



Our mission is to nurture our students to love God, to love others and to make disciples.

SCHOOL NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2013

A GLORIOUS EVENING

I thought for days about how I was going to put into words the events of last Friday and then our committee received this email from a parent and it seemed to say it great:

"As I walked through the event last night I was amazed. The amount of preparation, planning and thought that went into every detail was evident. I was picturing you all pouring hours and hours, late night after late night compiling donations, creating labels, item descriptions, ... planning decorations, set-up... wow.

I was able to speak to Mrs. Laabs briefly this morning and we talked about the event and I shared with her that I was holding back tears during her technology plea. To see the many hands going up to pledge what each family could afford was special. Some could do \$1000, some could do \$100- each donation was equally appreciated by myself and my husband. I could envision the opportunities being given to my children, and all of the children at Grace, as each donation was announced by the auctioneer.

As parents, we all have made sacrifices to spend the money we do to send our children to Grace. We do it because we believe in a Christ-centered education. Sometimes we look at what the public schools have and we feel like we are alone on an island just trying to keep from being swept away by constant funding challenges, but last night reminded me that we are far from being alone. God is holding Grace firmly in His hand and providing."

Thanks to an amazing group of woman for planning and leading: Amy Seban, Amy Raymond, Jen Miller, Jenny Winkelmann, Gloria Strehlow and Julie Lyczak. It was an honor for me to work with you. Thanks to all of you. Your generosity and support of this event was absolutely stunning. I thank God for this wonderful Grace family.

Joyfully in His Service,
Mrs. Sharon Laabs

50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER/AUCTION

The 50th Anniversary Dinner and Auction held last Friday at the Hilton Garden Inn was a smashing success! Please see the attached for a recap of the evening. If you have pictures from the evening to be included in a slide show, please contact Amy Raymond at tayray@wi.rr.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar - The Grace Walk/Run&Picnic will be held on Saturday June 1, 2013. Details soon!!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To Cailey -8th grade who has qualified for the State Geography Bee!! We are so proud to have her representing Grace in Madison on April 5. We think Cailey may be the first Grace student ever qualify.

REMINDERS

[Scrip during Easter Break](#) - We will not place an order for the week of April 1. Orders will resume April 8. Scripnow! and Reloads will continue to be processed during that week.

[Summer Sizzlers Informational Meeting](#) on Monday, March 25th at 5:30 in the Fellowship hall.

ALL SCHOOL 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY

All students will attend this school birthday party for Grace on April 12th. If your child will be having the special hot lunch hosted by the Grace PTL, you must send in the order form and payment by Monday, or plan to bring a bag lunch from home. Please note- 4P's will not offer a lunch on this date. Use the attached form to place your order. Make checks payable to the Grace PTL.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

3/25 Grace Bday Party RSVP lunch order forms due.

3/25 Summer Sizzlers Info Meeting

OTHER UPCOMING

3/28 EARLY RELEASE 11:30 Dismiss-Maundy Thursday

3/29-4/5 NO SCHOOL- Easter Break

3/31 EASTER! HE IS RISEN

4/8 School Resumes

4/12 50th Birthday celebration

4/19 Church servent event

4/26 6-8th Spring Production

4/27 8th grade Confirmation Retreat

4/28 9:30 K-5 choir sings

5/1 8th gr. Catechization Service

5/4 8th gr. Confirmation

6/1 Walk/run & Picnic

PRAYER REQUESTS

✠ *Evan-6th & Kate-2nd grandmother who is recovering in the hospital from knee replacement surgery.*

✠ *For Don, close neighbor of the Raymond family who is having heart surgery tomorrow.*

L.E.A.D AWARDS

Congratulations and thanks to our LEAD Award winners! Keith -5th for Empathy and Bryce -1st for Leadership.

2013 Pinewood Derby

Pack 67 had a great Derby Race!! Congratulations to William (2nd gr)-1st place, Elijah (1st gr)-2nd place and Brennon (3rd gr)-3rd place.



Oh, What A Night! Praise God for all those who were there in support of our school on this special evening at the Hilton Garden Inn. From former teachers, current teachers and staff and alumni to parents, grandparents, church members and friends, we were truly blessed with such an incredible turnout. The 50th Anniversary Dinner/Auction was a smashing success, raising over \$70,000 !

The evening was off to a rousing start as over 250 guests mingled amongst the silent auction tables, bidding away on all of the art, certificates, getaways, classroom donations and parties. After the tables closed, a delicious dinner was served and Pastor Aaron, our emcee for the evening, along with auctioneer Ron Bast, got things underway with the fun "Heads or Tails" game. The live auction followed and did not disappoint with several bidding wars taking place on the fantastic items. Bidder numbers were raised high and often during Mrs. Laabs' Fund-a-Need Portion of the evening in an effort to fund technology upgrades for the Rosetta Stone Program and tablets for the young 3k/4k learners at Grace. We thank Josh Kastens (8th) for his wonderful presentation during this time as well! As the evening wound down, many guests lingered and chatted with friends from long ago and with some they had just met that night. Those that attended not only left with their "winnings", they left with memories of a night filled with smiles, laughs and good fellowship. It truly was a night that will be remembered for years to come.

Our most heartfelt thanks to our Sponsors for the evening: GOLD: Bill and Sandy Specht, Advanced Wildlife Control and Catalyst Construction. SILVER: Total Lawn Care
VIP TABLE SPONSORS: Andrus Limousine, Bell Ambulance, Cornerstone Community Bank, Educators Credit Union, and Gail Krajewski – First Weber Realtors. We also would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals that generously contributed to the event through their wonderful donations.

A last round of "Thank You's" to EVERYONE who helped out on this event. Thank you to those that assisted with all of the preparation leading up to the day, to those that spent time setting up on the day of the event at the Hilton, and to those that worked to make the evening flow seamlessly from registration to checkout. We could not have done it without you!

In Him,

The 50th Anniversary Dinner/Auction Committee



You are invited to Grace School's 50th Birthday Party!

**Wear Your
Spirit Wear!**

When: Friday, April 12, 2013 at 12pm

Where: School Gym

Who: All students & parents welcome too!

The entire school will gather together for lunch and cake to celebrate Grace's 50th birthday.
A special lunch is available for pre-order, or bring your bag lunch from home.
(4P's lunch will not be offered on this day.)

Pre-order Lunch Menu:

Hot Dog, chips, carrots, applesauce, birthday cake & milk.

Or Hamburger, chips, carrots, applesauce, cake & milk

Grace 50th Birthday Party April 12, 2013

RSVP before March 25th with your order and payment.

Make checks payable to Grace PTL.



Family Name _____

Child Name	Grade	Hot Dog lunch x \$2.50	2 Hot dog lunch x\$3.00	Hamburger lunch x \$3.00	Total \$
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Total Family Amount Due: _____

MENOMONEE FALLS LIBRARY

“Culvers Draw A Picture for National Library Week”

During the month of April kids 11 and under can pick up a special coloring sheet at the Youth Library Reference desk. They can draw a picture of a character or scene from a favorite book, and when they turn it in, they receive a coupon for a single scoop of Culver’s custard. The pictures will be available to view in a special display ringbinder on a table in the Youth Library through the end of April.

The Florentine Opera Presents “Little Red’s Most Unusual Day” Saturday, April 6 11:00AM

This fun opera adaptation, with a contemporary twist, of the Little Red Riding Hood story features the classical music of Rossini and Offenbach. Kids can enjoy an actual opera performance, and learn a bit how opera works, and how a performance comes to be. It’s intended for school-age kids able to sit on their own for the whole performance. Younger children may attend if they are seated on an adult’s lap. The program is provided through donations from library board member / village trustee Dennis Farrell and the Menomonee Falls Library Friends.

Alphabet Adventures With Miss Kim 9:30-10:00

Tuedays: April 9, 16, 23; Wednesdays April 10,17,24; Thursdays: April 11,18,25

An all-ages drop-in story time, with each session’s stories and songs built around a different letter of the alphabet.

Soda Pups National Library Week Celebration Show Saturday, April 13

2 shows: 10:00am & 11:30am

A troupe of performing Pekinese dogs show off their tricks, agility, and communication and obedience skills. School-age kids will be seated in the main seating area, while younger children should be seated on an adult’s lap in the chair seating area. No strollers will be permitted in the meeting room during the program.

Spring Break Family Films

A selection of films nominated for "Best Animated Feature" in the 2013 Academy Awards will be shown on the library’s giant meeting room screen over spring break. Stuffed friends, “non-messy” snacks, and covered beverages are welcome.

Brave : Wednesday, April 3-10:15AM ; Saturday, April 6-3:15PM (93 min-Rated PG) Princess Merida, an archer and self-reliant young woman, makes a decision which defies custom and brings chaos to her kingdom. To restore her kingdom, she must rely on her bravery and archery skills.

Frankenweenie: Wednesday, April 3-2:15 PM (87 minutes-- Rated PG) Young Victor conducts a science experiment that will bring his dog Sparky back to life, only to face unintended, sometimes monstrous consequences.

Wreck-It Ralph: Thursday, April 4-10:15 AM (100 minutes -- Rated PG) For decades, Ralph has played the bad guy in his popular video game. In a bold move, he embarks on an action-packed adventure and sets out to prove to everyone that he is a true hero with a big heart.

Paranorman: Thursday, April 4-2:15 PM (93 minutes --Rated PG) From the makers of Coraline comes the story of Norman, a boy who must use his special powers to save his town from a centuries-old curse.

Pirates: A Band of Misfits: Saturday, (April 6- 1:15PM) (88 minutes -- Rated PG) A pirate and his rag-tag crew seek to win a Pirate of the Year Award, which takes them to adventures on a tropical island and the streets of Victorian London.

STORY CRAFT ADVENTURES

Saturday, April 20 10.00

Stories, songs, and a related craft activity for school-age kids.

Sign-up is required for this program. Sign up online at home.mf.lib.wi.us