

GRANDVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SCHOOL-TO-HOME NOTE March 16, 2010



Calendar

March 18 - Conferences
March 19 - Craft night
March 22 - Town Hall meeting
March 23 - Conferences
March 26 - Bake Sale
March 26 - GCS/CCES Family Game Night
March 30 - Lego parent meeting (new date)
April 2 - 11 - Spring Break - No school
April 17 - Odyssey of the Mind State Competition
April 27 - Birch Run shopping trip

CONFERENCES: Conferences will be held this Thursday night, March 18 and next Tuesday, March 23. Child care will be provided in the staff lounge both nights. Becky Huppert will be at GCS the night of March 23. If you would like to meet with Becky and that night does not work, please feel free to email her at rhuppert@grandvillechristian.org.

STAFF FEEDBACK FORMS: A piece of our classroom teachers' professional development program includes parental feedback. A brief questionnaire was sent home last week for you to help in this process. Please complete the feedback form(s) and return promptly to the school office.

ODYSSEY PERFORMANCES RESULTS: GCS students participated in the Odyssey of the Mind competition on Saturday, March 13. The ten GCS teams received excellent scores and five teams will continue in the State of Michigan tournament. Congrats to all participants. Thanks to all volunteer coaches!

TOWN HALL MEETING: Hear the current news regarding the transition of CCES students to GCS next fall. A town hall meeting with the GCS Board is scheduled for Monday, March 22 in the library.

STAFF CHANGES FOR 2010-2011: Ruth Kladder (art) and JoAnn Steenstra (SOAR) will retire at the conclusion of the school year. While both may assist at GCS on a limited basis, new instructors will be hired for these programs. Also, based on the size of our current fourth grade and the projected influx of Calvin students into grade five next year, the education committee has appointed Emily Adema to a fifth grade teaching position at GCS.

SCHOOL LUNCH SURVEY: We have received 90 responses to the questionnaire on school lunches sent out last week. We need your input! Please return the questionnaire by March 19 so that we can evaluate options for next year.

SUMMER SCHOOL: If you are interested in a summer programming for your GCS student, please connect with Ruth Groot, Summer Instructor, at 538-9710 X 227.

TRIPLE ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT NEEDED: The snow is melted, students are wearing short sleeve shirts and shorts again, and skinned knees and elbows have begun! The office is in need of triple antibiotic ointment. Please drop off donations if you are able. Thanks!

FAMILIES WANTED: We are in need of additional volunteers to help out at the Family Game Night on March 26. We could use a few more Wii consoles (and small TV's). We are also looking for help with Bean Bag Toss and Kitchen. This is also a great opportunity to get service hours! Please contact Curt VanHeuvelen (261.3168) for more information. Thanks!

BAKE SALE: The sixth graders will be having a bake sale on March 26. Everything will be sold for a donation and collected funds will go to the Kenya Connection.

LEGO ROBOTICS: A Lego Robotics class on the building and operation of lego robots will be offered to current fourth graders. The classes will be every Tuesday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm beginning from April 10 to May 25. There will be a meeting for the parents of interested students on **Tuesday, March 30 (please take note of the change in date)** at 6:30 pm. You will be able to sign your child up for the class at this meeting. Contact JoAnn Steenstra, jsteenstra@grandvillechristian.org, if you have any questions.

BALTO MOVIE WANTED: The second grade teachers are looking for either a video or DVD of Balto. If you have a copy and your children are no longer interested and you would like to donate one to our collection, please contact Ruth Frederick or Stephanie Sytsema.

COMMUNITY GARDEN AT GCS: Are you interested in gardening but don't feel you have the space or know-how to garden on your own? Do you enjoy fresh food and connecting with others? If so, the Community Garden at GCS might be just the thing for you! We are looking for people who would be interested in gardening here at GCS. For a small fee, we'll provide the space and the know-how, and you'll provide the community while also reaping the benefits of fresh veggies for your family☺. If you're interested in becoming part of a gardening community here at GCS and would like more details, e-mail or call Stephanie Sytsema (stephsytsema@yahoo.com or 261-4417) by March 19. Interest will determine the size of our garden this year.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT: You're invited to Family Game Night on Friday, March 26: Here it is! **Wii** are having a Family Game Night with something for everyone: Wii games on the big (& small) screen, free throw contest, prizes, giveaways and more! Mix and mingle with old friends & make some new friends! Special surprise - Come out and cheer on the principals! This is for **all CCES and GCS families** so check out your invitation for details.

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

PARENT CLUB

The Parent Club has revised the spring fundraising calendar and will not be offering the serve-a-thon at this time. Our major spring fundraiser will now be the ducky race and pancake breakfast in May. We look forward to the fun and we anticipate great participation from the GCS community.

CRAFT NIGHT: Mark your calendars: **March 19 from 7:00pm – 10:00pm** in the GCS Gym. Bring whatever craft or project you would like to work on. Bring your own drink and a snack to share. Please invite your friends and family--this will be a great evening of fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, you can contact Joelle Smith at 531-1904.

SHOPPING TRIP: The date has been set: **April 27**. We will be going to Birch Run and depending upon how many people sign up, we will be taking either a bus or SUV limo. This is open to all ladies who love to shop or just want a day away. Feel free to bring friends and family. **Please let us know by March 31 if you are interested.** You can contact Verna Block at: theblockshouse@hotmail.com

PARENT CLUB BOARD OPENINGS: We are looking for interested and qualified individuals to serve on the Parent Club Board for the next school year. Terms are for 2 years starting in the Vice President, Vice Secretary, or Vice Treasurer positions. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve the school in this way with your time and talents. Contact Kristin Hoekstra (261-9627) or Faye Hoogland (531-3803) before March 31 to have your name considered, or with any questions.

ONE MORE MONTH OF ZUMBA CLASSES!! Due to popular demand, Zumba classes will be held March 22, and 29 at 7:30-8:15 PM in the school gym. Don't miss out on your opportunity to join the fun. We've had great turn out for all of the classes and it's not too late to join in. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Hoekstra at 261-9627. A \$3-\$5 donation per class is requested.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just in time for Spring Break! Get your music, reading material—or maybe a latte!—and support the Calvin Christian Senior All Nighter fund raising event at the same time. Order on- line using No. **10130979** or come to the Rivertown Barnes & Noble on Saturday, March 20 and mention the **Book Fair** when making your purchase. Calvin seniors will perform throughout the day, and their art will be on display. Fun activities are planned for younger children, too. When checking out, be sure to mention the Book Fair, and a portion of funds will support the 2010 Senior All Nighter event.

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.

BARTERPOST

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		\$

