

Legacy Link



General Announcements

- **March Hot Lunch** menus are being sent home with today's newsletter.
- **Caberfae report:** 19 doz cinnamon rolls, 25 lbs of hamburg, 20 doz hot dog buns, 243 hungry, happy skiers....family time and community building, PRICELESS! Thanks for an awesome day! See you next year!
- **Dine with Seven to Nine** is this week Saturday at 6:00 pm. Your hostess will be calling you to let you know what home you will be dining at and what food you should bring. All the groups will meet for dessert at 8 pm in one of the homes.
- **Looking for a fun way to spend** Saturday, March 13th? Volunteers are needed to help judge at the Odyssey of the Mind Region 4 competition. Training is provided on Wednesday, March 3rd, from 6 to 9:30 pm. Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving competition for students age first grade through college. Legacy has two teams competing, one from 5th Grade and one from 6th Grade, and more judges are needed to help the day run smoothly!! Contact Joan Stob or Julie Kruithof for more information!!
- **Needed! Cans of pop and bottles of water!** In an effort to help offset the cost of the meal at the auction, the food committee is asking for your help! We would like to ask Legacy families to bring cans of pop or bottled water in to either office. These drinks will be served at the auction. Thanks!
- **Grandfriends Day 2010** is scheduled for Friday, May 7. Save the date cards will be sent out soon to grandparents.
- **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.
- **The ALL SCHOOL POOL PARTY** will be held on **Friday, March 5, from 6:30-9 pm** at the Kentwood Aquatic Center, located at the East Kentwood High School by entrance K. Bring the whole family and enjoy a night of swimming and some fun games and races in the pool. The cost is \$3 per swimmer with a maximum of \$10 per family. Remember that school dress code rules for swimming attire apply, and that only flip-flops, crocs or bare feet are allowed on the pool deck. Spectators are allowed to watch from the bleachers. Hope to see you there!
- **Iowa Tests of Basic Skills** will be administered to students in grades 3-8 during testing periods on March 1, 2, 3 and 4. Students are encouraged to make every effort to not only be in school on those days but also to get proper amounts of sleep, eat correctly, etc. Parents are encouraged to not schedule medical/dental appointments for your children during the testing days. Students who are ill and miss school for a portion of the test will either be able to catch up when they return or during a special testing session. Parent copies of the test results will be sent home for your information. Thank you for helping our students perform at their best possible level.

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

February

- 25 B.O.B. Extravaganza (5th grd)
27 Dine with Seven to Nine (6 pm)

March

- 1-4 Iowa Basics Testing (3rd-8th Grd)
5 Pool Party at Kentwood Aquatic Ctr (6:30-9)
19 Kindergarten Testing
19 End of 3rd qtr
26 Report Cards go home
27 LCS 4th Annual Auction

ELEMENTARY NEWS AND NOTES

- **Weekly Worship**—(8:15) All School Singing

Mrs. Ellens' Tidbits

I have been asked to clarify the rule that we have at the elementary building regarding electronic devices. We ask that students not bring them to school. This includes the bus. Please help us reinforce this. Elementary students are not always responsible with these items and they can easily be lost or broken. Positive interactions with fellow students can also be hindered when electronic devices are prevalent. Students will have ample opportunity to use things like ipods, Gameboys, PSPs, Nintendo DS, etc. as they grow older.

BRING ON THE BOOKS

Bring on the Books ended last week. Our 74 fourth and fifth grade students read **1,472** books which averages out to be about 20 books read per student. Think about the last time you read a book in 6 weeks let alone 20! Way to go B.O.B readers!!! The fifth grade students will wrap up this event by attending the B.O.B Extravaganza this Thursday, February 25th, at Heritage Christian Reformed Church (hosted this year by Byron Center Christian). The fifth grade students will be put on teams with other students from 4 area Christian schools. They will participate in a wide variety of games having to do with the 30 books. Congratulations again to all of our B.O.B readers for a great 6 weeks of reading!

WEST CAMPUS NEWS AND NOTES

- **IPOD Chapel: March 1**— Bob Frens
- **West Campus Chapel: March 3** — Singing: Dave H.
- **6th Grade Parents**—please look for a note sent home with your student about the 6th grade auction project! Thanks!
- **THANK YOU:** On behalf of D.A. Blodgett for children, we extend our sincere appreciation for the recent donation of fleece blankets. Your gift ensures children removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect will have something they can call their own, and give them a sense of security. The blankets are already being given to children and youth in our Foster Care Programs, so thank you for your generosity. LCS would also like to thank all of those who made monetary donations, or donated fleece, so we could provide these blankets. It is greatly appreciated!
- **8th Grade girls basketball** tournament will begin on Thursday, Feb. 25, and conclude on Saturday, Feb. 27, at SCHS.
- **Congratulations** to Katie Walstra for coming in 6th in the regional spelling bee and to Samantha Ballast for also participating.
- **Attention 2010 freshmen football players** (current 8th graders) - The second round of testing will be held Mon., March 1st, at 6:30 in the S.C. gym and weight room. We would appreciate as many to attend as possible, so spread the word.

MOMS IN TOUCH

"Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20). It's amazing how God uses prayer to bless and to accomplish His purposes; you are welcome to join us in this journey! The next morning Moms In Touch prayer meeting is planned for Monday, March 1, at 8:30 am (note the return to our original time) in the elementary library. We plan to pray specifically for Mr. Michewicz, Mrs. VanWingerden, Mrs. Slotsema, and Mr. Leugs, as well as for our children and the needs of our school community. Or join us for the next evening meeting TONIGHT, Wednesday, 2/24 at 7:00 pm in the elementary library.

TRASH FOR CASH

Sorry for the last minute notice, but I need to send out the last Box Top submission for the year on February 27. I will be cleaning out the bins at noon this Friday, February 26. Please turn in all your Box Tops and bonus slips by then. Thank you.

Thanks also to all of you who signed up on the Box Tops web site. You earned us \$70 by doing so!

PTO NEWS

- **The PTO will be meeting** on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library. Please mark your calendars and plan to come. The PTO meets twice a year to review ways to support LCS through fundraisers and social activities to support the fellowship of parents and teachers and LCS. We want everyone to come. All parents are welcome. Pre-K to 8th Grade. **Moms and dads. We have some door prizes planned and some sign-ups for 2010-11 academic year.** Please come for a night of meeting some new faces and getting reacquainted with others. Meet the PTO officers and those who have agreed to have their names put up for 2010-11. We planned a pre-Spring Break meeting in hopes for a large turnout. There is a place for everyone and we love new ideas!! See you all there!!
- **Are you looking for ways** to get involved at Legacy? Put your name on the list of volunteers willing to serve on the PTO board next year. The PTO is a parent-operated organization that supports the faculty, staff, students, and parents by providing services and extra-curricular activities and by raising money for things not included in the school budget. If you are interested in joining us or if you have questions, please contact Kim Vander Hill (dkhillcrew8@aol.com or 532-0551). Hope to hear from you soon!
- **There are two more Cash for Class** weeks at Family Fare this year:
 - February 21 - February 27, 2010
 - April 18 - April 24, 2010The Legacy Christian School code is 87743. Please plan to shop those weeks at Family Fare and give the cashier our school code. Please ask your family, friends and neighbors to shop at Family Fare as a way to support LCS!!!

TRIP

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. If you want to start a TRIP account, you or a relative can sign up on Thursday and buy inventory right away. There is no fee to start and TRIP can transfer your earnings to any tuition paying school including colleges. We would love to help you start saving money on your tuition!

Monday orders: The next Monday orders are due by 8:30 am on March 1 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 or will be delivered to the campus office you have designated.

Last week for Ludema's special 10% bonus percentage on their gift certificates. The \$10 gift certificate will be sold at 19% instead of 9%. Certificates available at Cash & Carry and through Monday orders.

New to TRIP:

Reduce stress, headaches, neck and back pain and improve sleep with a massage at **Natural Massage by Rhonda Doll**, CMT, at Salon Visage, located at 6568 S. Division. Call 455-1599 to schedule your appointment. She is offering the following TRIP benefits:
30 minute session for \$30 @ 10%
60 minute session for \$60 @ 30%
90 minute session for \$90 @ 10%

Crankers now has colorful \$10 gift cards @ 9% instead of paper certificates. Try this local restaurant on 68th Street next to Wendy's.

Omni Hotels \$100 gift certificate @ 7% available to be ordered on Monday order form. The gift certificates are accepted at any participating Omni Hotels location.

Changes to TRIP:

Krispy Kreme's percentage has changed from 40% to 30% for their \$5 gift certificate.

Bonus percentage:

Motherhood Maternity is offering their \$25 gift card @ 11% instead of 5% through April 2. The cards can also be used at A Pea in the Pod and Destination Maternity. Must be ordered on a Monday order form.

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

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CLC Network will sponsor** a parent seminar "ADD/ADHD and Your Child" with Robert Bulten, M.D. and Doug Bouman, Psy. S. on Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 7 to 9 pm. The seminar will be held at the CLC Network office (4340 Burlingame Ave. S.W., Wyoming, MI 49509). Admission is free but seating is limited. Pre-register by email: knienhuis@clcnetwork.org or phone Karen at (616) 855-3123.
- **JR. EQUESTRIAN TEAM--for grades 6 thru 8.** South Christian is starting a Junior Equestrian team for interested students that own or have access to a horse and would like to show on a team. There will be one show on 5/8/2010 at Lowell Fair Grounds. If you would like to join or need more information, please call either coaches Dot or Sherri Zoppa. 616-891-9630 We are planning on a few practices before the meet. Cost \$30. Sign up deadline is 4/15/2010.
- **Byron Center Christian School Foundation** 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Join us on Saturday, March 27, for our second annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Open to students in grades 3-8. Pre-registration is required and due Friday, March 5. Cost is \$80 per team. For information, please go to our website: www.bccs.org and click on 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Or call Peggy at 878-3347 to request a brochure.
- **Sunshine's 2010 Spring Arts and Crafts show**, Saturday, March 13. The Christian Ed committee of Sunshine Community Church is hosting this show on Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm. Over 80 quality Arts and Crafts booths, food, music, fellowship, family time. What a perfect time to begin brightening up your home for Spring! Located at 3300 East Beltline, (between 3 & 4 Mile Roads). Bring your friends and make a day of it. Admission is free.
- **The H.I.S. Outreach Ensemble presents... "Revival at the Hive"** The Adventures of Sissy the Honey Bee, a ballet for all ages. Tickets now on Sale! March 6, 2010 Cornerstone University ~ Matthews Auditorium, 11 am, 3 & 7 pm. \$10 adults, \$8 student online: www.heartsinstepdance.org or at the Alger Studio - 616-245-9501.

FINAL THOUGHTS

The final thought for today is, newsletter article deadlines come much too fast right after the February parent teacher conference and midwinter break week. There is no way that I'm going to make it, and I would rather admit that than try to cover it up.

Next week's topic? **The Christian church is strengthened by Christian education.**

Have a great week,

Mr. Bonnema