



Rochester Central Lutheran School

RCLS PAW PRINT

March 5, 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!

**Early Dismissal—
Friday, March 13 (Half-
Day Kindergarten at
10:15 am/Full Day Kdg-
Grade 8 at 12:45 pm)**

**If filing for a scholar-
ship the deadline is April
15, 2009!**

Special points of interest:

- *Spring Play March 13-15*
- *Parent-Teacher Conferences*
- *Auction Notes!*
- *Nightlife at Holy Cross*
- *Sports Notes*
- *High School Registration*
- *Softball Coach Needed!*
- *Faith Heroes*
- *Ski & Snowboard Info*
- *March is Development Month*
- *Much, much, more!*

MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS...On Wednesday, I had the opportunity to attend the 4 pm Lenten service at Grace Lutheran Church, one of our four RCLS association or partner churches. My family and I had been invited to attend worship and then the Lenten meal supporting RCLS.

My two youngest children and I drove to church after school. Both of the kids were excited. Olivia told me she could already taste the fried chicken that was to be served at the meal immediately following worship. As we approached the church, Gavin said, "That's my church. I love this church." I found this interesting as we attend Family of Christ Lutheran Church, another of the partner churches, and Gavin tells me weekly that he loves Family of Christ.

As we talked, the children pointed out to me that we are blessed because we belong to many churches. They pointed out that RCLS has four partner churches as well as others that are supportive. In their minds, these are their churches and the pastors are their pastors. They believe we belong to all of these churches and they see this as a blessing. This was moving to me...especially to understand that they were excited...not just about fried chicken...but attending one of their churches.

This is the blessing of an association...a partnership. We have come together as God's people for the purpose of working together in our missions to share the good news of Jesus Christ with Rochester...and to fulfill the mission of RCLS...
"Preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today."

As we celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week this week, not only do we celebrate the blessing of Lutheran schools across the nation and world, we celebrate the blessings of our very own Lutheran school, RCLS, and the blessings of the association...partnership...family. I thank God that we are all a part of God's family. I thank God that He welcomes us all to be a part of His family...for eternity. I thank God that we can all share His plan for salvation with all who desperately need Him. This is His ministry.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

In Christ,
Mr. Henry G. Pahlkotter, II
Principal

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES The week of March 9, 2009 we will pray for David & Lynn Murray (Jackson, Stephanie), George & Cary Nanos (Rachel, Sarah), Corey & Brenda Nelson (Hope), Daniel & Amy Neveau (Alyssa), Tim & Ann Nicometo (Daniel, Michael), and Robert & Lisa Nordman (Daniel, Mason).

COULD YOU HELP?

Do you remember when you first considered sending your child to RCLS? You probably had a lot of questions ranging from class sizes and curriculum to afterschool care and navigating the car line! If you find yourself talking to friends and family about the positive things happening here, then we need your help. We are looking for parents to make occasional follow-up phone calls to families who have shown an interest in our school. These are quick, friendly calls to give potential new families the opportunity to ask questions of an "insider" at RCLS. If you are interested in helping out please contact Elizabeth Curry at curry.elizabeth@gmail.com or 281-6370. Thank you!

THIS 'N THAT

- Miss Timm (Kindergarten) is in search of a Fisher Price video entitled *Terrific Trips Zoo & Post Office*. If you would have one that Miss Timm's class could use for a week please let her know! Thank you!
- Please look over the attached flyer regarding My Coke Rewards program. Another way to earn points for RCLS with products that you and your family enjoy every day!
- February Hearts for Jesus collected \$678.00. After deducting \$60 for our monthly commitment to World Vision we will be able to purchase 309 Bible Story Books for children in SE Asia. Thank you for sharing Jesus and His love.
- The art room will continually be using egg cartons, (any size - Styrofoam or paper). Please continue to save these and bring them in for us to use. Thanks! Ms. Johnson

MARCH IS DEVELOPMENT MONTH AT RCLS!!

Look at the Paw Print calendar and see all the exciting events planned in March by the RCLS Development Committee. Classroom visits, Phonorama, Special Forums, Booster Meetings, Service Projects, Fun Walk... , be sure to check it all out!! Saturday March 14, 10 am, come and spend a couple of hours on an RCLS service project. Be ready for a little painting, staining, and organizing. Sometimes the little things make a big difference, and what a terrific way to show support for your RCLS community!!

NIGHTLIFE AT HOLY CROSS during Lent is moving to Thursday nights! Same times 6-9 PM or come after school anytime. All students in grades 7 and higher are invited to these evenings of friendship, food, Worship, and Fusion small groups. Students are still welcome after school on Wednesdays as well. Go to our website at <http://www.holycrossyouth.org> for the latest. There will be no Nightlife the week of spring break, and we will be back to our

regular Wednesday schedule starting April 8.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS:

High School Registration is currently underway. If you haven't already done so, please make sure you go to the Records and Registration Office in the Edison Building as soon as possible and re-activate your child's status as a public school student. You will need a copy of your child's birth certificate, an updated immunization record and emergency contact information. As soon as this vital step is complete, then someone from JM, Mayo or Century should be contacting you about registering your child for classes. If you need information, please feel free to contact Jennifer Finch-Mitchell at jefinch-mitch@rochester.k12.mn.us or 289-3267. You can also contact the guidance department at your child's high school.

- Century: 328-5002
- JM: 328-5342
- Mayo: 328-5497

If you would like information about Lourdes High School, please contact Sarah Groven at 289-3991 ext. 128.

OPTIONAL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES: K – 8

will have optional parent teacher conferences on Thursday, March 12, from 4-8 pm. If you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher, please call the school office and secure a time on March 12.

PRESCHOOL CONFERENCES are as follows:

Mrs. Wetzel

Tuesday, March 10: 1—5 pm

Wednesday, March 11: 3—5:30 pm

Thursday, March 12: 8 am—7 pm

Friday, March 13: 8 am—Noon

Mrs. Mack

Wednesday, March 11: 1—5:30 pm

Thursday, March 12: 8 am—7 pm

Friday, March 13: 8 am—noon

Mrs. Henning

Mrs. Henning will be contacting her parents to schedule a conference.

The spring play for 2009 is *SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK JR. LIVE!*

If you would like to purchase a School House Rock Jr. Live! T-shirt for \$13 please contact Miss Schauer. The play will be March 13-15 (Friday- Sunday). The Friday and Saturday shows will be at 7:00 pm and the Sunday show will be at 2:00 pm. Tickets went on sale Wednesday, March 4 to theatre patrons and on Monday, March 9 tickets will be on sale for everyone else. The kids are sharing all of their musical talents and having a lot of fun. Please consider coming and supporting RCLS Drama. Everyone is welcome to come!!

AUCTION NOTES - April 18, 2009

2:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm Rooms Start Closing 6:00 pm Live Auction

Have you purchased a **vacation package** from the auction in the past? We are looking for pictures you took on your trip. Could you contact Melinda Rud at jmmhrud@msn.com or 288-6697 so I can gather the pictures. Thanks!



Call Melinda Rud (jmmhrud@msn.com 288-6697) or Debbie Witte (mom2three@chartermi.net 536-0019)

Ski or Snowboard March 7 (Saturday) 8am load/5pm return.

\$31 Lift \$23 Rental \$15 Lesson (2 hours) \$12 Bus
Please contact me by 4 pm March 6 (Friday) if you are going and riding the bus. - Randy (250-0655 or rschultz824@yahoo.com.)

Ski or Snowboard March 13 (Friday) 1:15 pm load/10 pm return. \$21 Lift \$19 Rental \$12 Bus

Please contact me by 4 pm March 12 (Thursday) if you are going and riding the bus. - Randy (250-0655 or rschultz824@yahoo.com.)

MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA MOVED TO TUESDAY, MARCH 24! Due to the Honors Band experience, it was necessary to move the K-5 Music Extravaganza to Tuesday, March 24. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy!

COFFEE AND TOUR MARCH 12TH: If you know of a family that is considering enrollment and would like a tour of RCLS, please invite them to our Thursday, March 12th, Coffee and Tour at 7:45 a.m. We love sharing the ministry of RCLS and this is a great opportunity to meet Mr. Pahlkotter, see our facility and have their questions answered. Please have them call the school office to RSVP. Thank you.

SOFTBALL COACH NEEDED!! We are in need of a softball coach for the Spring for our co-ed 7th and 8th team. Practices will begin April 6 with the first game on April 14. The season will conclude with the Conference Tournament on May 9. Please contact Mr. Rudzinski by email aarudzinski@rcls.net or by phone ext 412, if you are interested.

THANK YOU PARTNER CHURCHES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS: In celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week and in thanksgiving for RCLS, the partner churches gave our students a little something this week:

Monday – Family of Christ – Ice Pops
Tuesday – Holy Cross – NLSW Pencils
Wednesday – Trinity – NLSW Flyers (You can color them!)
Thursday – Grace – Buttons
Friday – Board of Directors (It will be an edible treat!)

Thank you Partner churches for your generosity and thoughtfulness. Thank you for helping us celebrate the blessing of Lutheran schools and our Lutheran school, Rochester Central Lutheran School.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR FAITH HEROES WITH US! On Wednesday during chapel, two parents, two students, two teachers and one pastor shared with us their faith heroes and who has shared the love of Jesus with them. Thank you for sharing your witness with us. We learned that God has called us all to be faith heroes for each other. In a way, RCLS is a school for heroes...faith heroes...learning how to share the good news of our ultimate faith hero, Jesus, with others.

FAITH HEROES RECOGNIZED AT CHAPEL:

Miss Bridget Linder (10 years), Mrs. Karen Holtan (15 years), Mr. Corey Nelson (15 years), Mrs. Mona Finley (30 years), and Mr. Marty Mack (40 years) were recognized on Wednesday at chapel for their ministry anniversaries and their ministries at RCLS. Thank you for being faith heroes by sharing God's love with us daily through your ministry at RCLS. We thank God for you.

- March 7 -Ski/Snowboard to Welch, 8 to 5
- March 10-13 -Conferences (see info on page 2)
- March 11 -Grade 5 to sing at Chapel
- March 12 -5th Grade students & Parents meet with Alumni & Development Committee, 7:30 pm
- March 13 -**Early Dismissal** (Half Day Kdg at 10:15 am/K-8 at 12:45 pm)
-Gr. 6 MathMasters Competition, 7:45 am—2 pm
-Ski/Snowboard to Welch, 1:15-10 pm
-Spring Play, 7 pm
- March 14 -Service Project for the school, 10 am
-Spring Play, 7 pm
- March 15 -Spring Play, 2 pm
- March 16 -Theater Boosters meet, 7:30 pm
- March 17 -Music Boosters met, 7:30 pm
- March 18 -Grade 1 to sing at Chapel
- March 19 -Gr. 4 to Samaritan Nursing Home, 9:50-11 am
-Sports Boosters meet, 7:30 pm
- March 21 -Fun Walk, 10 am
- March 22 -Multiplication Mania, Grade 3, cafeteria, 6-8 pm
- March 23 -Spring Pictures
-Board of Directors, 6:15 pm
-"Give Thanks in All Circumstances- The Historical Apostle Paul", 7:30 pm
- March 24 -K-5 Music Extravaganza, 6:30 pm
- March 25 -Grade 3 to sing at Chapel
- March 26 -End of 3rd quarter
- March 27 -No School—Records Day
- Mar. 30-Apr. 3 -Spring Break

MR. PAHLKOTTER will be visiting Redeemer Lutheran Church this Sunday.

SPORT UPDATE

"Congratulations" to the boys' basketball team as they won the Consolation Championship at the Minnesota State Lutheran Basketball Tournament this weekend! On Friday night the boys defeated Prairie Lutheran 46-36. John Mattison led the scoring with 20 points and 4 assists while Matthew Buettner added 17 points and 13 rebounds. On Saturday, the boys lost a heartbreaker to the eventual State Champion, Pilgrim Lutheran. After leading by 6 points with 2 minutes to go, the Bobcats were unable to pull out a win despite making a would be game tying basket that was released ½ second too late as

the buzzer sounded. The final score was 44-46. Matthew led the scoring attack with 16 points and 10 rebounds. John added 8 points, 6 assists and 10 rebounds. Later in the day, the boys were able to recover from the disappointing loss earlier by defeating St. Paul, Truman 41-33. John led with 21 points and 12 rebounds and Matthew led with 13 rebounds and added 13 points. On Sunday, the boys defeated King of Grace 44-29. John led with 17 points and added 3 assists while Alex Gatzlaff and Michael Carl led with 3 steals a piece. Later that day the boys met Trinity-First, Minneapolis in the Consolation game. In a game that see-sawed back and forth, the Bobcats would need extra time to complete the win. John, Matthew and Lucas converted on big baskets down the stretch to send the game into overtime. In the extra period, Lucas scored 5 of the teams 8 points to seal the win including 3 big free throws. The final score was 54-50. Alex Gatzlaff hit 3 three-pointers in the first half on his way to an 11 point effort including a team high 3 assists. Lucas scored a team high 16 points while Matthew contributed 13 points and 14 rebounds. The 4-1 weekend record at State brings the boys record to 27-4 on the season. Congratulations on a fun and exciting weekend!
-Mr. Rudzinski, Coach

"Congratulations" to the 7/8th Grade Girl's Basketball team for representing RCLS very well at the State Tournament! The Lady Bobcats had a great and exciting start at the State Tournament on Friday night with a victory over St. John's NYA winning 16-15. With a very close game the whole way, Jarika Tuohimaa made a 2 point basket during the last 6 seconds of the game to give the Lady Bobcats a win! The leading scorers of the game were Jarika Tuohimaa with 7 points and Megan Muras with 4 points. Stephanie Murray and Megan Muras both contributed with 5 steals each. The Lady Bobcats then moved on to play Saturday morning against the #1 seed team, Immanuel Courtland. The Lady Bobcats lost 14-23, but were able to hold the #1 team to within a 9 point game. The leading scorers were Megan Muras and Danielle Buettner, both with 5 points each. Jarika Tuohimaa lead in rebounds with 10. The Lady Bobcats then moved into the Consolation bracket and played St. Paul Fulda. They ended up losing 17-32, but put in great effort to try to hold their good offensive shooters. The leading scorers were Jarika Tuohimaa with 6 points and Katrina Wessel with 4 points. "Congratulations" to the Lady Bobcats for a very successful season, with a season record of 22 wins and only 6 losses!! "Thank you" to the parents and RCLS fans for supporting us throughout the whole season.

- Lynn Murray, Coach