

## Principal's Perch



Another round of parent-teacher conferences has been completed. Reaching for academic excellence, Connecting faith and learning, and Serving God and others in His world require close communication between the school and home. Last week you and our teacher(s) spent conference time discussing ways to support each other in carrying out the school's mission. Below I summarize some home strategies parents can take to fortify students' learning:

- ✓ Ask your child to organize his/her backpack *at night*. Are folder/binder, textbooks, adequate school supplies, and P.E. clothes (older students) accounted for?
- ✓ Every day challenge your child to tell you five *specific* things (s)he learned.
- ✓ Ask your child to show you all graded work. Go over it together, celebrating success and analyzing areas of weakness.
- ✓ Hold your child accountable for accurate calendar keeping (3<sup>rd</sup> grade on up). Consider asking him/her to *show you* all checked-off assignments before declaring, "I'm done!"
- ✓ Help your child map out larger assignments to avoid last-minute pressure.
- ✓ Quiz your child for memory work and other assessments. Flashcards are an excellent tool.
- ✓ Give your child numerous opportunities to read and follow written directions (e.g., a recipe), pointing out what happens when instructions are ignored.
- ✓ At least once a week conduct a binder check (3<sup>rd</sup> grade on up). Every paper must be in the proper section.
- ✓ Check Edline assignments and grades regularly (4<sup>th</sup> grade on up).

Mr. DeWeerd

**Hot Lunch:** Hot lunch this Wednesday, November 10, is sloppy joes and chips.



**Operation Christmas Child:** Don't forget that all boxes must be at school no later than Thursday, November 18. The boxes will be sent off that morning after a special chapel.

**TRIP:** Listed below are some vendors who are giving extra bonus contributions:

- \*Bath & Body – 3% for a total of 18%
  - \*Home Depot – 3% for a total of 6%
  - \*Applebees – 2% for a total of 10%
- Whether you are looking for gift ideas or home improvements, these purchases are a win, win for everyone.

**Christian School Circle** will be meeting this Friday, November 12, at 8:30 a.m. at Almond Valley Church (corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Wilma in Ripon). Parents of all K-12 students are welcome. Family Fun Night funds raised will be designated for the needs of RCS. All who previously served with FFN are invited to a brainstorming session immediately following the meeting. TRIP will also be sold.



**Spelling Bee:** Congratulations to the following students who won their classroom level spelling bee and will compete in the RC Spelling Bee this Wednesday, November 10, at 1:00 p.m. in the PAC: 4<sup>th</sup> graders Taylor Anema and Tanner Hoekstra; 5<sup>th</sup> graders Brittany Bloemhof and Kendra Van Rys; 6<sup>th</sup> graders Cara Hoekstra and McKenna Moret; 7<sup>th</sup> graders Cole Brouwer, Hannah Estrella, and Hunter Petlansky; and 8<sup>th</sup> graders Lauren Herbert and Alex Eastham. You are invited to attend this bee where we will select two students to represent our school at the San Joaquin County Spelling Bee in December.

### answer to last week's puzzle:

Each wig has a different number of crossings of strands of hair from one through six: 5, 1, 2, 4, 6, 3 (from top to bottom).



**Ripon Christian Boosters Club** will be selling holiday turkeys. Small (10-14 lbs.) are \$16; large (20-24 lbs.) are \$26. Fill out the turkey order form that was sent home last week with the youngest student or contact Dale Van Groningen at 599-3713 or Brandy Hower at 534-9386. Order deadline is November 10 with delivery November 19.

**Exploratories:** From 1:00-3:00 p.m. on December 14-16, middle school students will explore an area of interest to them—sewing, handbells, woodworking, etc. If you are able to help with this project please contact Mrs. Segaar at 599-2155. Thank you!

**Family Fun Night:** Thank you to every family who made Family Fun Night a huge success! Once again, God was faithful and blessed our school by raising approximately \$35,000. We sincerely thank EVERYONE who gave of their time, efforts, donations and willingness to work for the benefit of Ripon Christian.



### Yard Duty Volunteers

- Tues.** – P. Kessler, J. Haugg, M. Schmidke
- Wed.** – F. Larson, H. Wicker, F. Braga, C. Van Vuren
- Thurs.** – No School
- Fri.** – L. Swartz, R. Nelson, K. Miller, C. Sarkozy
- Mon.** – T. O'Neal, R. Booth, K. King



### November Calendar

- 11/11 Veteran's Day – *no school*
- 11/19-20 high school play – *Anne of Green Gables*
- 11-22-26 Thanksgiving break – *no school*



### Middle School Sports

- 11/9 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. girls' BB @ home 3:30 p.m.
- 11/9 6<sup>th</sup> gr. girls' BB @ Salida 3:45 p.m.