

GRANDVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
SCHOOL-TO-HOME NOTE  
February 9, 2010



Calendar

February 11 - Popcorn Day  
February 12 - Red, pink and purple day  
February 25 - Cookie Day  
February 25 - Kingdom Treasures Program -  
students in preschool through grade 6  
March 1 - Estate planning workshop  
March 6 - GCSF 3 on 3

**COLLECTING FOR HAITI:** Last week GCS students earned/donated \$3975.74 for Haiti! Thanks to everyone for their efforts and love. These monies will be used to aid Haitians via CRWRC.

**NO SCHOOL:** GCS will not be in session on Monday, February 15 and Tuesday, February 16. The office will be closed both days. Enjoy the midwinter break!

**RED/PINK/PURPLE DAY:** Friday is red/pink/purple day at GCS!



**KINGDOM TREASURES PROGRAM:** On Thursday, February 25, at 7 pm all GCS students, preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will participate in a program celebrating the GCS 2010 theme – Kingdom Treasures! All students are encouraged to wear their theme t-shirt to the program. The program will take place at Calvin Chr. Middle School, 3740 Ivanrest, Grandville MI. This program will last about 45 minutes. Please invite grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and friends to hear your child(ren) sing!

**FILL 'ER UP FOOD FOR FRIENDS:** Food pantries in the Grand Rapids area are in need of grocery items. A grocery cart will be outside the GCS gym for the remainder of the school year. Please drop grocery items in the cart if you would like to donate to help out families in need.



**2009 AUCTION:** Thanks to everyone who came to the auction! \$42,000 was raised for GCS! Your donations and participation is greatly appreciated. A big thank you to Jen Heeringa, Sari Swets and the rest of the auction committee for ALL their work putting this auction together.

### STAFF BOX WINNERS

Susan Benthem	Anna Van Dyken
Carmen Gutierrez	Quinn Morren
Ericka Lake	Maggie Sytsema
DeAnn Chaffee	Stacey Vanenbos
Judy De Bruin	Ephram Hedges
Janey Hoekwater	Sarah Winters
Rachele Rylaarsdam	Vivian Nagelkirk
Lenore Klunder	Ashley Houtsma
Amy Ramaker	Sidney Vandebos
Gail Riddering	Markus Van Dellen
Jane Streelman	Jacob Houtsma
Katlyn	Katlyn Van Dyken
Kris Ponstine	Anna Boltema
Jane Schut	Elaina De Bruin, Ethan De Jager
Ruth Frederick	Aubrey Schellenboom
Stephanie Sytsema	Marisa Fopma
Baas & Brinks	Luke Van Namen
Sue Vanden Brink	Katlyn Houtsma
Linda Aukeman	Jessie Elderkin
John Scholma	Lukas Vandenberg
Russ Hoekstra	Ryan Ramaker and Noah Lubben
Judy Schipper	Olivia Huizinga
JoAnn Steenstra	Lizzie Vos
Ruth Vander Heide	Lucas Potter
Conrad Van Haitma	Emily Elderkin
Tim Steenstra	Zach Manion
Jared Benthem	Justin Geels
Stacey Meyer	Will Postma
Ruth Kladder	Laurel Van Noord, Brant Meyer, Emily Elderkin, Emily Cook, Carly Fopma
Cindy De Vries	Jessica Elderkin
Jill Kreuze	Ethan Helms
Jim and Lois Wuis	Conner De Bruin, Eli Tinholt
Gail Mejeur	Emily Elderkin
Nancy Kroeze	Morgan Bykerk
Ruth Doorn	Erin Brink

**SIXTH GRADE CLOSING CEREMONIES:** Sixth grade closing ceremonies will begin at 9 am on **TUESDAY, June 8**. Sixth grade students must have arrived at school by 8:30 that morning and will be dismissed immediately after the program.



**ORCHESTRA NIGHT:** Everyone is invited to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra Night on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30 pm at Calvin Christian Middle School. Students from Grandville Christian and Calvin Christian Elementary, Middle and High Schools will be participating in this concert.

**GCS AND CALVIN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENTS SKATING PARTY:**

Save the date: Thursday, March 4. Join us for a joint skating party with Calvin Christian Elementary from 6-8 pm at Kentwood Fun Spot. Admission is only \$2 for students! More information will come home later in February.

**ROOM CLEANERS:** Thanks to the many parents who cleaned the classrooms in January! You are greatly appreciated! It was wonderful to have so many people giving of their time and energy for our teachers and students to have clean rooms. It was also nice to have the cleaning done before the open houses. How exciting to see the love people have for our school shown in this way! ~Your GCS School Board

**POPCORN:** We will be selling popcorn for 25 cents a bag Thursday, February 11. The proceeds will go to our Kenya Connection.

**KENYA COOKIES:** We will be selling chocolate chip cookies Thursday, February 25 for 25 cents each. The proceeds will go to our Kenya Connection.

**NEW PHONE NUMBER:** David & Angela Burke - 730-1755

**AN ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM** is looking for all things purple. If you have items in any shade of purple, no bigger than a hand, that you no longer need, please bring them to the office. They will be used on a dragon sculpture for the Odyssey competition.

**2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:** Grandville Christian School is gathering names of prospective kindergartners for the 2010-11 school year. If you have a child who will be 5 by October 1, 2010, please call the GCS office. Please inform families without children currently attending GCS to call us also. Thanks.

**2010 – 2011 SCHOOL YEAR PRE-KINDERGARTEN:** GCS is also gathering names of prospective pre-kindergarten students for the 2010-11 school year. If your child will be 5 by December 1, 2010, please call the GCS office. Please inform families without children currently attending GCS to call us. Thanks.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP** will be held on Thursday, February 18 at 7 pm at Grandville Christian School. This informational meeting is for parents of children who are considering attending pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. Childcare will be provided that evening. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

**3 ON 3 PRACTICE TIMES** in the GCS gym are available during the month of February. You may sign up for practice times after your team has registered.

**A QUESTION ESPECIALLY FOR PARENTS:** Do you have a Will? Have you made arrangements for the care of your children and their assets should something happen to both of you while they are still minors? If not, Barnabas Foundation and Grandville Christian School are offering you a "First Will Workshop." This workshop will be held on Monday, March 1, 2010 at GCS.

During this workshop, Steve Baker, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation will actually lead you and your spouse through the completion of a worksheet that will assist you in making decisions. From a Christian perspective, you will consider the distribution of your estate and the appointment of guardians, trustees and other fiduciaries in your Will. The information that you develop through this process will greatly assist your attorney when he/she prepares the final documents for your Estate Plan. Also, if it would be helpful, recommendations for Christian attorneys who practice in our community will be provided.

Questions? Please contact Rob Arnoys (724.2542) or Jeff Lindhout (667.0234) of the GCS Foundation Board.

## **PARENT CLUB**

**D & W AND FAMILY FARE SCHOOL DAYS:** Shop at D & W from February 14-20 and our school will get 2% back on your purchases. Shop at Family Fare from February 21-27 and our school will get 2% back on your purchases. Be sure to give our school code of 71404. This is an easy way for our school to receive a donation! Thanks D & W and Family Fare!

**ZUMBA CLASSES ARE BEING EXTENDED THROUGH THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY DUE TO DEMAND!!** Don't miss out on this super fun exercise opportunity!! Even if you haven't come to any classes yet, it's not too late! Plan on ditching your normal workout and joining the party with this class sponsored by the Parent Club (formerly known as The Boosters). This class will be offered on the evenings of Feb 15, and 22 at 7:30 PM. Zumba has become one of the fastest growing dance based fitness workouts and is inspired by the traditional salsa, merengue and samba latin music. No equipment is needed. Just come in comfortable work out clothing. A contribution of between \$3 - \$5 per class is requested. If you have any questions, contact Kristin Hoekstra at 261-9627.

## **REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALVIN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMATIC SOCIETY** presents the musical, *Once Upon A Mattress* by Mary Rodgers and lyrics by Marshall Barer. Performances will be given on February 25, 26 and 27 at 7:30 pm at the Godwin Heights High School Auditorium, 50 – 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Wyoming. Tickets may be purchased at the Calvin High School office (beginning Monday, February 15) or at the door. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. Punch and cookies will be available for purchase during intermission. For information call the high school office at 538-0990.

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED IF HEAVEN IS REAL OR MET SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN THERE?** Now you have that opportunity. Don Piper, author of *90 minutes in heaven*, will be sharing his experience – a true story of his death and life. He will be at Fair Haven Ministries in Hudsonville on Thursday, March 18 at 7pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and discounted for seniors. Advance tickets can be purchased online at [www.allendalechristian.com](http://www.allendalechristian.com), at Allendale Christian School or Cook Funeral Home (Jenison and Grandville locations). Questions? Visit the school website or call 895-5108.

**Allendale Christian School's 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - Saturday, March 27, 2010:** Tournament location for the Allendale Christian School's 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be the Allendale Public High School. ACS is hosting our fourth annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament March 27. This double elimination tournament will have divisions for both girls and boys 3rd-8th grades. Trophies will be awarded to winning teams at each level. Tee shirts will be provided for each player. All area schools are invited to join us. Play will be continuous with refs at each court. Last year there were over 350 players that participate. Cost is \$80 per team. Concessions will be available. Registration forms are due by March 5 and are available at ACS or on our website at [allendalechristian.com](http://allendalechristian.com). If you have questions, would like a registration form or interested in becoming a sponsor for this event, please contact Jody @ 895-6016.

**CLC NETWORK** will sponsor a parent seminar "ADD/ADHD and Your Child" with Robert Bulten, M.D. and Doug Bouman, Psy. S. on Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 7 to 9 p.m. The seminar will be held at the CLC Network office (4340 Burlingame Ave. S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509). Admission is free but seating is limited. Pre-register by email: [knienhuis@clcnetwork.org](mailto:knienhuis@clcnetwork.org) or phone Karen at (616) 855-3123.

**ANGEL FOOD:** The next Angel Food ordering dates at South Grandville CRC at 4130 Wilson in Grandville are:

February 10, 2010, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

February 13, 2010, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Distribution and ordering are February 27, 10:00-11:00

AngelFood is a food distribution ministry that allows you to purchase excellent and nutritious food at a reduced price. You can order on the above dates and pick up the food on February 27, 2010 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. The food must be paid for at the time of ordering either by cash or an EBT card. No checks or credit cards can be used. For more information call the church at 532-5413 or go to the church website at [www.southgrandvillechurch.org](http://www.southgrandvillechurch.org). The March menu can be accessed on the South Grandville website or the Angelfood website, <http://www.angelfoodministries.com>. after February 15.

**WINTER BLAST 5K** - Saturday 2-20-10 at 10:00 the Calvin Athletic Boosters are hosting the a 5K road race. This event will bring in runners from all around West Michigan. Entry forms are available on line at [www.xrl.us/wblast5k](http://www.xrl.us/wblast5k) or in the high school office. If you are interested in advertising or sponsoring this event please call Laurens TenKate at 293-1862.

### **BARTERPOST**

#### **KIDS NIGHT OUT AT NAKED PLATES, RIVERTOWN.**

Date: March 12, 2010

Time: 6 pm to 8 pm

Cost: \$21.95 (plus tax)

Children can be dropped off (6 and younger must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling). We will have pizza, a drink and paint a piece. We will also decorate a cupcake for dessert. The cost includes 2 pieces of pizza, drink, cupcake and the painted piece. Please pre-register by February 26th. Additional pieces of pizza available for \$2 a slice  
Call 616-805-5326

**MIKE KAREL REALTOR AT RE/MAX** would like to remind parents that he supports the TRIP program by offering up to \$1000 to parents who buy and or sell a home through his brokerage. As a past Christian school graduate and parent Mike is committed to supporting Christian education. Call Mike Karel today for more details RE/MAX Lifestyles 616-262-7211.

**FOR SALE: SILKY TERRIER PUPPIES** We have four beautiful, playful, family raised, Silky Terrier puppies. They will be ready to go to their new homes Valentines day. Silkys are non-shedding and hypoallergenic, a toy breed. They should grow to be between 8-11 pounds. They are fun loving dogs and very loyal.

They are uncommon in our area, so if you need more info go to [www.breeders.net](http://www.breeders.net) and search for "silky terriers". Put zip code 49418 and you'll see our ad with some pictures.

We love our silky and are sure you will too. \$600.00.

**EGG ROLLS FOR SALE:** A former GCS student is raising money for an education field trip to visit historical sites on the east coast. His parents are selling pork or chicken egg rolls to raise funds for the trip. The egg rolls are selling for \$10 a dozen. If you would like to order some, please return the order below to GCS along with your payment made out to Viet Tran.

NAME	DATE ORDERED	PICK UP DATE
NUMBER OF DOZEN (\$10/DOZEN)	PORK	CHICKEN
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$