

Principal's Perch



A Heritage Hymn of Thanksgiving

*O God of all,
Who hears the prayers of every
generation,
Accept the thankfulness we feel for those
who built our nation,
For frontier path with oxen cart,
For circuit rider station,
For simple joy, for vision, for hope and
inspiration.*

*We praise You for those saints of old who
listened to Your call,
Who weathered storm and sacrifice to
serve both great and small.
They left a legacy of love; a church that
needs no wall—
But takes your Gospel through the world
and shares the Faith with all.*

*Walk city street and foreign shore with us,
Your Church, today.
Lift us to new horizons; show us Your
Will, Your Way.
Be in our thoughts, our hopes, our
dreams, in all we do and say.
Grant us Your benediction now, O Lord,
our God, we pray. Amen.*

-Peggy Ferrell

The above hymn thanks God for past generations—people who founded our country and people who built up the Church. To this list we can add people who started Christian schools. On Veterans' Day I visited a WWII veteran and fellow-church member who attended Ripon Christian School. As he shared some of his life story, I thought about how blessed our school is to work with this gentleman's great grandchildren today.

School has changed a lot since this veteran graduated; he remembers walking to school in bare feet! I am thankful that—in spite of a sea of change—our faithful God continues to bless this school community.

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations. Before the
mountains were born or you brought forth
the earth and the world, from everlasting
to everlasting you are God.*

(Psalm 90:1-2, NIV)

Mr. De Weerd



Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this Wednesday, November 17, is pizza.



Operation Christmas

Child: Don't forget that all boxes must be at school *no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 18*. The boxes will be sent off right after our morning chapel at 10:40 a.m.



Knights Night Out: Need to get out of the house to do some Christmas shopping? Need a night in to catch up on stuff around the house? As a fundraiser, Ripon Christian sophomores will be offering a night of child care for you to do just that! Fun-loving sophomores will play games and lead activities in the old gym on Friday, December 3, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. for children ages 2nd grade to 6th grade. Donations will be accepted.



Chapel: This month's focus is *Joseph-Loyalty*. The middle school chapel will be tomorrow, November 16, at 8:40 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Grades K-5 will meet at 9:30 a.m. for a Thanksgiving chapel led by 3A and 3B.



Spelling Bee

Congratulations: Special congratulations go to Taylor Anema, the elementary division winner, and to Lauren Herbert, the junior high champion. Taylor and Lauren will represent our school at the San Joaquin County Bee on December 6 and 8. McKenna Moret and Tanner Hoekstra placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the elementary division. Hannah Estrella placed 2nd and Cole Brouwer 3rd in the junior high division. A special thanks to Melanie Mendes and Joanne Beukelman for their assistance with the bee.



Exploratorium: This first-time R.C. event will showcase science-based, interactive projects designed by our 7th- and 8th-graders. The Exploratorium's purpose is to develop a hands-on learning environment for exploring scientific principles and ideas. The middle school invites families to attend on Thursday, December 2, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the middle school gym. Classes will be able to touch and manipulate the following morning. Please make note of this fun event on your calendar!



Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. – J. Haugg, D. Gerdes, J. Van Groningen

Wed. – F. Larson, W. Bryan, J. Fisher, C. Thomas

Thurs. – T. Van Vliet, T. O'Conner, A. Van Elderen, L. Van Groningen

Fri. – A. Bennett, D. Mensonides, M. Franzia, M. Van Der Hoek

Mon. – *no school*



November Calendar

11/19-20 high school play – *Anne of Green Gables*

11-22-26 Thanksgiving break – *no school*



Middle School Sports

11/16,18,20 7th gr. girls' BB Tourney @ Prescott – TBA

11/17,19,20 8th gr. girls' BB Tourney @ Prescott – TBA

11/17 6th gr. girls' BB @ home
3:30 p.m.

11/18 6th gr. girls' BB @ home
3:45 p.m.

