

NEWS OF NOTE

November 9, 2009

Ripon Christian
Elementary/
Middle School

Just Like Him

Principal's Perch:



One facet of my position that I really enjoy is the opportunity to learn right along with our students. Last week I joined 3A and 3B for AgVenture 2009 at the Manteca Unified School Farm. Showcasing San Joaquin County's agricultural industry, this field trip's main purpose is to help visitors become more aware of agriculture's importance in their daily lives. We viewed over two hours of displays and presentations on nutrition, water and soil, locally-grown crops, machinery, farm animals, and more.

I learned that . . .

- some orchid seed pods hold three million seeds.
- South Korea and Australia are the top importers of California's oranges.
- Kentucky blue grass is a creeping-type grass, while hard fescue is a bunch-type grass.
- Potassium helps corn roots grow and protects the plant from diseases.
- A yellow rose is a symbol of joy, gladness, and freedom.
- A 12-oz. can of Coke contains five-six tablespoons of sugar.
- Cows can detect odors up to five miles away.
- Buy large eggs if you appreciate a good deal; the carton will likely hold extra-large ones because hens don't lay as many large eggs.
- Rabbits can snore.

Wondering what a rabbit snore sounds like,

Mr. DeWeerd



Exploratories: From 1:00-3:00 on December 15-17, middle school students will explore an area of interest to them—sewing, handbells, woodworking, etc. Do you have a hobby or career that you would enjoy sharing with a small group of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders? If so, please contact Mrs. Segaar at 599-2155 as soon as possible. Thank you!

Veteran's Day: Please remember we do not have school this Wednesday as we honor our veterans.

Operation Christmas Child: Our K-5 students have the privilege of participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. Operation Christmas Child delivers shoeboxes to needy children all over the world. This is a great opportunity for our students to share the many blessings we have been given with another child across the globe! **All boxes must be at school no later than Thursday, November 19.** Our shoeboxes will be sent off that morning after a special chapel.

R.C. Healthy Home: Join us this Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m. at the Ripon Pizza Plus to learn about this school fundraiser. See our website at www.RCHealthyHome.com for more information.

Sally Foster: You may still place orders online until December 10! Get your wrapping paper, gift bags, chocolate, etc. before the holidays. Ripon Christian will earn 50% of each order. Just go to SallyFoster.com and enter our school's account number, 307878, when prompted. Orders will be delivered to your home. There is free shipping on all orders over \$70. Contact Vonda Van Vliet at 838-6003 or mikvon@velociter.net if you have any questions.

Ripon Christian School Circle will meet this Friday, November 13. Please join us to hear updates on new projects and as we review Family Fun Night. We meet at Almond Valley Church (corner of Second and Wilma) at 8:30 a.m. Come and enjoy coffee and fellowship. Nursery is provided.

7th and 8th Grade Boys' Basketball: Information regarding boys' basketball was sent home today. Please e-mail Mr. Lemkuil at blemkuil@rcschools.com or send back the permission slip. If you did not receive any information, please contact Pam in the elementary office.

Spelling Bee: Friends and relatives are invited to the Ripon Christian Spelling Bee on Friday, November 13, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Two students from this bee will represent our school at the San Joaquin County Spelling Bee in December.

Ripon Christian Boosters Club will be selling holiday turkeys. Extra-large are \$37, large are \$25 and small are \$15. You can also get frozen apple or boysenberry pies for \$12. Please call Dale Van Groningen at 599-3713 to place your order.

TRIP: Bath and Body Works is giving a 5% bonus contribution on their gift cards from Saturday, November 7, through Friday, December 4. That means they will have a 20% contribution instead of the normal 15% during that period. Go to rschools.com and click on the TRIP link if you need an order form. Contact Doreen at 599-6351 on Tuesdays or Fridays if you have any questions.



Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. – C. Hoeksema, A. Weststeyn, M. Andreetta, N. Nichelson, A. Keast

Wed.- No School

Thurs. – L. Darretta, T. Jesberg, M. or H. Pilcher

Fri. – L. Swartz, M. Schmidke, G. Perez

Mon. – P. Stuit, T. O'Neal, M. Petlansky

November Calendar

11/11 Veteran's Day – no school

11/20 Teacher in-service – noon dismissal

11/23-27 Thanksgiving break - no school

Middle School Sports

11/10 7th & 8th gr. girls' BB @ home – 3:30 p.m.

11/12 7th & 8th gr. girls' BB @ home – 3:30 p.m.

11/13 7th & 8th gr. girls' BB @ Patterson – 3:45 p.m.

11/10 6th gr. girls' BB @ Hart Ransom – 3:30 p.m.

11/12 6th gr. girls' BB @ Salida 3:30 p.m.