

NEWS OF NOTE

Just Like Him

Principal's Perch:



The Land of Story Books

At evening when the lamp is lit,
Around the fire my parents sit;
They sit at home and talk and sing,
And do not play at anything.

Now, with my little gun, I crawl
All in the dark along the wall,
And follow round the forest track
Away behind the sofa back.

There, in the night, where none can spy,
All in my hunter's camp I lie,
And play at books that I have read
Till it is time to go to bed . . .

So begins one of Robert Louis Stevenson's poems in his book *A Child's Garden of Verses*, a copy of which my parents gave me on my ninth birthday. Stevenson's poetic words and the Provencens' rich illustrations captured my imagination and encouraged my own "playing at books."

Playing near the elementary library recently, several students noticed the open door and peeked in to see if the place was "open for business." The kids cheered upon hearing that their library was coming back to life. Mrs. Tillema, our computer teacher; is working with several school parents to jumpstart this year's library program, which was put on hold due to budget challenges.

Our mission statement highlights the triadic relationship Ripon Christian enjoys with churches and homes. Parents and other family members enhance our academic excellence, faith-learning integration, and service in countless ways. Thank you, library volunteers, for making it possible for students to once again interact with books from our school library.

Mr. DeWeerd

EXPLORE Test: Eighth graders will take the EXPLORE test on Wednesday morning. **Each student needs a good night's rest and a calculator.**

October 12, 2009

Ripon Christian
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Hot Lunch: Hot lunch this Wednesday, October 14, is sloppy joes and chips.

Family Fun Night Buddies are back! If you would like a buddy for your elementary-age kids, please call Lisa Weaver at 824-2734 to sign up.



TRIP: We have four new stores to add to TRIP! You can now purchase *Costco, Target, Trader Joes and IN-N-OUT* gift cards. In the middle of October we will be sending a mass e-mail letting everyone know what stores will be available for Christmas along with an order form. Remember TRIP hours are Tuesdays in the high school office from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Fridays in the gym foyer from 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Doreen at 599-6351.



Sally Foster: You may place orders online! 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. Thank you!



Family Fun Night: October 24 is fast approaching! We are still collecting items for both the live auction and silent auction. The Country Store is also looking for handmade items and Dutch treats. You may bring bags of individually wrapped candy to the office and receive game tickets for your kids. We appreciate any and all efforts. If you can help in any way, please contact Jami at 599-2645.



Vision Screening: Dr. Allen Hoek will be here this Wednesday, October 14, to finish up students in grade 5.



Picture Retakes: This Thursday, October 15, will be K-5 Picture-Retake Day. Students who were absent or dissatisfied with their photos may have them retaken. Please send back complete packets so they can be given to the photographer at the time of the retake.



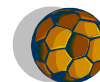
Yard Duty Volunteers

Tues. A. Keast, A. Weststeyn, M. Andreetta, N. Nichelson
Wed. – K. Clark, B. Lewis, M. Vrieling
Thurs. – L. Darretta, T. Jesberg, M. or H. Pilcher
Fri. – M. Bacay, M. Schmidke, G. Perez
Mon. – T. O'Neal, R. Booth, M. Petlansky



October Calendar

10/14 EXPLORE test (8th grade)
10/15 K-5 picture retakes
10/16 Teacher in-service – **noon dismissal**
10/20 Fall Festival Concert (gr. 7-12)
– 7:00 p.m.
10/23 K-12 end of 1st quarter – **noon dismissal**
10/24 Family Fun Night – 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
10/26-30 Red Ribbon Week



Middle School Sports

10/13 middle school soccer @ Hilmar – 3:45 p.m.
10/15 middle school soccer @ El Portal – 3:45 p.m.