

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **Whitecaps Reading Incentive Program:** Kindergarten through sixth grade students have the option of participating in the Whitecaps reading program. A letter explaining the program and a bookmark will come home with your student tomorrow. These bookmarks need to be completed by Thursday, April 2. Once you fill out and sign the completed bookmark, you can send it to school with your child so that you can receive a ticket order form! Let's read!
- **Attention Legacy Families:** Your help is needed! As part of our auction planning we would like to know what countries are represented by our Legacy families. Please contact Patty Lobbezoo at (616) 862-6253 or plobbezoo@yahoo.com with your family information. Thank you for making this project possible.
- **POOL PARTY** – All Legacy students and their families are invited to come to the **All School Pool Party** on Friday, March 13, starting at 6:30pm at the Kentwood Aquatic Center located at the East Kentwood High School. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.
- **Grandfriends Day 2009 is scheduled for May 1st.** Save the date cards will be sent out to grand-parents this month. It is bound to be a great event! Help, however, is needed to make it a great day for our grandparents and grandfriends. Tiffany Snyder is currently the only committee member and she is looking for assistance. General plans have been made, but the details need to be filled in. If you are willing to pitch in, please contact her at 827-2488 or frausnyder@gmail.com. Thanks so much!
- **Janie's Cookie Dough Sale** will continue this week. The sale will end on March 4. This will be the final date to turn in your orders. Cookie dough pick up will be March 18.
- **AUCTION NEEDS! ITEMS FOR BID**—We are in need of items for the auction. To make this year's event a success we need your participation. Please consider making a donation of some kind. Whether it is a purchased item, a donated baked good, a specialty service or a business contact, items donated by our own LCS families are the best and most successful fundraisers. If you want to donate, but need help with an idea, please contact Jill Ellens at 455-0310. A donation form is being sent home with today's newsletter.
- **An auction flyer is being sent home today.** Please help us advertise our auction by posting it at your church or any place you frequent (with permission). This will be a great help.
- **Help Needed:** We are going to have a couple of mailings that have to go out this week. We would love to have as many helpers as possible to make this go quickly. If you would be able to help us this Friday (Feb. 27), beginning around 8:30 am, please call the elementary office (455-0310).

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

February

- 26 BOB Extravaganza (9-11:40 am)
- 28 Mom & Son Bowling event (2-4 pm)
- 28 8th grade bball tournament at SCHS

March

- 4 Janie's Cookie Dough Sale ends
- 12 Iowa Basics Testing
- 13 Pool Party at Kentwood Aquatic Center
- 20 Kindergarten Testing
- 20 End of 3rd Quarter
- 21 Odyssey of the Mind
- 27 Report Cards go home
- 28 LCS Auction

Reflect, Respect and Respond to Creation Care

Two weeks ago in our Legacy Link we published a paragraph in the section "Reflect, Respect, and Respond to Creation Care" stating that you should not put chemicals on your lawn because of what it might do to the environment. We apologize for making this statement. Even though what is printed in this section is taken from a book on creation care, it has been brought to our attention by one of our parents that it is incorrect. We have been informed that fertilizer does not create algae, phosphorus does. Some landscape companies take great care in being responsible in the use of products that are phosphorus free. They also use weed control that is not persistent. If it were persistent, it wouldn't have to be reapplied. They take great care in being conscientiousness about our environment and have dedicated their career to care for God's creation. Homeowners who do not use professional companies, should only apply fertilizer that does not have phosphorus (which means the middle number on the bag is zero). They also need to make sure to read and follow the label on any product that they apply to their lawn.

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship-Friday (8:15)** All School—Pastor Ron Kool leading
- **Please check out** the Lost and Found table at the elementary to claim your items!
- **Recycle Plastic Bags:** We've taken on a recycling challenge. Help us preserve God's earth by bringing in your #2 and #4 plastic bags such as Meijer and Target bags. If in question, look for the symbol printed near the bottom of the bag. Put them in the large boxes near the entryway in the elementary building. We'll be collecting the bags for about a month.

School Family Praises & Prayer Requests

- We express our sympathy to Jim and Rebecca VerHoef (Eric-8th, Luke-5th) on the passing of their mother and grandmother last night.
- We also express our sympathy to Dave and Carole VanderLaan (Grant-6th, Jenna-5th) on the passing of Dave's mother last weekend.

Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

One of our kindergarten classes began a new unit on presidents last week. On the first day they started talking about George Washington, the "Father of our Nation." One of our students said, "God is the Father of our Nation!" How true is that!!

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **8th Grade boys basketball** tournament will begin on Thursday, Feb. 26, at SCHS and conclude on Saturday, Feb. 28.
- **Congratulations to the Legacy Mathcounts** Team for coming in 6th out of 21 teams in the competition last Friday. Team members were Jenna Spencer, Lucas Slotsema, Josh Duemler, and Peter Oostema. Students who competed as individuals were Andrew Hoffman, Christopher Walstra, Derek Dik, and Nathan Jansen.
- **Congratulations to the Legacy students** who participated in the Regional Spelling Bee yesterday afternoon at Potters House Christian School. Chris Walstra came in 3rd and Laura Kuipers tied for 12th.
- **Please make sure to** check the Lost and Found items for things you may have lost.
- **We are taking sign-ups** for Spring Sports: 8th boys baseball, 8th girls softball, 7-8 girls soccer, 6-8 track.
- **8th graders: please bring your yearbook** pictures to the office by Friday, February 27. If you are using the picture taken by Nyhof, a picture is not needed, but please notify the office of this. If you are turning in your own picture, please include \$5.00! Any questions, contact Kim Zwylghuizen at the West Campus - 455-3860.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

8th grade boys basketball

FEB. 24	HOPE	AWAY
FEB. 26	TOURNAMENT	SCHS
FEB. 28	TOURNAMENT	SCHS

7th grade boys basketball

FEB. 26	BYRON	HOME
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PTO NEWS

- **Family Fare School days**—Shop any day between Feb. 22—28, 2009 at your local Family Fare. Present the cashier with our school code (87743) and they will automatically donate 2 1/2% of the total purchase to Legacy!
- **Shopper Ads** for February are included with today's newsletter.

MOMS IN TOUCH

This week the Moms In Touch prayers focused on praising God for forgiving us and being "compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalm 103:8). We prayed that Legacy students may "bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances they may have against one another" and "forgive as the Lord forgave them" (Colossians 3:13). All Legacy mothers are invited to join us in prayer for our children, the Legacy staff, and the Legacy community. At our next meeting we will be praying specifically for Mrs. VanBeek, Mrs. Walstra, and Mrs. Vredevoogd. The next Monday morning meeting will be at 8:30 am on March 2 at the home of Janine Brouwer (1130-59th St., Kentwood). The next evening meeting is planned for Monday, March 2, at 7:00 pm in the Elementary library. For information, contact Janine Brouwer (janinerb@juno.com, 455-9484).

TRASH FOR CASH

Upcoming Deadlines:

- **Despereaux labels** - I need all the Campbell's Despereaux Chicken Noodle and Tomato soup UPCs in the drop-off bins by March 24. The UPCs are gold in color and will count for 2 points for this offer.
- **Apple bags** - I need all apple bags in the drop-off bins by March 31. The deadline is April 15 with winners of the contest being selected on May 1. Spring break falls just before that deadline so I will need them before we start our break. First place=\$5,000; Second place=\$3,000; Third place=\$1,000. An additional prize is added this year: a computer for the most proofs of purchase. We already have over 200 UPCs!! Save your apple bags year round!

TRIP

Family Fare is offering a gas savings coupon, \$.50 per gallon at Family Fare gas stations this week, if you spend at least \$100 on groceries or \$.20 per gallon if you spend at least \$50. Be sure to buy your Family Fare gift cards at TRIP this week Thursday!

Thursday Cash and Carry-Purchase from a large variety of gift cards/certificates in our TRIP inventory with cash or check at the TRIP office (located at the west campus school building) from 7:45-10:00 am on Thursdays.

Monday orders: The next Monday orders are due by 10:00 am on March 2 in one of the TRIP boxes (there is a box at each campus). Please enclose a check rather than cash with your order. Orders are ready first thing Thursday mornings at Cash & Carry, from there they will be delivered to the campus office you have designated.

New to TRIP:

Hyatt Hotels \$50 card @ 8% available to order on Monday orders.

**If you are traveling this Spring, TRIP also offers the following hotel cards, which need to be ordered on a Monday order form:

Choice Hotels (Comfort Inn, Sleep Inn, Quality Inn, Clarion Hotels) \$25 & \$100 cards @ 5%

Best Western \$25 & \$100 @ 11%

Marriott (Fairfield Inn, Courtyard, Residence Inn) \$50 & \$100 cards @ 7%

BedandBreakfast.com \$50 @ 9%

Changes to TRIP:

Best Buy \$25 card increased to 2%, available at Cash & Carry

Best Buy \$100 & \$250 cards increased to 2%, available thru Monday orders

Little Caesar's Pizza \$20 gift card has decreased from 8% to 7%.

Steak 'n Shake \$10 gift card has decreased from 6% to 5%.

New to TRIP

Cranker's \$10 gift certificate @ 9%, available at Cash & Carry

Great Clips \$25 card @ 7%, available at Cash & Carry

To sign up for TRIP or ask any questions, call Mara Koning at 827-9548 (home) or 617-9105 (cell) or email her at: legacytrip@sbcglobal.net

FEBRUARY SHOPPER ADS

- **For Sale**—Cockapoo puppies, 1st shots, ready to go. Call Janet Vroegop at 877-0016.
- **Is your computer clunking along?** Do you need help setting up a wireless network? Need advice on how to make your computer secure? Jim Settergren has experience with computer repair, upgrades and network installation. He can also help you with cleaning up your PC so that it will operate more efficiently and suggest any needed upgrades. References from Legacy parents are available. Please contact him at 217-6298 or jjsett@comcast.net.
- **Small office needs** a cleaning person to clean once or twice a week. If interested, call Ruth at 616-455-4455.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Does Commitment End at Graduation?

One evening last week I was enjoying some quiet time at home. Everyone else in the family was gone so it was great to settle down with a good book after the dishes were finished. I really didn't even mind when a phone call interrupted my reading. It was no major surprise to discover that the young lady on the line was calling on behalf of the University of Northern Iowa. You see, I have received these calls three to four times a year since I earned my Master's degree there in 1985.

Although I signed up for "do not call" lists as soon as they were available and I generally don't give much time to phone solicitors that still get through, I always have a hard time cutting off these college students. I think about someone simply trying to earn some spending money by doing a work study job that they probably don't enjoy, and I just can't hang up. After listening to her script designed to establish a connection between my life now and my time at UNI, I told her that I wouldn't be making a contribution since my money is being used to support other schools. Before hanging up she asked me (for their records) what my current job is and whether or not their institution helped to prepare me for it. I have a feeling that this information will come back to me in the form of the next phone solicitation in several months.

The whole experience made me stop and think a bit. Colleges seem to have finely honed the technique of encouraging donations from those that benefitted from being a student at their institution. Apparently they believe that the tuition dollars you pay as a student are fine for the day to day expenses, but that on-going support for the institution is needed from those that were shaped and molded there years before. As a matter of fact, I agree.

The college and/or high school we attended are often the educational institutions that we most identify with as adults. The same is true of the high schools or colleges that our own children attend(ed). I don't know if it is simply because they are the last educational institutions in our experience, but they do seem to become part of our identity. And of course, if they are a part of our identity they often become a recipient of our gifts. The connection we feel fosters an on-going commitment.

What about elementary schools? These schools don't walk beside us as a parent or student for four years...it lasts for nine or more! The service they provide to our families is fundamental and extremely important. Unfortunately, elementary schools are sometimes overshadowed by schools that serve us later in life.

Many former parents and students of Legacy Christian (CCS and KCS) faithfully remember our school through their prayer and financial support. They understand that while they were students or parents here the school relied on financial support from families that came before them. Now out of gratitude they respond by contributing to support today's students.

Will we be able to count on your support after your "active parent" or "active student" role is finished at Legacy? We certainly hope so, because part of being a "Christ follower and Kingdom builder" includes providing for future generations.

Thank you for your commitment,

Mr. Bonnema