

Rochester Central Lutheran School

RCLS PAW PRINT

March 19, 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!

**RCLS Fun Walk is
Saturday, March 21,
10 am**

**K-5 Music
Extravaganza,
March 24, 6:30 pm**

**Spring Picture Day is
Monday, March 23!**



MR. PAHLKOTTER'S THOUGHTS...

First of all, Debbie and I want to thank everyone who has been praying for us in regards to our housing and Michigan home. Your prayers and words of encouragement have been a tremendous blessing. We are excited to share that we closed on our home on Tuesday of this week. We thank God for being able to put this behind us and for the opportunity to move forward. We also thank God for you...our faith family.

The RCLS Annual Auction is coming Saturday, April 18th. This is a very important RCLS event for our faith family. With your help, we raise necessary funds to support the on-going ministry of our school. PLEASE prayerfully consider helping our co-directors Melinda Rud and Debbie Witte in asking our local businesses, crafters and artists to make a donation to the auction. This is an essential part of our auction process. Possibly you have a skill, product or item that you would be willing to donate. If so, please contact the school office or Mrs. Rud and Mrs. Witte.

I will be donating "Principal for the Day" once again for the sake of supporting the ministry of our school. Last year, Mr. Calvin Blume was our "Principal for the Day." He did an excellent job. Possibly your child would like this experience this Spring as well.

Normally, I would not put this type of information in my thoughts; however, the committee is asking for my assistance in asking for your assistance. They truly need help asking for donations to the auction in order for the auction to be successful this year. This is important because RCLS depends on these funds to be able to provide the best Christian education program possible. Tuition is only a part of the necessary funding of our school.

Our enrollment for next year is going well. In order to provide the same level of quality programming for the 2009-2010 school year, we need to do well at the auction in April. Normally, we raise more than \$30,000.

Please do not wait for a phone call or personal invitation to join the effort. Please take the initiative to go to the auction website as part of the RCLS home page www.rcls.net. It will let you know which businesses have already been asked so that we do not duplicate our efforts or offend our business friends.

RCLS is a faith family. We work together for the sake of striving toward our mission "preparing for tomorrow with a Christ-centered education today." The blessing of being a part of RCLS is the spirit of partnership we have in Christ.

In Christ,
Henry G. Pahlkotter, II
RCLS Principal

Special points of interest:

- *Auction Notes!*
- *Project 24*
- *Remedy Drive*
- *Pioneer Days*
- *Kaiser Ministry*
- *Library Info*
- *Spring Fun Walk*
- *Scrip Specials!!*
- *Much, much, more!*

PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILIES The week of March 22, 2009 we will pray for Ron Oppen (Mckenna), Sherry Oppen, Lonnie & Cynthia Ottersen (Lilly, Samuel), Charles & Julie Padrnos (Jasper), Henry & Debbie Pahlkotter (Garet, Gavin, Olivia), Sungjo & Eunah Park (Jeff), and Tom & Ivonne Parry (Elizabeth, Melissa).

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A HOME The RCLS chapel offering for this month is Project 24. It is an effort to provide food, shelter, education, and Christ to the 1 out of 6 Kenyans who are orphaned children. Please pray about how you can help people in need.

On March 26, **REMEDY DRIVE** will be in concert at Holy Cross at 6:30 pm. This is a band that has been nominated this year for 3 Dove music awards and has a new CD out. Admission will be \$5. Please call the church office (289-1354) if you should have questions.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are teaching **PIONEER DAYS 2009** this summer! This class is designed to challenge even the advanced learners, but we are able to accommodate all learners! **Pioneer Days 2009** will take place the week of June 15-19. We will meet from 9:00-11:20 each day. More information will be coming soon! Contact Mr. Nelson if you have questions! (289-3267 ext. 106 or nelsonrcls@yahoo.com) Registration materials are being developed and will be out by next week, March 26. Several more classes will be offered.

MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA is Tuesday, March 24! Grades K – 5 will be presenting an extravaganza of music beginning at 6:30 pm in the school gymnasium. The concert is scheduled to last for approximately one hour. Everyone is invited to attend. Come and support our excellent music program for our students in Kindergarten through Grade 5.

KAISER MINISTRY – Lutheran Bible Translators: Missionary Jim Kaiser led us in worship at Chapel this week. He talked about his ministry of translating the Bible into languages that do not yet have the Bible. Do you know that there are still about 4,500 languages that the Bible has yet to be translated in? If you would like to support this ministry, you may send your checks payable to **Lutheran Bible Translators** to the school office. We will forward any gifts to the Kaiser Ministry on Thursday, March 26th, the last day before Spring Break. Mr. Kaiser also visited several of the upper grade classrooms after Chapel to answer questions.

FUN WALK is Saturday, March 21: As a special part of Development Month, the Development Committee is hosting a morning “Fun Walk” beginning at 10 am this Saturday. Come and join us as we enjoy some fresh air, good exercise and great Christian fellowship. The time you spend walking/running can be counted toward your HERO Run hours and preparing for the Med-City Kid run.

SPRING BREAK: RCLS will not be in session the week of March 30 through April 3. This is our Spring Break. May God bless you richly as you take time to rest, relax and to enjoy your families. The school office will also be closed.

THE LIBRARY IS ADDING a lot of NEW STUFF!! Would you like to be a part of it?

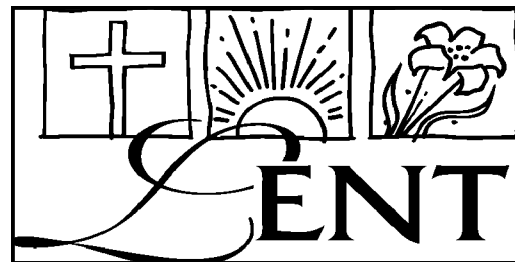
First, we have recently ordered **over \$3000 in new books!** So, we can begin raising funds to replace what was spent. **Please consider donating funding to the library!** You may send any donations to the office!

Additionally, the library needs to **add a new row of shelving** for the books targeted at the 4th-8th grade students. Each section of shelving costs approximately \$600, and we would like to add between six and eight additional sections. **Again, please consider donating toward this project!**

Finally, we would like to add a **new collection of books for researching the 50 states!** These books would be targeted at the 1st-4th grade students. The entire set will cost approximately \$1000. **So, of course, we’re asking you to consider donating toward this project as well!**

Thank you for your consideration and generosity! If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Nelson at 289-3267 ext. 106 or nelsonrcls@yahoo.com!

NO SCHOOL: School will not be in session on Friday, March 27. This is Records Day. SAC will be open.



AUCTION NOTES - April 18, 2009

2:30 pm Doors Open

4:30 pm Rooms Start Closing

6:00 pm Live Auction

Auction Baskets

Each year we receive a lot of positive comments on the classroom theme baskets. The variety and quality that you enable us to put together helps our fundraising efforts immensely. Again this year, we have assigned each class a different theme. We appreciate any items that you are able to contribute. If you would also like to contribute to another classroom theme, please feel free to do so by March 27th.

Mrs. Wetzel, Mrs. Mack, Mrs. Henning----The Baking Basket
Ms. Timm and Mrs. Wickre-----Dolls/Dress-up and Wheels Baskets
Mrs. Bryngelson-----Tea/Coffee Basket
Mrs. Andersen-----The Nut Lovers Basket
Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Otte-----Jewelry Making and Music Baskets
Mrs. Brewner-----Stationery Basket
Mrs. Robbins-----Summer Fun Basket
Mrs. Prentice-----Italian Cooking Basket
Mrs. Holtan-----Mexican Cooking Basket
Mrs. Rudzinski-----Movie Basket
Mr. Weinlaeder-----BBQ/Grilling Basket
Mr. Rudzinski and Mrs. Biar-----Picnic and Sports Baskets
Mrs. Woolman-----Garden Basket



We have 1 month until the auction. We have contacted 63 of the 350 businesses. In order for the auction to be a success, we need your help. **PLEASE** consider soliciting a few businesses. If you need help finding a list of businesses to solicit, contact Melinda Rud (288-6697 jmmhrud@msn.com) or Debbie Witte (536-0019 mom2three@charter.net)



FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE *An important message for parents/guardians of sixth grade students:*

Your sixth grade student may need immunizations before they can attend seventh grade. Minnesota State Law requires students entering 7th grade to show proof that they have received a 6th Tetanus immunization. Some students will also need to provide documentation that they have had 2 Measles, Mumps, Rubella immunizations, a completed Hepatitis B immunization series (3 shots) and 2 varicella vaccinations or documentation of chickenpox. If your student has received immunizations in the last 2 years, please send a copy of the immunization record to school so we can update your students record. In April, letters will be mailed to the parents/guardians of 6th grade students who need immunizations.

IN OUR PRAYERS

...Mr. Royce Ernst (Marlie, Nicole, Sarah) whose father entered his heavenly home on March 13, 2009.
...Mrs. Jennifer Jurgensen (Mark, Christian, Emily) whose grandfather received his crown of life on March 16, 2009.
...Those struggling with health concerns or hospitalized that God may give them strength and courage.
...Our nation and its leaders that God would give them wisdom and direction.
...Our World Vision children Iris (Honduras) and Rekha from Bangladesh.

March 21	-Fun Walk, 10 am
March 22	-Multiplication Mania, Grade 3, cafeteria, 6-7 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
April 6	-School Resumes
April 8	-Kindergarten sings at chapel
April 9	-Coffee/Tour, 7:45 am -Report Cards sent home
April 10	-No School—Good Friday
April 12	-Easter Sunday
April 15	-Grade 2 sings at chapel
April 16	-Gr. 4 to Samaritan Nursing Home, 9:50-11 am
April 17	-Parent Transport—AM only
April 18	-RCLS Auction
April 22	-Grade 5 sings at chapel
April 23	-Grs. 4/5 to Mayo Civic Ctr, 10 am
April 25	-Regional Spelling Bee
April 26	-Spring Fling, 6:30 pm

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

ODDS 'N ENDS

... Grace Lutheran Church (800 E Silver Lake Drive) will sponsor **Easter Eggstravaganza** on Saturday, April 11, for children 5 years and younger. The event will begin at 11 am. Watch for more information next week!

... Remember you can donate your **extra cell phones** to RCLS! To make it easier just send the cell phones with their batteries to school. No chargers or accessories are needed.

...The first of March RCLS received a check from Target's **Take Charge of Education program** for \$1,340.61. Thank you for participating!

...Do all of your online shopping through **GoodShop.com** where a percentage of each order made at more than 800 stores (from Amazon to Zappos) can be donated to RCLS (you don't pay anything extra). There are hundreds of money saving coupons and deals listed on the site as well. Simply:

1. Go to www.goodshop.com
2. Designate us as the charity you want to support.

3. Click on the store you want to shop at and shop on their site as you normally would—a percentage of what you spend will be donated to us at no extra cost to you!

Remember to use **GoodSearch.com**, the Yahoo-powered search engine, for all of your web searches and we'll receive a penny every time you do a search!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors will be meeting on Monday, March 23, beginning at 6:15 pm.

CHAPEL: The 3rd Grade class will be leading our school in worship on Wednesday, March 25, beginning at 7:55 am. Please come and join us.

END OF THIRD QUARTER: Thursday, March 26, is the end of our 3rd marking period.

CURRENT SCRIP SPECIALS!!

T.G.I. Friday's

March 14 - April 3

10% contribution instead of the normal 9%

ICPenny

March 14 - April 3

6% contribution instead of the normal 5%

L.L.Bean

March 14 - April 3

17% contribution instead of the normal 15%

Cabela's

March 14 - April 3

14% contribution instead of the normal 11%