



# NOTATIONS

## How Can I Help to Support Grace Lutheran School:

- Grace yard signs are available in the school office
- License plates and window stickers are also available
- Save Soup Labels or Box Tops for Education
- Use a Target Red Card
- Volunteer in the library or office
- Donate to the Scholarship or Endowment Fund

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## MAKING DISCIPLES

Planning is underway for next school year. This article will share several of those things that are being examined closely.

### GOING PAPERLESS

A trial run for "going paperless" with the weekly envelope will take place this month. The goal will be that all parent correspondence will take place online, by email and/or Ren-Web. Correspondence like "Notations" will also be in an electronic format.

Next year we would like everything to be done this way. Our goal is that weekly notes and reminders, calendar events, report cards, etc. will be all done online. We would like to do our part in saving a few trees, too! Watch for the first online notes on Thursday, May 5th!

### SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.

Mr. Wittcop is meeting with potential security companies to determine what options are available to make our facility even safer. The current concern centers

around the many access points in our main school building. If you have a particular concern, please share it with Mr. Wittcop.

### DIFFERENTIATION

Our teachers will begin a year long study of differentiation beginning at the end of this school year. Three of our teachers will attend a week long training on differentiation and will be trained to be trainers to work with teachers on making their classrooms differentiated classrooms. Our goal will be to begin implementing it during for the 2012-2013 school year.

As the faculty goes through this learning process a series of articles will be included in Notations explaining what differentiation is and what a differentiated classroom might look like.

### CURRICULUM UPDATES

Grades 1-5 will see new religious instruction materials next year. The new materials are coming out from our publisher by departments. School year

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## Making Disciples

2012-2013 will see the next department update.

Writing continues to be a focus at Grace. Teachers will work over the summer to review our language arts curriculum to incorporate Write Reflections. You will see an ongoing process of implementing Write Reflections throughout the next school year.

Increased use of technology is a primary goal for next year, too. This summer teachers will be working on incorporating more technology use in their daily lessons and for student work. Scheduling work will be done so classes can make greater use of the lab and computers throughout the campus.

As you can see we are doing a lot and have much yet to do in preparation for next school year.

## Surfin' the Web: Parent Resources

Looking for sites that your child can visit over the summer to help stay in practice with some of their academics? Check out some of the following:  
Spelling City—<http://www.spellingcity.com/student-spelling-practice.html>

Math Activities—<http://aaamath.com/>  
Reading Games—<http://www.learningtoday.com/corporate/reading-games.asp>  
Science Games—[www.edupup.com](http://www.edupup.com)  
Social Studies Games —[historychannel.com](http://historychannel.com)

## May Chapel Offerings—Scholarship Fund

Before we share a little about our May chapel offering project, here is an update on our offerings for the past couple of months.

First, thank you all for your support of our February and March Hearts for Jesus project. We were able to send a little over \$1,000 to help support our district project of Mission Haiti. This offering, along with the offerings of other Lu-

theran schools in Florida will be used to purchase materials to help needy children in Haiti.

In April we supported the Hope Seed program. This program provides seeds and farming training for families in third world companies. Our chapel offerings for April were about \$260.

In the month of May, our chapel offerings will be helping to support our own school scholar-

ship fund. Each year our school scholarship fund helps to provide financial assistance to families who might otherwise

not have an opportunity to attend Grace Lutheran School. During this past school year around 70 children received financial assistance which was partially funded through our school scholarship fund.



**April chapel offerings were used to support the ministry of Hope Seeds.**

## Schedule of Events

**May 4** — Uniform Exchange Shop Open 2:30 PM—5:30 PM

**May 5** — Papa Johns Night for Grace

**May 10** — Birthday Dress-up Day for May Birthdays

**May 12** — PACE Board Meeting at 8:30 AM in the Art Room

**May 13** — Parent-Teacher Conferences—No School

**May 16** — K- 5 Spring Musical, "Malice in the Palace", at PSC at 7 PM

**May 17** — Carolina Burger Night

**May 19** — Spring Sports Banquet

**May 22** — Congregational Voter's Meeting at 11:30 AM

**May 30** — Memorial Day  
No School / Childcare Available  
Chili's Night for Grace

# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Grade 8 Leaves on Washington Trip	2 Grade 7 Leaves on Keys Trip	3 City-Wide DARE graduation for Grade 5	4 Grade 7 Returns Uniform Exchange	5 K—Grade 6 Chapel for National Day of Prayer	6 Grade 8 Returns Grade 2 Mothers Day	7
8 1st Grade sings at 8:00 AM Service	9 School Board Meeting	10 Birthday Dress-up Day for May Birthdays Spanish Club	11 PK—Grade 8 Praise Chapel in Wesche Hall	12 PACE Board Meeting—8:30 AM	13 Parent-Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL	14
15	16 K—5 Spring Musical at PSC at 7:00 PM	17	18 K—8 Chapel in Sanctuary	19 Spring Sports Banquet	20 Field Trips to Theater WH Grade 3 trip	21
22 Congregational Voter's Assembly Meeting	23	24	25 K—8 Chapel in Sanctuary	26 \$1 Jeans Day AR Point Club Party Drama Club Dinner	27 Grade 1 Field Trip to Sea World	28
29	30 Memorial Day—No School/ Childcare	31				

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Are there end of the year class parties?

Field Day takes the place of the end of the year class parties. It will be held on Tuesday, June 8. There will be a sign up sheet coming soon for those interested to volunteer on this day. The children will be able to order pizza from Papa John's. There will be snacks, an obstacle course, games and more.

### How do I learn about the school's program for financial assistance?

If you want to enroll for next school year and feel that you may need financial assistance in paying your tuition, you may request a FACTS Scholarship packet. You may pick up the packet in the school offices, fill out the required information and mail it with a check and your 2010 tax return to FACTS. They will process your financial information and provide an analysis of financial need for our Financial Assistance Committee. Our committee will assign assistance based on a family's need and will notify families of any financial assistance awarded.

### How do I order lunch for May and June?

You will be able to order lunches through June 7. If you forgot and still want your child to order lunch please check with the school offices. You are always able to order lunch for the coming weeks on Renweb, you just cannot order for the current calendar week. You can also send in a paper calendar to be entered by the school. Please note not to order on class field trip days.

### Which days in June are early dismissal days?

Tuesday, June 8, will be an early dismissal day for grades K—5. They will be dismissed at 12:00 PM after the field day, or the students can choose to stay and watch a movie in the gym. Seventh and Eighth grade Middle School students will be dismissed early on the days of their final exams. Middle School students can refer to their schedule for times. On Wednesday, June 9, PS2/PS3 will be dismissed at 10:00 AM, PK4/KDG at 10:15 AM, Grades 1-8 at 10:30 AM, AM.



*Don't forget to send in any photos that you have taken of school activities so that they can be used in the yearbook!*



## Graduation Service and Awards Ceremony

Our annual Eighth Grade Graduation Service will be held on Sunday, June 5, at the 8:00 AM worship service. There will be a reception for the eighth graders and their families after the service in Trinity Hall. On the final day of school, Thursday, June 9, we will have our closing chapel service at 8:30 AM, followed by our Academic Awards Ceremony. School will be dismissed following the awards ceremony. On Thursday, June 9, PS2/PS3 will be dismissed at 10:00 AM, PK4/KDG at 10:15 AM, 1-8 at 10:30 AM

The seventh and eighth grades will be going on their Spring trips during the first week of May. The eighth grade will be leaving for Washington DC on Sunday afternoon, May 1, and will be returning on Friday, May 6. The seventh grade will be traveling to the Florida Keys on Monday, May 2, and will return on Wednesday, May 4. Let's keep these students in our prayers as they travel!

## Childcare News

Childcare registration for summer is available in the ECE and school office. Please pick up a form and register by June 8. If your child will be starting PS2 and up you must enroll for summer. Be looking for weekly camps to come out soon.

We will be closed May 30 for Memorial Day.

Any questions you can call the ECE office at 299-9186 or email [kray@glwh.org](mailto:kray@glwh.org).



## Performing Arts Guild & the Arts

A great big "Thank You" goes to all who support the arts in education. Spring is an especially busy time in art at Grace Lutheran. The children had the opportunity to perform for the Spring Arts Festival, are practicing for their Spring Musical, and showcased their individual art work in the annual Spring Arts Festival! What an exciting time!

A special thanks goes to all the parents and teachers that planned the Spring Arts Festival. Thanks, also, to all of those parent and student volunteers who helped before and during the Spring Arts Festival. We have some incredible artists at Grace Lutheran. Take time to compliment your favorite artists and thanks again for all your fantastic support of the arts in education! We appreciate you!

If you have an interest in helping with the planning for our Fine Arts programs, please consider working with the Performing Arts Guild Board. We meet once a month, and are currently searching for those who may be interested in participating on the board. Please contact Mr. Peterson if you have interest.



## The Spring Arts Festival: An Evening With the Arts

The Spring Arts Festival was a great success. There were over 200 dinners sold for the evening. There were over \$6,000 in sales on the art frames that were offered. This will result in a profit of around \$1,700 for the art program. The student art work was excellent, and the students also did a great job in their performances. Thanks also to Kari Chism, Monica Stoltz, Sondra Insua, Bonnie Arbeiter, and Sherie Ray for their assistance with all the framing prior to the festival. Thanks to the teachers and the PAG Board for their efforts in planning the evening!

In the pictures to the right you see some of the students who performed in Trinity

Hall. To the far right, school families viewed the student art displayed in the gym.



From the Admissions Director.....

At Grace, we believe in opportunity— the opportunity for every child to learn, grow and succeed. We believe students thrive in a Christian environment where security inspires confidence and parent participation breeds success.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your family during this school year. As we look forward to next year, please be sure your re-enrollment papers have been submitted to secure your child's place for the 2011-2012 school year.

Warm regards, Tammi Straughn

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# PAGE NEWS

**P.A.C.E. Accomplishments for 2010/2011 School Year** \*\* Thank you for supporting our various fundraising activities this year! We have raised just over \$40,000 for our school. We have purchased:

- New server and switches for our technology
- Safari Montage (a video server for teachers)
- Helped pay for the Lutheran Educators' Conference
- Accelerated Reader subscription renewal
- Teacher/staff luncheons
- Grandparents Day
- Home visit notebooks
- Replaced sinks and cabinets in three (3) classrooms
- Purchasing three (3) new computers
- Teacher gifts for beginning of year and Christmas

**P.A.C.E. Opportunities** \*\* The P.A.C.E. Board is looking for volunteers to fill Chairperson position's, as well as committee positions for the 2011-2012 school year. If you have an interest in a position please use the form below to communicate that to us. This sheet can be returned to the school office or call or e-mail Ann Combee at 863-289-6139 cell or [acombee@verizon.net](mailto:acombee@verizon.net)

## Shop with Scrip

Raise money for our school while doing your every day shopping! Do you shop at Walmart, eat dinner at Outback....consider buying gift cards through the Scrip program and Grace receives a portion of the proceeds. It's easy, just visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) Click on Order Scrip for a list of participating retailers. Complete the order form that was sent home, or create an online order. You must enroll as an online member to create a web order and you will still need to send a check to the school.

**Local Retailers Available:** Macy's, Walmart, Lowe's, Outback, Applebee's, Chili's, CVS/Walgreens, Kohl's, Subway, Red Lobster, Disney  
This is a quick and easy way to raise money for the school on purchases you are going to make anyway. Please call Jennifer Myers if you have any questions 287.8818. Thank you for your support!

## Field Day for K—Grade 5

On Wednesday, June 8, the kindergarten through grade five students will be having a special field day to finish the school year, This field day will feature a number of fun activities, some special snacks, and special lunch. There will be an early dismissal on this day for students. Those who have to stay through the afternoon will be treated to a movie. Watch for more information on this fun day!



## Upcoming Musical Performances

On Monday, May 16, our students in kindergarten through grade five will be presenting their spring musical. The musical will be performed at the theater at PSC at 7:00 PM. It is entitled "Malice in the Palace". Tickets for the performance may be purchased at the school office. This musical teaches important lessons through the biblical story of Esther. You will not want to miss it! Thanks to those students who have been working to prepare for special roles in the musical: The Narrator - Paulina Liwanag, King Ahasuerus - Jon Rice, Queen Vashti - Tori Harrison, Esther - Anna Reich, Mordecai - Cooper Clack, Haman - Andrew Swinburne, Harem Keeper - Leah Stambaugh Beauty Candidates - Arianna Dorta-duque, Lily Duce, Michelle Liu, Kacey Dukes, and Julianne Leopard, Record Keeper - Jake Fasking, Guard Captain - Sam Hendrickson/Parker Waldron, Zaresh - Jolie Tanner.

The Early Childhood Musical program will be on Friday, June 3, in Wesche Hall. There will be two performances, one at 10:00 AM, and another at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available in the Early Childhood office.

**NOTE ABOUT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:** At the end of the school year report cards will be mailed home. You will receive them about a week after school has been closed for the year. Please be aware that reports cards will be held if there are unpaid tuition or child care balances, or if there are still library fines to be paid, or library books or textbooks to be returned. All school records or transcripts will be held until these obligations are fulfilled.

## Recognition of Student Achievements

Gabbie Liwanag was recognized as the State DAR winner for her Essay on Paul Revere. She received her state award and a letter from our Congressman recognizing her for this achievement. Her essay will now go on to the regional competition.

Justin Zabel was recognized at the State Level for the Duke TIP Program.

We received the results of the Scholastic Achievement League Scholastic Challenge in which our eighth graders participated. Eleven of our students will be honored for above average scores at the end of the school year. We also received a special award for the student who scored highest from our eighth grade (we won't share names right now – those are usually

revealed to the students at the awards ceremony).

A number of Grace students participated in the Central Park Art Festival held over the school's spring break. The following students had art work displayed in the show; Ella Whitehead(K), Caitlin Coleman(K), Alli Gebhardt (K), Courtney Blastic (1), Hannah Alfredson(1), Isaac Atkins(1), Kaylee Rocco (2), Cooper Sivills(2), Allyssa Beatty(2), Lindsey Dudeck (3), Alex Walker(3), Garrison Bogdahn(3), Joseph Garrison(3), Sydney Rodgers (4), Trey Ramkhalawan(4), Karley Blastic(4), Tanner Sidwell(4), Blake Lightsey(4), Chase Trinklein(4), Jolie

Tanner (5), Arianna Dorta-Duque (5), Trett Ray(5), Trace Morrison (5), Emma Sivills(5), Adam Alvarez (5), Allison White (6), Jordan Douthit(6), Taylor Tabor-Sitek(6), An Vuong(7), McKenzie Bock(7), Jordan Rose(7), Kylie Kidd(7), Alaina Insua(7), Ann Portlock(8), Mary Massey(8), D'yanii Ferguson (8), Hannah Knapp(8), Hunter Waldron(8), James Sheerin(8), Elijah Hendrickson(8), Hanna Tandberg (8).

The following students were awarded Judge's Choice ribbons: Adam Alvarez, Trett Ray, Trace Morrison, Chase Trinklein, Elijah Hendrickson, Allyssa Beatty, and Hanna Tandberg.

## Reminder About Placement of Students in Classrooms for the Coming Year

Special requests for placement in a particular classroom for your child for next year will be considered if there is a special educational need or an important consideration in terms of student relationships. Any requests of this nature should be made in writing to the Principal Team before the last day of this school year. Your requests will be considered in determining the placement of students, but it is not guaranteed that your request will be honored. The faculty and administration consider at least twenty factors in placing students and must use their professional expertise and experience to place all of our children where they will grow and thrive.

## Accelerated Reader Point Clubs

### 100 Point Club

Lilee Atkins—Grade 7  
 Alyssa Beatty—Grade 2  
 Brianna Bennet—Grade 3  
 Betsey Bogdahn—Grade 6  
 Taelor Chism—Grade 8  
 Tanner Chism—Grade 2  
 Cooper Clack—Grade 5  
 Charles Combee—Grade 7  
 Joseph Erickson—Grade 7  
 Carson Garbrecht—Grade 6  
 Savannah Griffin—Grade 6  
 Julianne Leopard—Grade 5  
 Taylor Lingley—Grade 2  
 Lexi LoCurcio—Grade 8  
 Mary Massey—Grade 8  
 Vanna Onkey—Grade 8  
 Abby Porter—Grade 2  
 Ann Portlock—Grade 8  
 Anna Reich—Grade 5  
 Camryn Richardville—Grade 7



Jake Rudd—Grade 2  
 Leah Stambaugh—Grade 5  
 Dalton Strickland—Grade 2  
 Dylan Strickland—Grade 5  
 Brayden Thomas—Grade 7  
 Logan Thomas—Grade 5  
 Hunter Waldron—Grade 8  
 Andrew Walker—Grade 5  
 Justin Zabel—Grade 7

### 500 Point Club

Casey Billman—Grade 8  
 Richard Chen—Grade 8  
 Jon Rice—Grade 5  
 Blu Tanner—Grade 7

### 250 Point Club

Amanda Ashley—Grade 8  
 Matt Atkins—Grade 6  
 John Bartel—Grade 7  
 Christian Cornejo—Grade 5  
 Arianna Dorta-Duque—Grade 5  
 Allen Fang—Grade 7  
 Jake Fasking—Grade 5  
 Cameron Jones—Grade 7  
 Michelle Liu—Grade 5  
 Gabbie Liwanag—Grade 8  
 Paulina Liwanag—Grade 5  
 Ryan Nordby—Grade 3  
 Charlie Reineke—Grade 4  
 Chase Reineke—Grade 6  
 Miranda Riley—Grade 7  
 Emma Sivills—Grade 5  
 Andrew Swinburne—Grade 5  
 Jolie Tanner—Grade 5  
 Taylor Threadgill—Grade 3  
 An Vuong—Grade 7



# A.D. REPORT

## May 2011

Our students did a great job at the Lutheran School track and field meet held on Friday, April 8, at St. John in Ocala. The seventh and eighth grade boys team took first place in their division, while the seventh and eighth grade girls took fourth place. The fifth and sixth grade boys took second place and the girls took third place. Some of the individual highlights included a first place finish for the 880 yard relay team of Emma Sivills, Jolie Tanner, Jordan Douthit, and Taylor Tabor-Sitek. Jordan Douthit also took first place in the mile run. James Sheerin was the winner of the long jump, and Eli Hendrickson won the 880 yard run. Way to go Grace!

The Grace Golf team went to Deer Creek on Tuesday April 26 to post a 40 on 9 holes in the CFLAA five man scramble. Thanks to Roger Walker and Howard Neitsch for taking on the coaching of the team.

The Varsity Flag and Soccer CFLAA will take place on Friday May 13 at St. Paul Lutheran in Lakeland.

The JV football team finished the season 1-3 and got some playing time to prepare for next year. Thanks

to the 7th graders and their parents for their help with the team. Thanks to Nelson Kirkland for his time and patience in coaching.

The varsity football team finished 3-6 and will be preparing for CFLAA tournament when they return from their DC/Keys trips. Thanks to Jared Juszczak and Austin Jameson for their help in coaching.

The JV soccer team finished their season 3-2-1 and participation from the girls was great. Thanks to Daniel Kirin for his help coaching.

The varsity soccer team finished 2-6 and participated in the Bok Academy tournament and took 4th.

They will be preparing for the CFLAA after they get back from their trips. Thanks to Jeff Chism and Vicki Portlock for their help with the team.

The Spring Sports Banquet will be held in Trinity Hall on Thursday May 19 to celebrate the 2011 spring seasons.

### End of the Year AR Party For the AR Point Clubs

Reading for the AR Point Clubs will be wrapping up on Friday, May 20. At that point students who have earned 100 AR points, 250 AR points or 500 and more AR points will be invited to join us for a special AR point club party.

The AR point club party this year will be held at Cypress Lanes. The students will be able to

going to Cypress Lanes for a pizza lunch and to enjoy some bowling. Students who qualify for the AR point club party will receive more information about times and transportation as we get closer to the trip.

If any parents can help with the chaperoning the trip, please contact Mr. Peterson.

### Take a Night Off and Support Grace!

**Papa John's night** – The first Thursday of the month is Papa John's Night for Grace at the Winter Haven Papa Johns, 130 SE Plaza Roadway (just off Cypress Gardens Blvd) - 293-7500. Mention Grace & we get 20% of all sales. Watch for information on the March pizza night and the classroom challenge to see which class can order the most pizzas. Again, the class that generates the most pizza orders will receive a free pizza party for the class.

**Carolina Burger** is going to help support Grace Lutheran School and the Booster Club. Every 3rd Tuesday of the month is Grace Night. If you go to Carolina Burger and mention Grace they will donate 35% of the sales for that night back to our Booster Club. Enjoy a burger and support our school. You can dine in or drive thru. (Located across from the Armory on Ave. C.)



**Chili's** is going to help support Grace Lutheran School. Every 4th Monday of the month is Grace Night. If you go to Chili's and present the certificate they will donate a portion of the sales for that night back to Grace. Enjoy a dinner and support our school. You can dine in or pick-up.



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## Grace Lutheran School Mission Statement:

The mission of Grace Lutheran School is to provide its students and their families with a strong spiritual and academic foundation so that they know and understand God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ and are also able to live lives appropriate to their positions in their families, churches, community, and country.

## Church News and Announcements

### Would you like to learn more about the beliefs and teachings of Grace Lutheran Church?

We would love to have you join our next "Pastor's Information and New Member Class"



**Wednesday evenings**  
**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**  
**May 4 - May 25**

This class covers the basic teachings of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Church. Designed especially for those new to Grace Church, it is also a great way for Lutherans to review and renew their faith. Participation in the class in no way obligates you to join Grace as a member; however, it can lead to membership, depending upon your desire.

At the conclusion of the classes, those who wish to join Grace Church will be brought into membership on June 5 at the 10:30 worship .

Child care will be provided pending notification to our church office.

### ***Discover God's Amazing Grace!***

For information please contact Katy at the church office at 863.293.8447 or e-mail her at [kvanmorkhoven@glwh.org](mailto:kvanmorkhoven@glwh.org)



## Vacation Bible School

June 20 - 24  
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Make a difference!  
Volunteer Now!

### What's Being Collected for VBS2011

\*Bottle Caps (from milk and water jugs)

\*Donations to help purchase a "Faith Journey Buff" for each child and volunteer

Contact Debbie at [dgaylord@glwh.org](mailto:dgaylord@glwh.org) or 293-8447.