

Message from the Principal

August, 21 2009

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that almost two weeks of school have gone by. Everyone is working hard, and everything is going well. We had a very good Fire Drill, and the Fire Department was complimentary.

Teachers have implemented Words Their Way, and students are busy sorting words and studying why words are spelled a certain way. I hope you are seeing them do their Word activities each evening.

Now that two weeks have almost gone by, we would like for parents to just drop their children off each morning and tell them good-bye as they exit their car. We will take good care of your children as they enter the building. We are teaching responsibility and are encouraging children to unpack their belongings and put them away. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Field trips for the year are being planned, and upcoming trips will be featured in next week's newsletter.

Thought for the Week:

Families are the compass that guide us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights, and our comfort when we occasionally falter.

-- Brad Henry

Kelly Doyle

Preschool News

Ms. Mary would like to include the Preschool parents on the email list and is asking any of you to please send an email with your child's name to Barbara.wright@yahoo.com . You can also give your address to Ms. Mary in the office ☺

If anyone has not sent in their child's birth certificate and shot record, please do so immediately.

There are still a couple of openings at the Preschool – this is very unusual and we would like to ask anyone to please tell their family and friends about our wonderful program so we can fill these spots !!!

Important Happenings – Please note !!!

- Kathy Bennett is going to take a new school picture of all students this Tuesday, August 25th after Mass. Please make sure your child wears the proper uniform that day !
- The new Good Shepherd statue at the school will be blessed on Friday, September 4th
- Grandparents day at Good Shepherd will be Wednesday, September, 11th 2009
- The Jazz Band will perform at the Polly Crockett Festival the weekend of September 19th
- Our Cookie Dough Fundraiser will be Oct 5th through 14th
- The 5 K Run and Fall Festival are scheduled for Saturday, October 10th

Room Mothers/Father/Grandparents

Please let Mrs. Doyle know if you're willing to be the Room Mother for your child's classroom. As such you would help the teacher prepare for special projects, be a general help for parties or events and at the top of the phone tree for that Grade.

Home and School

We need several people to help with painting the remaining desks in the classrooms. Please plan to come out and help on Friday, August 28th @ 3:30pm. Barbara Lamb Gass will be there to get everyone started. Any amount of time is appreciated!

Basketball at GS

If your child is interested in participating in basketball at Good Shepherd this year, please let us know! We are in the process of establishing a girls and boys team to learn the game and compete with other elementary schools in the area. We will need students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades who are willing to devote 2 nights per week for practices and games. We need at least 8 students from grades 3-5 to form a team. Please e-mail brianandmandi@bellsouth.net or notify the school office if you are interested.

Girl Scouts

Still looking for Leaders!!! Contact Beth Hazelwood at haze1111@bellsouth.net or call her at 636 9763

Cub Scouts

Come see us at our annual Roundup at the school pavilion TODAY, **Friday, August 21st at 5pm.** come and see what we are all about !!!

The first Pack meeting will be Thursday, August 27th at 5:30 in the Cafeteria and the regular meetings for the individual Dens will be the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30pm.

We would like to invite ANY boy interested in Scouting – they do NOT have to be students at GS and can be in 1st through 5th Grade to join us.

Cub Scouting is a wonderful way to build character, improve physical fitness, learn practical skills and develop a spirit of community service.

Art Program

Our next Art Friday will be NEXT FRIDAY, August 28th. Every Student will need a light colored, long sleeve shirt that is large enough to go over your child's clothing. Please let the other parents know if you find a good deal somewhere or can pick some up at a yard sale...

For any questions or comments (or to VOLUNTEER) please contact Pam Wiedemer at preciouswonderscrafts@gmail.com. or Barbara.wright@yahoo.com – or call Barbara at 931 308 5277.

You can always leave your donations in the front office.

Good Shepherd Teen Ministry

The Good Shepherd Teen Ministry is hosting the first Regional Teen Mass of the new year on Sunday August 23rd at 6:00 PM. All sixth, seventh and eighth graders are invited to come. We will serve pizza and coke after the Mass.