instructor, and Mr. Lemkuil, R.C. Science Teacher, for coordinating the successful event. I also extend appreciation to everyone who stopped by to support and explore.

*This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—  
his hand the wonders wrought.*

("This Is My Father's World," end of v. 3,  
by Malthie D. Babcock)

Mr. DeWeerd



**Grades 6-8 Exploratories:** Students participating in an off-campus exploratory on December 14-16 will take home a permission form on Wednesday. Parents able to chaperone may sign up on the same form. If you would enjoy chaperoning even if your child isn't in an off-campus group, please call Mrs. Segaar at 599-2155 ext. 205.



**Hot Lunch:** Hot lunch this Wednesday, December 8, is sloppy joes and chips.



**Chapel:** The chapel topic for this month is *Mary – Praise*. The K-8 chapel will be this Tuesday, December 7 at 8:40 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.



**Christmas Performances:** Mark your calendars with the following concert dates:

Monday, December 13  
Grades 9-12 - 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 14  
Grades 5-8 - 7:00 p.m.

Both concerts will be held in the Performing Arts Center. A freewill offering will be taken.



**Student Sickness:** Since this is the cold/flu season, we would like to remind you to keep your student home if he/she has a fever or cough that could spread germs. Please talk to your child(ren) about wearing their sweaters/coats on cold days. Thank you for your cooperation.



**Advance Notice:** Ripon Christian will be *dismissing students at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 17*. Buses will run at that time.



**TRIP:** Remember SCRIP makes a great stocking stuffer. Make this holiday season stress free by using SCRIP.



**The Ripon Christian Boosters Club** is selling spiral-cut hams for \$20. An e-mail was sent home with an order form or you may pick one up in the elementary office.



**Operation Christmas Child:** A BIG thank you to all who participated in our shoebox project. We collected a total of 203 shoeboxes! Ripon Christian is truly fortunate to have so many loving families who are willing to help others.



## Yard Duty Volunteers

**Tues.** – J. Haugg, M. Mendes, D. Gerdes, M. Schmidke  
**Wed.** – N. Nichelson, C. Thomas, F. Larson, C. Van Vuren  
**Thurs.** – L. Swartz, L. Van Groningen, K. Van Elderen, C. Bakker  
**Fri.** – R. Nelson, D. Mensonides, K. Miller, J. Sroufe  
**Mon.** – S. Johnston, P. Stuit, T. O'Neal,



## December Calendar

12/13 High School Christmas Concert  
7:00 p.m. in the PAC  
12/14 Grades 5-8 Christmas Concert  
7:00 p.m. in the PAC  
12/17 K-12 minimum day – 12:00 p.m. dismissal  
**12-20 thru 1-2 Christmas vacation**  
1/3 School resumes



## Middle School Sports

12/8 6<sup>th</sup> gr. girls' BB @ home  
3:30 p.m.  
12/11 6<sup>th</sup> gr. girls' BB @ Our Lady of Fatima - 10:00 a.m.  
12/7 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. girls' BB @ Dutcher - 3:45 p.m.  
12/9 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. girls' BB @ home  
3:30 p.m.  
12/11 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. girls' BB @ Our Lady of Fatima – 11:00 a.m.