

Principal's Perch



Allow me to share some past-week examples of why my seat is the best one in the house:

- A family expressed appreciation for a Christian school that comes alongside the home to discipline children for wiser, more Christ-like behavior.
- A sixth grader visited my office with two friends to discuss signing up students to pick up campus trash in a few weeks.
- Students delivered a birthday treat or two, a bag of homemade cookies, and a piece of cake that was part of a science lesson to my desk, where I silently thanked God for my sweet tooth and high metabolism.
- I heard our middle school student council excitedly describe this year's projects to Dr. Parker, our Spiritual Emphasis Week speaker.
- I witnessed a number of students, teachers, and parents sharing their time and abilities with others during Service Project Day.

Next week I will share more about Spiritual Emphasis Week from my perch as principal.

Mr. DeWeerd

In Memory of Toni Burris: If you are interested in learning more about joining or donating to the *In Memory of Toni Burris Team* that will participate in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Modesto on Saturday, May 14 at Johansen High School, please visit <http://main.acevents.org/goto/InMemoryOfToniBurris> or pick up an Offline Donation Form from the elementary office. Toni, who passed away from cancer this past Christmas, was the beloved wife of Chris and mother of Connor (2B) and Cullen (4B).



Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this Wednesday, February 2, is sloppy joes and chips.



TRIP: Anyone who purchases scrip February 8 – 11 will be automatically entered into the Valentines drawing. The drawing will take place at half time of the boys' varsity game this Friday, February 11. We will sell scrip that evening until the start of the varsity game. Come and support our boys and see if you win one of the great prizes listed below:

- Outback - \$50
- Ace-Schempers - \$25
- Friends Salon - \$25
- Main Street Floral - floral arrangement
- Jake's Coffee - \$10



R.C. Cheer Camp

When: Saturday, February 12, 2011

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25

A drink, snack and T-shirt will be provided. The girls will perform on February 15 for the R.C. boys' basketball game. Forms are available in the elementary office.



Chapel: Ripon Christian invites you to attend a follow-up chapel for Spiritual Emphasis Week this Wednesday, February 9. The elementary chapel will start at 8:40 a.m. with the middle school following at 9:15 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Come and hear how God challenged and blessed students and faculty during their week of spiritual growth.



Six Flags Tickets: Reading logs are due by February 28. Turn in logs to Mrs. Lacasse in the elementary library. Tickets will be issued after March 4.

Ripon Christian School Circle invites parents of R.C.'s preschool – 12th grade students to attend our meeting this Friday, February 11, at 8:30 a.m. at Almond Valley Church (corner of Second and Wilma in Ripon). Nursery is provided. School Circle is in need of a vice-president and assistant treasurer for 2011-2012.



Restaurant Night: Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 15 for Teacher Night at the Ripon McDonald's. It's a win-win for everyone! You won't have to cook at home PLUS the school will receive 20% of all profits between the hours of 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dine-in and drive-through apply. Come and see some of our teachers.



Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. – P. Kessler, J.Haugg, M. Schmidke

Wed. – H. Wicker, R. Braga

Thur. – T. O'Connor, A. Van Elderen, L. Van Groningen

Fri. – A. Bennett, J. Silveira, C. Sarkozy, F. Larson

Mon. – T. O'Neal, R. Booth, T. Mensonides



February Calendar

2/18	Teacher in-service – no school
2/21	Presidents' Day – no school
2/25	K-3 progress reports



Middle School Sports

2/8	6 th gr. boys' BB @ home 3:45 p.m.
2/11	6 th gr. boys' BB @ Big Valley 3:30 p.m.
2/8,10,12	7 th gr. boys' BB @ Prescott Tourney - TBA
2/9,11,12	8 th gr. boys' BB @ Prescott Tourney - TBA