

NEWS OF NOTE

February 28, 2011
Ripon Christian
Elementary/
Middle School



Principal's Perch:



The purpose of the Nor-Cal Fine Arts Festival is to develop a greater appreciation for the fields of art, music, speech, and writing. Ripon Christian has the privilege of hosting the 51st festival on our campus on Friday, May 6, 2011. Presently students in grades 5-8 from six Christian schools are preparing entries that will be evaluated by adjudicators who are experts in their fields.

Running from 9:30 a.m. to mid-afternoon, the festival typically includes an opening ceremony, a large art exhibit, a writing display, numerous music and speech performances, and lunch. The day provides a wonderful opportunity for the Christian school community to celebrate the talents God has given young people!

While it is true that K-12 students will not attend regular classes on May 6, I sincerely hope that 5th-8th graders who are trying out for a festival spot will take this performance opportunity seriously and commit to attending. I would love to see Ripon Christian well-represented in terms of performers and supporters. Adult workers are needed, so if assisting sounds like fun, please contact Pam Segaar at 599-2155 ext. 205. Stay tuned for further information.

Mr. DeWeerd



The King and I: Our middle school has started preparing its annual spring production. This year's musical is based on Rodgers and Hammerstein's 1951 Broadway hit about an English widow who travels to Siam in the 1860's to tutor the wives and children of the country's forward-thinking king. We would greatly appreciate parental assistance in the areas of sets, props and costumes. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pam Segaar in the elementary office.



Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this Wednesday, March 2 is burritos and chips.



Jog-a-thon: School Circle is sponsoring a jog-a-thon on March 18. **We are in need of volunteers to help.** If you are able to help, please contact Beth Anne Brouwer at 833-1374. We hope to see many parents here, cheering on their children. Parents are also welcome to run with their children.

Circle Meeting: School Circle will hold their monthly meeting this Friday, March 4 at 8:30 a.m. at Almond Valley Church. Scrip will be sold at this same location. School Circle is still in need of an assistant treasurer and vice-president for the 2011-2012 school year. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to fill one of these positions. Questions? Call Shelley Nelson at 599-2085.



Beauty and the Beast: The 4th- and 5th-grade classes will present their annual musical this Friday, March 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Admission is free, but a freewill offering for the Program Fund will be taken during intermission.

Yearbooks: Yearbook order forms will be sent home next week Monday, March 7. This order will be for students in grades K-5. Middle-school students purchased their yearbooks at Knights' Kick-Off.



The Ripon Christian Booster Club is sponsoring a chicken/rib dinner on Saturday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the middle school gym. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased in advance.

TRIP: This week begins our annual March TRIP contest. Today we are sending home order forms with rules and prizes on the back side. We are looking for 100% participation in this friendly competition between the classes.



Tulips: School Circle will sell tulips for \$10 per bunch from 8:30-10:00 a.m. this Friday, March 4 at Almond Valley Church during the School Circle meeting.



Softball: 7th- and 8th-grade girls' softball practice will start this week. Practices will be on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. - J. Hugg, M. Mendes
Wed. - G. Van Vliet, W. Bryan, J. Fisher
Thur. - T. Van Vliet, M. De Abreu, M. Petlansky
Fri. - F. Larson, G. Perez, R. Nelson
Mon. - S. Johnston, P. Stuit, J. Zuidervaart, L. Weaver



March Calendar

3/4 4th/5th-grade musical - 7:00 p.m.
3/7-11 6th-grade Science Camp
3/17 New Family Information Night - 7:00 p.m.
3/18 Jog-a-thon
3/21 Teacher in service - **No School**
3/25 End of 3rd quarter
3/29 Society Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Middle School Sports

3/1 7th & 8th gr. boys' BB @ Big Valley - 3:30 p.m.
3/3 7th & 8th gr. boys' BB @ home - 3:30 p.m.
3/8-10 7th & 8th gr. boys' BB tourney at Ripon Unified - TBA