



Elementary News October 23, 2009

We hope you had a wonderful Fall Break, enjoying the time to pull out the winter clothes and becoming accustomed to near-freezing temperatures. Our teachers have also had two days of rest, with some of that time spent getting report cards ready for distribution today. We want to make sure you are receiving communications you need to stay informed about your child's academic progress as well as the day-to-day information about upcoming events, etc. You will receive electronic grades through RenWeb today as well as a paper copy of grades sent home in your child's backpack. By the end of this school year, we hope to send only electronic copies of grades.



We know many of you prefer everything by electronic mail to cut down the paper at your houses; there are others who miss the paper in the folders, giving detailed instructions. We are trying to take a balanced approach to communication. Teachers are encouraged to send electronic mail to you through RenWeb. This would be delivered to your regular e-mail, so we assume you are receiving that information. This newsletter is sent through e-mail addresses you gave us at the beginning of the year. As those addresses change, you may call Hallie in the office to update RenWeb. Also, you might want to consider signing up for the David Lipscomb Campus School 'e' news which is delivered by e-mail most Tuesdays during the school year. You may sign up by visiting our website at dles.lipscomb.edu. Look for the e-news link in the right navigation pane.

It is also our hope that your children are gradually being given more responsibility for communicating with you at home about their days at school, the homework required, and the upcoming events. We must not let our dependence on electronic mail hinder children's growth toward independence. We expect our students to learn how to bring things home to you, explain to you what's required in class, etc. We are not educating them properly if we assume they cannot get home with assignments and papers. We will continue to search for the proper balance of communication, but please don't hesitate to call the office (966-1783) if you have further questions or need verification. SF

Annual Fund Contributions: You have probably received a letter from Debbie Lambert in the Campus School Advancement Office, soliciting your participation in our giving program here at Lipscomb. We hope you will consider giving to that fund for the purpose of funding some of the special projects we are considering during the next school year. Thank you in advance for your gifts of time, energy, and money as we work together this year to help children meet academic success in a faith-based environment.

Talent Show Pictures Available: Daree Merritt, mother of fourth grader Ann Michael Merritt, is a professional photographer. She was able to get quite a few wonderful pictures during the fourth grade talent show at the beginning of October. You are welcome to follow the link below to access those pictures which can be purchased from Daree.

<http://dpm.smugmug.com/2009-2010-DAVID-LIPSCOMB/ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL/4TH-GRADE-TALENT-SHOW>

Clinic Procedures: We are excited about having registered nurses on site for six hours per day at DLES. Trina Montgomery and Susan Pedersen have already been on the job for several weeks, giving your children the special care needed for young children. They are working with our university clinic personnel to update some of our policies and procedures. When your child is treated in our school clinic, the nurse will send a note home that day to inform you of what the ailment was and how it was

treated. You will occasionally receive a call from Trina or Susan to ask you questions regarding your child's condition. If you come in to pick up your sick child, you will need to check in the office and sign out your child for the day.



Lipscomb Uniforms and Outerwear: This is the time of year that our Lost and Found table receives a huge influx of warm, new jackets. Children wear their jackets outside, take them off when it gets warm, and leave them lying outside. Please.....put your child's name in his/her uniform items as well as jackets, coats, etc. If the name is in the label, we will return your child's clothing. If there is no name, we collect them and later give them away. Please....take the time to label your child's clothes.

NBFD addition: In my last newsletter, I thanked Dawn Moore and Amy Welch for their work on Nothin' But Fun Day. I inadvertently left out one person. Lisa Freund rounded out that group, taking leadership in several areas of the day's activities. Thank you, Lisa!

Warm Coats From Warm Hearts: It is time for our Warm Coats From Warm Hearts collection. For the remainder of October, we are collecting outgrown coats along with Bibles and children's Bible story books for the November giveaway at Granny White Church of Christ. These coats and Bibles do not need to be new, just in usable condition. Coats and Bibles may be placed in the boxes provided at each campus office or at the Granny White Church of Christ. Children's coats and extra large sizes are always requested.

Thanksgiving Lunch: On Tuesday, November 24th, our last day of classes before the Thanksgiving holiday, Mayra and her staff will provide us a traditional Thanksgiving feast. You will be getting more information later, including the cost and the directions for reserving that special lunch. Be on the lookout for it!

Grandparent Days: The middle school and high school celebrated Grandparent Day today. The elementary school (pre-first through fourth grades) will have Grandparent Day in December. Our PK and Kindergarten children will invite grandparents to visit in April. We love having visitors to our campus!

Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels: We are collecting these two labels throughout the year. You may send them to the office. We have parents who have volunteered to count and sort through these labels, turning them in to receive both cash and merchandise. Free money! Help us by collecting from your regular food items.

Dates to Remember:

October 29, 8:15 a.m.

October 30-Nov. 2

Nov. 5-8

Nov. 13

Nov. 5, 6, 22

Nov. 24

First Grade Play "Go Fish" in Elementary Gym

No School, Teacher In-Service

"Guys and Dolls" Lipscomb University, Collins Auditorium

Jump Rope For Heart – 2nd through 4th graders

DLES Open House for 2010 Admissions

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