

# GRANDVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SCHOOL-TO-HOME NOTE March 9, 2010



## Calendar

March 13 - Odyssey of the Mind  
March 16 - Craft night  
March 22 - Town Hall meeting  
March 25 - Lego parent meeting  
April 2 - 11 - Spring Break - No school  
April 27 - Birch Run shopping trip

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

**ODYSSEY PERFORMANCES:** Odyssey performances for the GCS students will be this Thursday and Friday. Seven teams will perform from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm on Thursday, Mar. 11, and three teams will perform Friday, Mar. 12 from 2:00 to 2:45. You are welcome to view these performances in the GCS gym.

**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](mailto: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.

### **GCS SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE:**

- The Q&A on the GCS website has been updated to provide you with more information about the transition of CCES students to GCS.
- You are invited to attend a town hall meeting at GCS on Monday, March 22 at 7:00pm for parents of both CCES and GCS.
- Next week we will be hiring a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher from the CCES staff.
- Marilyn Kortman has been hired for the before school care position at GCS. She currently holds this position at CCES.

**CALLING ALL DADS:** We would love to have a few more dads join the Dads-in-Prayer team for prayer on Friday mornings at school. We pray for one hour from 6:15am to 7:15am so you still have time to get to work or back home to get the kids off to school. There is no preparation required, just come as you are. If you have questions about what we do or the format, please feel free to call Randy Cross at 560-5857. He would love to share the details about this great opportunity.

**LEGO ROBOTICS:** There will be a class offered to fourth graders on the building and operation of the lego robots. The classes will be every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm to 5:30pm from April 10 to May 25. There will be a meeting for the parents of interested students on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 pm. Class registration will begin at this meeting. Please contact JoAnn Steenstra, [jsteenstra@grandvillechristian.org](mailto:jsteenstra@grandvillechristian.org), if you have any questions.

**WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS READING CLUB:** Last week bookmarks and an informational letter regarding the Whitecaps Reading Club went home with students in grades K – 6. Once all of the spaces on your child's bookmark have been initialed, fill out the information on the top of the book mark, sign it and have your child return it to Mrs. Meyer in the Library. Upon completion of the Reading Club Program your child will receive a ticket order form for you to fill out (school will not receive this form until mid-March). Each completed bookmark (1 per student in grades K – 6) is good for two free tickets to any Whitecaps home game from April 11<sup>th</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup>. Have fun reading!

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

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

**LOST AND FOUND:** The GCS Lost and Found is overflowing! Please claim what is yours this week. All items will be donated to a needy cause at the end of the week.

## **PARENT CLUB**

**COMING SOON** -- The GCS Serve-a-thon: Being God's Hands & Feet will begin on March 22. Stay tuned for more details...

**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](mailto: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 15, 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.

The "**Kids' Clothing & Toy Sale**" at **Allendale Christian School** will be held on **Saturday, March 20, 9am-12:30pm** and is open to everyone in the community to shop or sell. For more information or to receive a seller number, please contact Judy Knoper (895-5510 or [jbknoper@yahoo.com](mailto:jbknoper@yahoo.com)) by Thursday, March 18. The **Scholastic Book Fair** will also be going on from **9am-noon** in the school library. Stop on out to connect kids with interesting and fun new books to read.

**Don't wait ... purchase your tickets TODAY** to hear Don Piper, author of *90 minutes in heaven*, share his experience 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. Purchase your advance tickets online at [www.allendalechristian.com](http://www.allendalechristian.com), or at the ACS school office.

**HOME PRODUCT AND CRAFT SHOW:** One stop shopping and sampling. Grab a friend and check it out. 1837 – 108<sup>th</sup> street, Byron Center MI 49315, March 12, 4-9 pm and March 13, 9 am – 4 pm.

### **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
	PORK	CHICKEN
NUMBER OF DOZEN (\$10/DOZEN)		
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$