



## Principal's Perch:

Scott Van Voorst from Almond Valley Christian Reformed Church led last week's K-8 chapel. To help us think further about this year's school theme, Scott focused our attention on Luke 24's account of the two men who journeyed seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The just-risen Jesus joined the preoccupied friends during their 2 ½-hour walk, explaining Scripture without them recognizing their Savior.

Scott reminded our students that life is a journey—a walk with Christ—for them, too. While Jesus doesn't appear to people in the same way He did in Bible times, He teaches Ripon Christian students through chapels, classes, and other believers. Through their words and actions (e.g., the way they grade), teachers model what it means to follow Christ.

Scott called up several students of different ages and a teacher to emphasize the point that all of us, whether child or adult, need to look up to mature Christians for inspiration and guidance and provide Christ-like examples for those coming behind. Scott mentioned that even church employees need effective role models; he named a Dordt College professor who had positively influenced his walk with Jesus.

I am grateful for K-8 teachers who soar with strength provided by Christ in their formal and informal interactions with your child(ren). Thank you very much for joining our School Circle group in acknowledging our dedicated teaching staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mr. De Weerd

**Hot Lunch:** Hot lunch this Wednesday, May 4, is sloppy joes and chips.

**School Circle:** The last School Circle meeting of the year will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 13, at Almond Valley CRC (corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wilma). The date was changed due to Ripon Christian hosting the Fine Arts Festival. Nursery will be provided. Gently-used polo shirts will be sold from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Thank you for your support and presence, as important decisions are to take place for the 2011-2012 school year.



**The King & I:** You are cordially invited to attend Ripon Christian Middle School's presentation of *The King & I* on Friday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Call the elementary office at 599-2155 to obtain a guaranteed-seat ticket. A freewill offering will be taken.

**Sports Physicals:** 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students who wish to participate in high school athletics are required to have an Athletic Sports Physical on file. Dr. Dutter's office, located at 150 Vera Avenue in Ripon, offers a one-day opportunity for students to get physicals done locally at a cost of \$15 (cash). The physicals will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 3:05 p.m. Students need to sign up with Mr. Lemkuil and pick up a Sports Physical Form. The form requires a parent signature and should be brought with the student on exam day. Students unable to take advantage of this day will need to make an appointment with their own personal physician. Physical forms must be turned in no later than August 1, 2011. Delaying physicals until school starts will result in an athlete's non-participation until one is on file. Most conditioning for fall sports begins shortly after August 1.

**2011-2012 Student Placement:** Teachers are in the best position to determine where their current students should be placed for the following year; therefore, we do not take parent requests for specific teachers. However, if you feel extenuating circumstances warrant a certain teaching style, furnish a detailed written request to Mr. De Weerd by Friday, May 20.

**Summer Sports Program:** 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: 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade  
June 20-24: 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Girls Basketball Camp  
June 6-10: 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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: 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
Joe Darretta



## Yard Duty Volunteers

**Tues.** – M. Schmidke, P. Kessler, J. Haugg

**Wed.** to J. Fisher, F. Braga, M. Swager

**Thur.** to C. Bakker, M. De Abreu

**Fri.** to D. Mensonides, K. Miller, F. Larson

**Mon.** to T. O'Neal, R. Booth



## May Calendar

5/13 Middle School Musical to 7:00 p.m.

5/14 Middle School Musical to 4:00 p.m.

5/16 All Band Night & 7/8 Choir to 7:00 p.m.

5/30 Memorial Day to No School



## **Middle School Sports**

5/9 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. boys' baseball @ Rainbow Fields to 7:15 p.m.