

NEWS OF NOTE

January 19, 2010
Ripon Christian
Elementary/
Middle School

Just Like Him

Principal's Perch:



During last week's faculty devotions, Mrs. Jean De Jong focused on I Corinthians 12, a passage in which the Apostle Paul talks about the body of Christ: "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ" (verse 12). Mrs. De Jong reminded us that the Christian community, containing many different gifts, needs to work together for God's glory.

Please consider sharing your time and resources as our community learns more about being imitators of God during the school's upcoming Spiritual Emphasis Week. Below are some ways to partner with us:

- Meet at the middle school gym at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 25, and/or Friday, January 29, to pray for S.E.W. Call Lisa Van Groningen at (209)456-4628 if you've questions.
- Attend our chapels and February 4's Taste Worship event, an interactive family worship experience.
- Contribute care package items for American soldiers and/or send us a financial gift to offset speaker and service project expenses.
- Chaperone either a fifth-grade or middle-school service project on Friday, February 5. (More information will be sent to these students' parents soon.)
- Visit www.rcschools.com and click on the Spiritual Emphasis Week link to learn more.

Thankful to be a part of this community,
Mr. De Weerd



Library Volunteer

Needed: Do you have a love for children and books? Do you have some time available on Thursdays? If the answer to these questions is "Yes," please consider contacting Mrs. Segaar at 599-2155. Mrs. Lacasse, one of our volunteer librarians, would greatly appreciate another pair of hands any time between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays.



Hot lunch: Hot lunch this Wednesday, January 20, is pizza.



RC Parents, Alumni & Parents of Alumni: We will be conducting a survey of Ripon Christian School parents, alumni and parents of alumni from January 18 through January 29 on our website. We are asking that you take a little time to answer one of the surveys. These surveys will help us as we begin the WASC accreditation process for the 2010-2011 school year. Accreditation is vital for the success of Ripon Christian Schools and we learn much throughout the process. We appreciate your feedback and thank you in advance for your time! Please go to: www.rcschools.com, find the last tab on gold side bar: **Surveys**, and select the survey that applies to you.

Chapels: Today middle school students participated in a chapel addressing suicide. Steve and Kathy Van Duyn, who have close ties to Ripon Christian and who have dealt with suicide within their family, shared their family's personal story and presented practical information regarding what to do if one feels down or knows someone who is struggling. Rev. Bruce Persenaire will lead tomorrow's elementary chapel, the topic for which is *Share with those in need*. You are welcome to join us at 8:40 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.



Auction: Come and support the Knightsounds \$1 Auction from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, in the PAC. It will take place during the home basketball game with Ripon High. If you have any items to donate, please contact Becky Rhoda (402-9328) or Miss Schuller (599-2155).

TRIP: We at TRIP would like to thank all of you who purchased scrip this Christmas season. During the three weeks of December we sold over \$104,000. Money earned will support tuition and technology. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful supportive families.



Soldier Care Packages: Do you know of a soldier who is serving in Iraq or Afghanistan? During our Spiritual Emphasis Week on February 1-5, we will collect items in order to send care packages to the soldiers. Please contact Pam in the elementary office if you can provide addresses. Thank you.

Library News: You can now return your library books any day school is in session. Just look for the blue tub in the elementary office labeled "Library Return" on the side.



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



January Calendar

1/22 K-12 report cards
1/28 New Family Information
Night – 7:00 p.m.
1/29 Knightsounds Dollar
Auction



Middle School Sports

1/19 7th & 8th grade boys' BB @
home -- 3:30 p.m.
1/20 6th grade boys' BB @ OLF
3:30 p.m.
1/21 7th & 8th grade boys' BB @
Patterson -- 3:45 p.m.