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MONDAY MESSENGER



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Dear Parents and Friends of FVCA,

Our Teachers' Convention at Green Lake Conference Center on Thursday and Friday afforded staff a wonderful opportunity for learning and fellowship. Mr. Jeff McMullen, nationally known presenter and keynote speaker, encouraged staff to *Connect Potentials* between teacher and students. Mrs. Debra Ellingen, Pupil Services Director for an area school district and an authority on Response to Intervention (RTI), presented the *RTI Modality* for enhancing learning for all students in the classroom as well as ways to assist struggling students. Members of our own staff encouraged us as they shared areas of expertise with us on *Teaching Reading and Writing Across the Content Areas* and *Creating Goggle Educator Websites*. Several teachers have already created Google classroom sites to keep parents informed about curriculum content and events.

We hope time with your students at home or away was enjoyable for your family. Next year our Teachers' Convention will be a bit earlier as we participate in the ACSI Teachers' Convention, a conference designed specifically for staff at Christian schools. Convention dates will be confirmed in January.

First Quarter Wraps Up This Week
October is over, and our first quarter ends this week on Thursday. Teachers will participate in a half-day in-service on Friday and work on report card grades and comments during the afternoon. Report cards will be issued on Wednesday, November 12th. Elementary report cards will be sent home next Wednesday in the home/school communication envelopes; middle school report cards will be mailed home that day. Watch for information about Parent/Teacher

Conferences (Monday, November 24, and Tuesday, November 25) in the *Monday Messenger* and in your home/school communication envelopes. Please mark these important days on your calendar!

Starry Nights Auction Plans Moving Ahead
Our *Starry Nights* Auction steering committee has been meeting for several months, and the committee is in the process of soliciting corporate sponsorship for the event and donations of services and goods for the silent and live auction portions of the event. Steering Committee members are Mr. Harv Erickson, FVCA Board Member and Chair of the FVCA Board Fundraising Committee; Mrs. Chris Brotz, FVCA Board Member and last year's Auction Chair; and Mr. John Cook, FVCA parent of four and outstanding volunteer. Office Manager Felicia Rashid and Administrator Denise Pannebaker are assisting steering committee members. All office staff members are engaged in clerical support for the auction. Committee chairs in all areas met a few weeks ago to begin the process of preparing teams for the event.

There exists a **CRITICAL** need for more solicitors. Please see the article on the next page for ways you can assist. We need every family to participate in planning and solicitation for this event if we are going to enjoy another successful fundraising event. Please make plans now to attend the *Starry Nights* Auction. Invite family and friends and acquaintances from work and church, to join us for the evening.

Denise S. Pannebaker
Administrator

THIS WEEK AT FVCA

Monday, November 3rd

- **Poinsettia orders due**
- **Drama Club**
3:15-5:00 PM
Music Room

Tuesday, November 4th

- **Drama Club**
3:15-5:00 PM
Music Room
- **Lego League (Mr. Bukovitz's team)**
3:30-5:30 PM
Room 131

Wednesday, November 5th

- **Lego League (Mr. Ruegsegger's team)**
3:30-5:30 PM
Ruegsegger Farm

Thursday, November 6th

- **1st quarter ends**
- **Lego League (Mr. Fiedler's team)**
3:30-5:30 PM, Room 131
- **Middle School Harvest Party**
Homestead Meadows
6:00-8:30 PM

Friday, November 7th

- **NO SCHOOL**
Teacher in-service

Monday, November 10th

- **2nd quarter begins**

Tuesday, November 11th

- **Retake/Basketball Picture Day**

Wednesday, November 12th

- **Report cards issued**

Birthdays!

- Bryce Tetting – 11/03
2nd grade
- Mrs. Foss – 11/03
Preschool 4 teacher
- Mrs. Hicks – 11/05
2nd grade teacher

Picture Retake Day and Basketball Pictures



Picture retake day is Tuesday, November 11th beginning at 8:30 AM. The deadline to let the FVCA office know was today. **Families are**

required to return unwanted pictures. Retakes are not available for sports pictures.



Basketball team pictures are also scheduled for November 11th beginning at 9:00 AM.

Players need to have uniforms at school that day.

The schedule for team pictures is listed below.

Girls 5 th /6 th B-Team	9:00 AM
Boys 5 th /6 th B-Team	9:15 AM
Girls 7 th /8 th A-Team	9:30 AM
Boys 7 th /8 th A-Team	9:45 AM

We would like as many coaches as possible to have their picture taken with their team.

Picture order forms were in player's home/school communication envelopes last week.

Scrip Alert!

No scrip order will be placed on Monday, November 24th because of our short week due to Thanksgiving. Please plan accordingly when placing your order on Monday, November 17th. Normal ordering will resume on Monday, December 1st.

Volunteer Serving Schedules This Week

• Hot Lunch

11/03	Lisa Schodorf
11/04	John Cook
11/05	Lillian Johnson & Tricia Morris
11/06	Kim Eaton
11/07	NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service
11/10	Sue Bennett

• Kindergarten

11/03	Farran Sack
11/04	Craig Wanous
11/05	Carly Muller
11/06	Retta Witter
11/07	NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service
11/10	Ben & Lyssa King (Ready Reader) Claudia Gonzalez (Learning Center)

• Ready Reader – Grades 1-5

11/07	1 st -5 th	NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service
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• Art – Grades 1-5

11/04	1-D	Tracey O'Leary
11/04	2-Hi	Kim Eaton
11/03	3-O	Kristin Schinschke
11/10	3-O	Sue Bennett
11/05	4-B	Michele Hardage
11/04	4-W	Betty Zerrien
11/07	5-H	NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service

• Computer – Grades 1-5

11/06	1-D	Cynthia Djupstrom Tracey O'Leary
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*Computer helpers for the 4th and 5th grade classes start later in the semester.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HELP ON YOUR SCHEDULED DAY, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE. Teachers depend on parent volunteers to assist them. If a volunteer does not come, it can impact the plans for that day.

Student Tardies/Absences

If your child will be tardy due to an appointment, or absent due to illness, please notify the FVCA office and not the individual teacher. While teachers check their voice mail messages several times each day, they may not have time first thing in the morning as they are busy in classrooms preparing for student arrival. FVCA office personnel notify teachers of tardies and absences before 8:15 AM.

Middle School Harvest Party

The Middle School Harvest Party is Thursday, November 6th from 6:00-8:30 PM at Homestead Meadows. It is important that students dress for weather conditions. Please be prompt in picking up your child at 8:30 PM.

Fall Fundraising



Fall Fundraising orders will be delivered Friday, November 21st. Pick-up will be in the MP from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM. **You MUST pick up your order during the listed hours, or ask someone else**

to pick it up for you. FVCA does not have room to store products that are not picked up.

We are in need of volunteers to help that day during the following times –

- 8:00-9:00 AM (wreath delivery)
- 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- 2:30-5:00 PM

If you are able to help, please contact Sue Bennett at 858-6518.

Health Issues



Parents should consider the following guidelines when determining whether a child is well enough to attend school.

- Students with a fever, rash, nausea, constant cough, extreme or contagious nasal discharge should not be in school. **Students who have vomited and/or had a fever, should not return to school for 24 hours.**
- Students who have had a throat culture because of suspected strep throat should be kept home until the culture results are known. When strep is diagnosed, the student can return to school when he/she has been on medication for 24 hours and is feeling well.

Box Tops/Soup Label Winners Announced

The winners of the General Mills Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels contest are listed below.

★ **General Mills Box Top Winners**

Mr. Barth's 6th grade class

631 box tops

Prize: a pizza and soda party



★ **Campbell's Soup Label Winners**

Mrs. Daft's 1st grade class

679 labels

Prize: a pizza and soda party



Reminder: Families need to turn in all Campbell's **UPC codes** and General Mills Box Tops in resealable plastic bags labeled with the number of labels or box tops enclosed in each bag, the teacher's name, and student's name and grade level.

Keep collecting your Campbell's UPC codes and General Mills box tops. The next contest deadline will be February 20, 2008.

There is an informational flyer in all home/school communication envelopes today regarding an individual student box top incentive for the next cut-off period. (We will still have the classroom contest.)

October Thanks



Last Tuesday, October 28th, the 1st graders culminated their month-long focus on

bears with a special "October" luncheon.

Students enjoyed time

with family (85 total), a special lunch, had their picture taken, and received a treat bag. The 1st graders also performed *Bears at Night* with Miss Schwarzenbart.

The "October" committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event such a special and blessed event.



Starry Nights is an evening of entertainment, great food, and serious shopping that supports Christian education. We will return to the Grand Meridian in Appleton on Saturday, March 14, 2009 for this spectacular event.

Planning is well under way, and your help is greatly needed! A number of exciting auction items such as Club West memberships and golf packages, have been solicited by our wonderful parent volunteers. Many more items are needed! Here are several ways you can help.

- ❖ Do you have a knack for talking with people? Consider becoming part of the team that calls on area businesses to garner their financial support and/or auction items.
- ❖ Are you a small business owner, self-employed, or know someone who is? Consider donating a product, service, or asking someone to do the same.
- ❖ Would your employer consider a donation of cash, item, or service to the *Starry Nights* auction? Ask them! If you are uncomfortable approaching them, please let FVCA office staff know. Someone from the auction solicitation committee will make the contact for you.
- ❖ Do you have a special talent or craft item that you would be willing to donate to the auction? Memorabilia, crafts, and art are appreciated.
- ❖ If you or someone you know works for a company that offers a "matching gift" program, consider a cash donation to *Starry Nights*, and apply for a company match.

The auction is only 131 days away and there is much to be done! In addition to gathering items, help is also needed to sell tickets, set-up the day of the event, work at the event, and take-down when the auction is over. Many hands make light work!

Last year's event raised \$46,000, which enabled a "tuition freeze" for the 2008-2009 school year!

Please join us in making *Starry Nights* 2009 our most successful event yet! Contact Mrs. Felicia Rashid (ext. 337) in the FVCA office if you would like to get involved.

Basketball Schedule – Week of November 3rd

Girls B-Team

- **Tuesday, 11/04**
Practice
5:00-6:30 PM
MP
- **Monday, 11/10**
Practice
5:00-6:30 PM
MP



Girls A-Team

- **Monday, 11/03**
Practice
5:00-6:30 PM
MP
- **Tuesday, 11/04**
Practice
3:30-5:00 PM
MP
- **Thursday, 11/06**
Practice
3:15-5:00 PM
MP
- **Monday, 11/10**
Practice
5:00-6:30 PM
MP

Boys B-Team

- **Monday, 11/03**
Practice
3:15-5:00 PM
MP
- **Tuesday, 11/04**
Practice
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VOLLEYBALL RECAP 2008



B-Team – 5th/6th grade girls

Letter from the coach

What a wonderful season! We started the season with only three girls who had played volleyball previously and ended the season with ten girls who took second place in the FVCA tournament. Did these girls ever learn fast! It was fun to watch them apply what they learned in a game setting. We were sad to lose Hannah Wanous and Emily Morris to injury early in the season.

Coach Eaton and I were truly inspired to see the girls listening and working so hard at practices and games. Their attitudes were amazing. The girls encouraged each other with “high fives” after each play, whether they got the point or not.

Thank you, parents, for supporting your girls by coming to the games.

Coach Rodriguez

Team roster

Allison Brotz	5 th grade	Victoria Boucher	6 th grade	Coach: Mrs. Tanya Rodriguez
Tori Chase	5 th grade	Jamie Eaton	6 th grade	Assistant Coach: Mrs. Kim Eaton
Rachel Eaton	5 th grade	Emily Morris	6 th grade	
Marita Gutierrez	5 th grade	Carla Rodriguez	6 th grade	
Natalie Pawlak	5 th grade	Alexis Watt	6 th grade	
Cassidy Rodriguez	5 th grade			
Alexis Watt	5 th grade			

A-Team – 7th/8th grade girls

Letter from the coach

This year's A-Team volleyball season actually started four years ago for six of our 8th grade girls and me talking about a long season. I've had the privilege of being involved in coaching these girls since they were in 5th grade.

I've learned some of the qualities for a successful team are **humility** – in a win or loss; **teamwork** – working together with a plan; **compassion** – for the other team when we win, because we've been in their shoes before; **encouragement** – to build team unity. This year's A and B teams had all these qualities!

Statistically, the A-team finished the year with 8 wins and 4 loses in matches and 20 wins and 16 loses in games. We finished second in both the FVCA and Trinity Oshkosh tournaments.

I would like to thank the following people for a great season!

- ❖ Mrs. Mary Kay Braun, my assistant coach
- ❖ Mrs. Tanya Rodriguez and Mrs. Kim Eaton, B-Team coaches
- ❖ Mr. Kurt Schodorf-Athletic Director
- ❖ Mrs. Kay Veldhorst-Assistant Athletic Director
- ❖ Mrs. Kathy Hartenberger-Athletic secretary
- ❖ Parents – for supporting and encouraging coaches and players, and for allowing your daughters to share the season with me and Coach Braun
- ❖ Players – for all your hard work!

Coach Van Hammond

Team roster

Valerie Aguilar	7 th grade	Amanda Brotz	8 th grade	Coach: Mr. Tony Van Hammond
Joellen Braun	7 th grade	Michelle Gitlin	8 th grade	Assistant Coach: Mrs. Mary Kay Braun
Lisa Duff	7 th grade	Rachel Hartenberger	8 th grade	
Kristin Jennings	7 th grade	Brooklynn Klawikowski	8 th grade	
Alyssa Springhetti	7 th grade	Sarah Klingbeil	8 th grade	
		Bethany Van Hammond	8 th grade	