

# NEWS OF NOTE

February 16, 2010  
Ripon Christian  
Elementary/  
Middle School

# Just Like Him

## Principal's Perch:

*Abba I belong to You  
I belong to You  
Abba Father  
Abba I belong to You  
I belong to You  
Abba Father God*

(words by Peder Eide and Bob Strommberg;  
music by Peder Eide)

Peder and Tom Eide, typical brothers, often competed against each other. Taking his older brother on during a bike ramp contest, Peder went through all five gears of his Hurricane 5 before hitting the ramp and flying over the top for "several miles." He landed on his head, saw stars, and felt blood. Peder ran to his mom, who calmly called the emergency room for advice. When hurt, he knew he could count on his mom.

Another time, Peder noticed Tom up on the house roof with a pile of fireworks on a beach blanket. Peder decided to add some excitement to the scene by tossing a lit firework of his own into the middle of his brother's pile. Mom and Dad returned home later and discovered the resulting hole in the roof. The boys' parents held their sons accountable for their antics, but they did not give up on them or disown them.

Our Spiritual Emphasis Week worship leader, a grown-up Peder, used these two stories to illustrate God's love for us. Our Father continues to claim us as His own in spite of our crazy behavior. We were made for God's pleasure, glory, and amazing purpose! He will not allow our shortcomings to obstruct His use of us as kingdom builders.

*As is  
As is  
He chooses us as His  
As His  
As His  
Infuses us as is  
With never ending  
Love transcending  
All our weaknesses  
No excuses  
He uses us as is*

(words and music by Peder Eide, Bob Strommberg, and Paul Marino)

Mr. DeWeerd



**Hot lunch:** Hot lunch this Wednesday, February 17, is pizza.



**Tri-Tip Sandwiches:** The Ripon Christian Close-Up Club will be selling tri-tip sandwich meals in the high school gym parking lot on Almond Blossom Saturday, February 27, 2010. The cost is \$8.00 and includes a tri-tip sandwich, potato salad and chips. Soda and water will also be available to buy. Sandwiches will be served from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the same "drive-thru" manner as the recent Texas Roadhouse dinner. Tickets will be sold ahead of time by Close-Up members and available for purchase in the high school office. Meal tickets will also be available at the drive-thru itself on the day of the event.



**Ripon Christian School Circle** will be selling tulips for just \$10 per bunch. Tulips will be available for purchase in the elementary parking lot from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 25. If you have special orders (or need more than a couple of bunches), contact Lisa Weaver at 403-1474. Watch the *News of Note* for additional sale dates.



**Congratulations** to our Valentine drawing winners!  
Melody denDulk - \$50 Olive Garden  
Grace Mallet - \$10 Starbucks  
Carrie Dotinga - \$25 ACE  
Anne Maria Boersema - \$25 Friends Salon  
Patti Van Groningen – floral arrangement.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the drawing and we hope our winners enjoy their prizes.



## D.E.A.R.:

On Thursday, February 18, grades K-5 will enjoy two sessions of "Drop Everything and Read" for approximately 2010 seconds.



## McDonald's Fundraiser:

Mark your calendars for this Thursday, February 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Ripon Christian and McDonald's in Ripon are working together to raise money for our school. McDonald's will give back 20% of every dollar spent between the designated hours. Teachers from all grades and administration will be there to join in the fun! Drive-thru and dining-room orders both apply. Hope to see you there!



## Yard Duty Volunteers

**Tues.** – K. Roland, F. Larson, B. Brouwer  
**Wed.** – J. Silveira, K. Clark, F. Braga  
**Thurs.** – A. Van Elderen  
**Fri.** – M. Schmidke, G. Perez  
**Mon.** – M. Petlansky, R. Booth



## March Calendar

3/5 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical – 7:00 p.m. – PAC  
3/8-12 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science Camp  
3/15 Teacher in-service – No School



## Middle School Sports

2/16, 18, 20 7<sup>th</sup> gr. boys' BB Salida Tournament – TBA  
2/16 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' BB @ home -3:30 p.m.  
2/17, 19, 20 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' BB Salida Tournament - TBA