

Principal's Perch:



The recent rain has led to a postponed jog-a-thon, delayed 7th-grade field trip, and some indoor play time. When I stop by classrooms during wet lunch recesses, I enjoy watching students play partner, small-group, and whole-class games. Observing a game of checkers reminded me of the following puzzle. Consider pairing up to see which team can decode the most items within a given time frame.

Identify what each acronym, phrase, or abbreviation shows:

- a. 26 = L of the A
- b. 7 = W of the A W
- c. 1,001 = A N
- d. 88 = P K
- e. 13 = S on the A F
- f. 32 = D F at which W F
- g. 18 = H on a G C
- h. 90 = D in a R A
- i. 200 = D for P G in M
- j. 8 = S on a S S
- k. 3 = B M (SHTR)
- l. 4 = Q in a G
- m. 24 = H in a D
- n. 1 = W on a U
- o. 5 = D in a Z C
- p. 57 = H V
- q. 11 = P on a F T
- r. 1,000 = W that P is W
- s. 29 = D in F in a L Y
- t. 64 = S on a C
- u. 40 = D and N of the G F

Thankful for the rain, but eager for some sun,

Mr. DeWeerd



Lost and Found:

There will be a table out in front of the elementary office this Thursday and Friday with lots of lost-and-found items. Unclaimed items will be given to charity.

Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this Wednesday, March 30, is chicken nuggets.



Ripon Christian School Merchandise & Livestock

Auction: Please mark your calendar for Saturday, April 16 to attend the 29th Annual RCS Merchandise & Livestock Auction. The auction starts at 9:30 a.m. and will again be held at the Escalon Livestock Market, located at the corner of Lone Tree & Escalon Bellota Roads in Escalon. This auction has been a very important fundraiser, benefiting RC's General Fund, assisting in improvements to the school's building and grounds, and supporting its Industrial/Vocational Arts program. There will be over 125 items (goods and services) to bid on in all price ranges. Students involved with RC's Close-Up Club will be offering a car wash during the auction, and a free tri-tip lunch will be provided for all who attend. If you have an item you would like to donate towards this year's auction, please call Ken Van Gorkum at 838-2549 or Bryan Van Groningen at 765-1494.



Ripon Christian Society

Meeting: Please plan to attend the annual Ripon Christian Society Meeting, which will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Performing Arts Center.

Christian School Circle: Ripon Christian School Circle will meet this Friday, April 1, at 8:30 a.m. at Almond Valley CRC (corner of 2nd and Wilma). Newcomers and parents of all RC students are welcome. TRIP will be sold at this location during the meeting. Vacant officer positions to fill for the 2011-2012 school year are assistant treasurer and vice-president. Consider how God could use your gifts to joyfully serve on the executive committee.



Jog-a-thon:

The rescheduled jog-a-thon will be this **Friday, April 1**. Grades 1-5 will run from 12:50 – 1:50 p.m., and grades 6-8 will run from 1:45 – 2:45 p.m. Please come out and cheer on our students. So far we have received over \$15,500 in flat-rate pledges!

Beauty and the Beast DVD:

We are looking for a copy of the *Beauty and the Beast* performance since Mr. DeRuiter had some problems with his recording. If you would be willing to share your copy, please contact Pam in the elementary office.



Ripon Christian

Cookbooks make great gifts for moms, brides or anyone who loves to cook. The price has been reduced to \$15 and the books are available in the school offices.



Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. – J. Haugg, B. Brouwer
Wed. – C. Van Vuren, W. Bryan
Thur. – L. Van Groningen, M. De Abreu
Fri. – C. Sarkozy, F. Larson, J. Sroufe
Mon. – G. Leonard, T. Mensonides, L. Weaver



March/April Calendar

3/29	Society Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
4/1	K-12 report cards
4/14-15	Beginners' Day (kindergarten)
4/16	Merchandise & Livestock Auction



Middle School Sports

3/31	7 th & 8 th gr. girls' softball @ Colony Oak – 3:30 p.m.
4/5	7 th & 8 th gr. girls' softball @ home – 3:30 p.m.
4/7	7 th & 8 th gr. girls' softball @ Weston – 3:30 p.m.