

Rochester Central Lutheran School

RCLS PAW PRINT

January 15, 2009

Preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today!

RCLS is a ministry of Family of Christ, Grace, Holy Cross and Trinity Lutheran churches.

DON'T FORGET!

**Community Open House
Tuesday, January 20th
Did you invite someone
to attend?**

Have you gotten your
Hotel Bethlehem DVD
yet?

**Jump Rope for Heart col-
lection is through Thurs-
day, January 22!! We ex-
tended the due date!!**

Special points of interest:

- *Partners in Christ Re-Enrollment Meetings*
- *Community Open House*
- *Hotel Bethlehem DVDs for Sale*
- *Assuring our Faith Classes Begin*
- *Mrs. Haas Retirement Celebration!*
- *Welcome Miss Johnson!*
- *New Life Family Services*
- *Various educational opportunities*
- *Committee meeting dates changed!*
- *Artists of the Month*
- *Much, much, more!*

MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS...

RCLS IS MORE THAN A SCHOOL... WE ARE A FAITH FAMILY! The theme for our marketing efforts has been that "RCLS is more than a school." This is so true. People remind me over and over again that RCLS is a very special place because God is at the center of all we do. He is here with us.

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

I can't tell you how many people have asked and have been praying for our housing situation. What a blessing it is to be a part of a school where people care for the principal and his family like we are brothers and sisters! What a blessing it is to receive encouragement when things are challenging from the people God has Called me to serve with His Word.

It is such a blessing to be a part of RCLS and the partnership between churches and families. Weekly, I have opportunities to pray with people and have been prayed for by the partner churches, prayer groups and individuals who understand the privilege of prayer. One of my favorite times to pray is after I have had the opportunity to discuss certain situations with students and teach lessons that will help them with future situations.

I thank God for the ministry of the faculty and staff; however, I also thank God for the ministry of the partner churches and of each student and family that is a part of our school community. God working through all of you makes RCLS so much more than simply a school. Thank you for being a part of my faith family and for all you do to make RCLS so much more than a school. Indeed, through your witness you have become heroes of the faith to me and to so many others.

In the name of the ultimate H*E*R*O, Jesus,
Mr. Henry G. Pahlkotter, II
Principal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 is a parent transportation day (pm only). Please note that there will be no busing available at the end of the school day and students will need transportation home. Thank you.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 19: RCLS will not be in session on Monday, January 19, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day. SAC is open, however, you need to register for care prior to Monday morning!

MR. PAHLKOTTER WILL BE AT GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY: On Sunday, January 18, Mr. Pahlkotter will be attending Grace Lutheran Church and will have information regarding enrollment.

OPEN ENROLLMENT AT RCLS BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 30! If you know of a new family that would like an enrollment packet for the 2009-2010 school year, please call the school office at 289-3267 or e-mail Mrs. Finley at mofinley@rcls.net. We anticipate a great enrollment for the up-coming school year. Anyone desiring a Lutheran Christian education is invited to apply. New families may receive a \$25 credit per child toward their registration/enrollment fee by scheduling and attending an entrance appointment with the school principal. Please have them contact the school office to schedule a date.

PARTNERS IN CHRIST PARENT MEETINGS ARE COMING: Please make every effort to attend one of the two Partners in Christ meetings that are planned for Thursday, January 29, at 12 noon (gymnasium) and 6:30 p.m. (cafeteria). Information regarding the 2008-2009 school year will be presented and this is **YOUR OPPORTUNITY** to RE-ENROLL for the 2009-2010 school year. By attending, you qualify for a \$25 credit toward your re-enrollment fee which will also be collected on that day. Current students have priority on January 29 and then Open Enrollment begins on Friday, January 30.

“ARTISTS OF THE MONTH” are fourth graders **Zeke Green, Min-Young Jeon, and Emma Torrens-Burton**. Their works of art are circle designs or medallions. Medallions are round designs or decorations. Min-Young, Emma and Zeke had to create a design that would fit inside a circle. Usually the students work with rectangle or square shapes, so this project took some extra planning. The final step in the assignment was to decorate the remaining background space of the paper and each student did this in their own unique way. Congratulations to Emma, Zeke, Min-Young, and all fourth graders on a job well done.

MRS. HAAS RETIREMENT CELEBRATION A HUGE SUCCESS: Nearly 150 people were in attendance filling our cafeteria this past Sunday. Mrs. Haas received a work of Art with a Bible verse, a book of Art from the students of RCLS and a monetary gift from the Board of Directors, Faculty, Staff, and Families of RCLS. We thank God for Mrs. Haas and her many years of ministry at RCLS. Her official last day of work is Thursday, January 22nd. Thank you Mrs. Haas for all you have done to bless our students and school with art!

MISS BROOKE JOHNSON will take over as RCLS Art Teacher effective Tuesday, January 27th. We are excited to welcome Miss Johnson to our ministry team. Take time to walk down to the art room and welcome Miss Johnson to RCLS.

SPRING PLAY: “School House Rock Live Junior” is the name of our Spring Play directed by Miss Kim Schauer. Try outs for the play have been going on all week and assigning of parts will be announced on Tuesday, January 20, of next week. The Spring Play will be presented the weekend of March 13– 15. A special note of thanks to everyone who tried out.

RCLS COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH! PLEASE keep our Community Open House in your prayers. This annual event is very important as it helps us get the good word out about RCLS and our ministry. If you know of anyone who would like to learn more about our school, please invite them to attend. The Open House begins at 6:30 pm and lasts until 8:00 pm. Teachers will be available for questions as students and adults take our guests on a tour of our school. Flyers have been attached to this week’s Paw Print for you to hand out to those you think may be interested. The best P.R. for a school is word of mouth. Please help share the ministry. Thank you.



THANK YOU FROM THE PAHLKOTTER FAMILY! We want to express our sincere gratitude for those remembering us during the Christmas celebration with Christmas cards, treats and gifts. We thank God for the opportunity to serve at RCLS and we thank God for you. Thank you for being so thoughtful and generous.

**** Henry, Debbie, Garet, Olivia and Gavin Pahlkotter**

REGISTRATION PACKETS (RE-ENROLLMENT) were mailed to families last week. Please notify the office if you did not receive yours! Thank you.

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES The week of January 19, 2009 we will pray for: Deven & Marlina Hui (Kaitlyn), Denel Ihde (Allyssa, Ryan, Kaleb), Luke Ihde, Patrick & Starla Inman (Abby), Kim Jacobs (Memory), Doug & Denise Jans (Adam), and AJ & Diane Jedlicka (Andrew).

ATTENTION ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

The yearbook staff is looking for some great photos. If you have taken some unique photos of an RCLS event during the 2008-2009 school year, we would love to have copies to potentially use in the RCLS yearbook. We are especially in need of candid pictures from class events and off-site RCLS events. Please send a CD of your pictures to the school office marked for the attention of the yearbook staff. If you would like the CD returned, just indicate your name on the CD. Thank you!

HOTEL BETHLEHEM DVD'S FOR SALE: If you did not have a chance to order your DVD of the "Hotel Bethlehem" Christmas Celebration presented on Thursday, December 11, at the John Marshall High School Auditorium, you have another chance. We have several DVDs left; however, only a limited number are available. The cost per DVD is \$20.

TECHNOLOGY MEETING (RESCHEDULED): The Technology Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, January 19, at 7 pm.

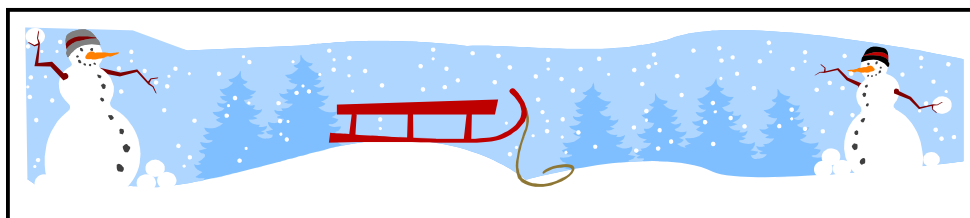
FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS (RESCHEDULED): The Finance Committee of the Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, January 21, at 6 pm in the conference room. The Executive Committee will meet immediately following in the same room at 7 pm.

ASSURING OUR FAITH CLASSES: Mr. Pahlkotter had 14 adults attend his "The Five Love Languages of Children" class this past week. This class is being held for four more weeks and if you missed week one, please do not hesitate to come for the second week. We will be digging into the five love languages and helping parents, grandparents and others who work with or have children to communicate God's love most effectively to them. The class begins at 4 p.m. and lasts for 90 minutes. We will dismiss promptly at 5:30 pm. There was a good deal of class participation and last week was fun! It is a great class of people. All are welcome.

A 3RD – 5TH FAMILY DANCE is being hosted by the Music Department on Friday, January 30th, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and their families are invited to attend. This is a Christian fellowship event. Come and just have fun!

CHAPEL JANUARY 21 WILL BE AT RCLS: Due to some remodeling in Holy Cross's sanctuary, Pastor Schauder will be leading us in worship in the RCLS gymnasium. Chapel will begin at the usual time of 7:55 a.m. Come and join us for worship.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY, JANUARY 23: Thursday, January 22, is the end of the second quarter and the first semester of school. On Friday, January 23, teachers will be evaluating final papers, tests and projects and working on report cards that will be sent home on Thursday, January 29.



January 16 -Parent Transport, afternoon only!
 Jan 16-18 -Faribault BB Tournament
 January 19 -No School/Martin Luther King Day
 January 20 -Community Open House, 6:30-8 pm
 January 21 -Grade 5 to sing at Chapel
 January 22 -End of 2nd Quarter, 39 days
 January 23 -No School/Teachers Work Day
 January 26 -Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
 January 28 -Kindergarten to sing at Chapel
 January 29 -Partners in Christ Re-enrollment Meeting for Parents, noon or 6:30 pm
 -Report Cards sent home
 January 30 -Family Dance Night, 6:30-7:30 pm
 -Open Enrollment Begins
 January 31 -Winona Mustang Classic (BB)
 February 4 -Gr. 4 to sing at Chapel
 February 5 -Gr. 4 to the Samaritan Nursing Home, 9:50-11 am
 Feb. 6-7 -Conference BB Tournament
 February 11 -Concert Choir to sing at Chapel
 Feb. 9-13 -Spirit Week
 February 12 -Coffee & Tour, 7:45 am
 February 13 -Parent Transport—PM only
 -I Love My School Parties
 Feb. 13-15 -RCLS BB Tournament
 February 16 -No School, Presidents' Day
 -SAC Open
 February 18 -Gr. 1 to sing at Chapel
 February 22 -Kindergarten 100s Museum
 February 23 -Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
 February 25 -Ash Wednesday
 -Gr. 2 to sing at Chapel
 February 27 -Mid Quarter

**View the RCLS calendar at www.rcls.net and click on view calendar.

THINGS RCLS COLLECTS!

- Kemps Milk Caps
- Kwik Trip Milk Moola Milk Caps
- General Mills Box Tops for Education
- Land O Lakes Milk Caps
- Used cell phones
- Campbell Soup Labels
- Nestle Labels off of water bottles

SPARTAN NIGHT for incoming 9th graders was originally scheduled for last week. Due to the bad weather experienced last week it was **changed to February 23 at 5:30 pm!**



NEW LIFE FAMILY SERVICES

January Chapel Project
Sponsored by grades 2 and 3

Chapel offerings for January will be used by New Life Family Services to purchase needed supplies for new mothers and their babies. NLFS assists new mothers, provides adoption services for other families, and also offers pregnancy testing and ultrasounds for expectant mothers. The crib outside the office has been filled twice already!!! Thank you!! Please continue to help us fill this crib with new or gently used maternity clothes, baby clothing, blankets, crib sheets, baby towels, Onesies, snugglies, slings, childcare or pregnancy books, and baby or generic gift bags for our second and third graders to use for packing up Kare Kits using the other donated items. For a more complete list of what is needed, please check the hallway bulletin board or the list attached to the crib itself.

Mrs. Kris Lindquist is wanting old or new costume jewelry in order to make a “**JEWELRY CHRISTMAS TREE**” for the RCLS auction. Jewelry that is broken or missing pieces are also welcomed. You may drop off your items at the school office or call Kris Lindquist 281-3081 to make arrangements for drop off.

CALLING ALL K-6TH GRADE SINGERS!!

There is a new children's choir in town and we want YOU to join. The Non-Denominational Christian Children's Choir is comprised of students from various churches in the area. We meet on Sundays from 3-4 pm at Hope Summit Church (formally Meadow Park CC) to rehearse. Our new semester has just started and we invite you to come join in all of the fun. In May we will be producing a brand new children's musical! There is no need to audition for the choir, but if you are interested in a specific part (speaking or singing) auditions will be held on February 8 during our regular rehearsal time. If you have questions, please call Abbie Jo Wilcox, director at 252-6984. Hope to see you soon!



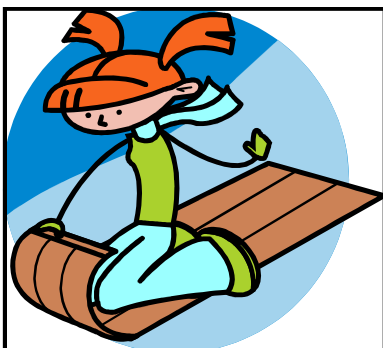
RCLS COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 6:30– 8 pm. Anyone interested in learning more about our school Preschool through Grade 8 is invited to attend. Attached is an invite that you might give someone to encourage them to come and see all that is RCLS! Let's blanket Rochester and the surrounding area about this opportunity! Thank you for your help!

SKI OR SNOWBOARD

Friday, January 23, (8 am load/5 pm return).

Cost: \$21 Lift / \$19 Rental / \$12 Bus
Chaperons ride free on the bus, please let me know if you would like to help in this way. It is highly recommended having a lesson or two before if you never skied or snowboarded before, let me know if that is needed as well!! Lessons for ski or snowboard are \$15 each. If we have 5 or more people per ski or snowboard group, those lessons would be only \$10 each. No combination in lessons. If you have any interest in joining the group, please contact Randy Schultz at 250-0655 or rschultz824@yahoo.com. Emails will be sent to those who contact me confirming dates and times of the trips.

**Remember your leaders,
who spoke the word of God
to you.
Consider the outcome of their
way of life and imitate
their faith.
Hebrews 13:7**



SPORTS NEWS

“Congratulations” to the **7/8 Grade Girl’s Basketball** team for their win over Plainview last Thursday, with a score of 25-12. The Lady Bobcats came out strong in the 2nd quarter, and took the lead for the rest of the game. The leading scorers were Katrina Wessel, with 10 points, and Megan Muras, with 6 points, followed by point contributions from Danielle Buettner, Stephanie Murray and Katie Piens. The top rebounders for the game were Jarika Tuohimaa and Katrina Wessel, with 10 rebounds each. The Lady Bobcats are busy preparing for upcoming games this week, and the Faribault Tournament, which is the weekend of January 16-18!

Congratulations to the **7th boys’ basketball team** as they defeated Abdulle Academy last week Tuesday 40-39. Chad Wagner hit the go-ahead free throw to win the game with 14 seconds left. The boys’ were able to overcome a 13 point deficit in the second half to win!

The 7th boys’ then defeated Immanuel- Plainview last Thursday, 32-19. Michael Carl led the scoring attack with a team high 14 points and added 11 rebounds. Alex Gatzlaff and Michael Ojeikhodion added 7 points each. The 7th boys’ team improved to 4-1 on the season with these wins.

Elementary Parents and future RCLS Bobcats!!!

Please come this weekend Saturday, January 17th to RCLS to support RCLS Athletics!! We are hosting two regular season games this weekend to help **raise money for new 7th and 8th basketball uniforms for next year.** These uniforms will benefit future Bobcat basketball players down through 2nd grade! The first game at 11am is between the 6th Boys Blue team and the White team. A girl’s game between the 6th Girls Blue and White team will follow at 12pm. Please bring the whole family! There will be free pizza provided for lunch! Donations will be taken throughout the games.

RCLS Invitational Tournament Volunteers!!!

The 26th Annual RCLS Invitational Basketball Tournament is coming up on February 13th-15th. The profits from this event provide the major funding for our physical education program for **ALL GRADES.** We are asking **parents of students in grades PS-8 to consider helping during the tournament.** We’ll need extra help in the following areas: clean-up, concessions help, kitchen help, and court sweeping/locker room maintenance. **We are also looking for two or three people to supervise the kitchen.** You may sign up to help in the school office next week. An information sheet detailing this information will come out in the Paw Print next week. We also plan to serve **pies and other baked goods in the concession stand and kitchen** during the RCLS Invitational Basketball Tournament. Look for information in next week’s Paw Print! On Tuesday, the 8th grade team defeated Resurrection 37-17. The win brings the boys record to 5-1 on the season.