



Principal's Perch:



Last Tuesday morning I headed to the Performing Arts Center for what I thought was going to be a middle-school chapel. Upon walking through the door, however, I quickly realized that alternate plans had been made, for the place was full of people—K-12 students, teachers, support staff, parents, and other people associated with our school. The school community had gathered to acknowledge my work as a teacher and principal and to wish me well as I finalize plans to move to China this summer to teach English and share my faith. I want to thank every person who planned, attended, spoke/sang, and contributed toward the very generous love offering. What a special send-off!

During the chapel a presenter noted that I know most students' names. I must confess that I have to work very hard at this: Sometimes a child's name rolls off my tongue with ease, while at other times the same student's name is nowhere to be found! Over the past twenty years, it has been an honor to get to know many students and their families—to move beyond simply placing names with faces. Interacting with the Ripon Christian School community has taught me much that I will be able to apply to my English teaching and faith sharing. I look forward to representing you in Asia!

All praise to Him who never stumbles over names.

ō . . . I will not forget you!
See, I have written your name on my hand.ō
(Isaiah 49:15c-16a, NCV)

Mr. DeWeerd

Riddle Answers:

- The word is short.
- Neither is correct; six and five are eleven, not thirteen.
- You cannot eat lunch and dinner for breakfast.
- One coin is a fifty-cent piece, and the *other* is a nickel.
- Organize the barn this way:
/T/E/N/H/O/R/S/E/S/.
- Make applesauce.



Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this Wednesday, May 25, is hot dogs and chips.



Guitar Lessons: Landon Tillema, an R.C. graduate, is offering guitar lessons to individuals new to guitar or wanting to improve their current skills. Cost is \$10 per ½-hour lesson. Contact Landon at 599-3693.

Summer Tutors Available:

- *Kevin Schenk*, an R.C. 6th-grade teacher, will be tutoring students looking to review math concepts during the past year or students who wish to get a jump on next year's material. Contact him at kschenk@rcschools.com.
- *Ashley Schuller*, an R.C. graduate and 3rd-grade teacher at Turlock Christian, will be tutoring students in grades K-6 in math and reading. She can be reached at 404-4762.



Inter-Faith Ministries:

Thank you to all who donated food to Inter-Faith Ministries.



Ripon Christian Booster's 14th Annual Golf Tournament will be held Monday, June 6, at Spring Creek Golf and Country Club. Lunch will be at 11:00 a.m. with tee time at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Dale Van Groningen at 599-3713. Registration deadline is May 27. Forms are available in the elementary and high school offices.

Summer Sports Programs:

Forms are available in the elementary office for students who are interested in the summer sports programs listed below:

- Boys Basketball Camp
June 6-10: 8th & 10th grade
June 20-24: 5th & 7th grade
- Girls Basketball Camp
June 6-10: 5th & 8th grade
Janet Engel
- Boys and Girls Volleyball Camp & July 12-15
Tiger Shelton
- TNT Soccer Camp
July 18-22
Keith Terpsma
- Baseball Camp
June 6-10: 5th & 7th grade
Joe Darretta



Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. – B. Brouwer, J. Haugg, L. Laswell
Wed. & J. Fisher, N. Nicholson, C. Van Vuren
Thur. L. Van Groningen, M. De Abreu, L. Van Vliet
Fri. & C. Sarkozy, F. Larson
Mon. & No School
Tues. – 5/31 & J. Haugg, J. Manus
Wed. - 6/1 - F. Braga, G. Van Vliet

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with yard duty this year. We appreciate all of you!



June Calendar

- 6/2 Kindergarten Celebration & 10:00 a.m. & Immanuel Church
- 6/2 Middle School Graduation & 7:00 p.m. & high school gym
- 6/2 K-3 report cards
- 6/3 High School Graduation & 7:00 p.m. & high school gym
- 6/10 4-8 report cards