

## Principal's Perch



When columnist Marilyn vos Savant asked readers to identify an item they would most like to "uninvent," the necktie made the top ten list.

I personally don't mind wearing a tie; a well-chosen or unusual tie can be an effective conversation starter! To encourage some fun family dialogue this week, I share the following logic problem with you:

Mr. De Weerd's tie rack boasts 17 blue ties, 11 yellow, 9 orange, 34 green, and 2 violet, not sorted by color. The light bulb has burned out. Mr. De Weerd cannot see what color the ties are. How many ties does Mr. De Weerd have to take to be sure he has at least two ties of the same color?  
*(answer in next week's column)*

*Mr. De Weerd*



**Lunch Deliveries:** If you are going to deliver a lunch to school, please instruct your child to pick it up from the office at the appropriate time. To avoid unnecessary interruptions, we will no longer call into classrooms to announce a lunch's arrival. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Pastors' Breakfast:

Hopefully students have given their pastor(s) an invitation to this annual event, which will be held next Tuesday, October 12.



## EXPLORE Test:

On Wednesday morning, October 13, eighth graders will take the EXPLORE, which consists of four tests—English, math, reading, and science. The EXPLORE measures curriculum-related knowledge and cognitive skills. **It is very important for all students to be present.** Each student will need a good night's rest and a calculator.



**Hot Lunch:** Hot lunch this Wednesday, October 6, is burritos and chips.



**Soar! Theme Shirts:** Order forms went home last week. Orders are due by October 13.



**TRIP:** Red Robin will be offering a 3% bonus increase contribution. The cards will now have an 11% contribution from Saturday, October 2, through Friday, December 31. The theaters in Manteca were purchased by AMC and TRIP has gift certificates available. The single ticket is \$9.50 with a 16% contribution and the \$25 certificate has a 7% contribution. Both Red Robin and the theaters make great gifts. Plan a family night out! If you have any questions, please contact Doreen at 599-6351.



**Chapel:** This month's topic is *Esther - Providence*. The K-8 chapel will be on Tuesday, October 5, at 8:40 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.



**One Million Pennies! How Big Is One Million?** Ripon Christian's athletic and math departments are attempting to raise one million pennies as an athletic/academic fundraiser. Two-liter bottles have been placed in our classrooms and local businesses for penny drop-off.



**Christian School Circle** will be hosting a "Welcome Brunch" on Friday, October 8, at Almond Valley Church (corner of Wilma and Second Street in Ripon). Please join us as we meet new parents, enjoy good food, and get updated on projects for the school.

**Sally Foster:** Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser. Congratulations to Dylan Koolhaas and Jake Schollenberg who tied for the first-place prize. Kelly Engel took second place with her sales. Mrs. Anderson's third grade class will get a pizza party because their class had the most sales.



**Family Fun Night:** Thank you to all the families who have signed up for Family Fun Night. We still need workers. Please return the sign-up sheets as soon as possible. Auction items are still needed for both the live and silent auction. Contact Shelley at 599-2155 or Beth Anne Brouwer at 833-1374 with your donations.



## Yard Duty Volunteers

**Tues.** – J. Haugg, M. Mendes  
**Wed.** – G. Van Vliet, F. Larson, W. Bryan  
**Thur.** – M. Petlansky, M. De Abreu, T. Van Vliet  
**Fri.** – R. Nelson, D. Mensonides, K. Miller, J. Sroufe  
**Mon.** – S. Johnston, S. Vander Helm, P. Stuit



## October Calendar

10/8 cookie dough fundraiser ends  
10/14 K-5 picture retakes  
10/19 Fall Festival 7-12 Music Concert – 7:00 p.m.  
10/22 End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter – 12:00 dismissal



## Middle School Sports

10/4 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. girls' volleyball @ Ripon El – 3:30 p.m.  
10/5 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. girls' volleyball @ home – 3:30 p.m.  
10/7 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. girls' volleyball @ home – 3:30 p.m.  
10/6 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> soccer @ El Portal – 4:00 p.m.