

HOME BULLETIN
March 24, 2010

REQUESTS AND PRAISE

Praise God for the tremendous testimony given by our K – 5th grade students when they presented the musical, “Go, Go, Jonah.” Many people have commented that not only were they entertained, but they were also inspired by the message of God’s grace.

Please pray for our families who will be traveling during Spring Break. Pray God gives all our children and families safety during this time away from school.

TALKING POINTS

“Friendship Follies 2010” - You may be wondering what “Friendship Follies 2010” is. This is a time when all our Unity Groups get together in the Student Center and compete with each other trying to answer trivia questions about Oostburg Christian School. Last week Wednesday was our latest episode of Friendship Follies. It was great to see the older students in each group help the younger answer such questions as, “What classroom has maps covering the east and west bulletin boards?” It was also fun to see the young students help the older students when the following question was asked: “What color chalk does Mrs. VerVelde use in first grade to write the date and day of the week on the blackboard?” However most exciting of all was hearing all the students helping each other when Bible memory texts became part of the game. Could you answer the following question? “What are the first five words and the last three words of Jeremiah 29:11-13?” Wow! It is great to hear the students saying the verses to each other and then quickly writing the answers down. This is Christian education; studying God’s Word and His world.

THANK YOU, MRS. DEMASTER

Wow! What a great musical. The K – 5th grade students did a wonderful job following Mrs. DeMaster as they learned how to present a musical to an audience. God was praised and those watching were blessed. It was great to see so many people in the gym – oops, I mean in the Mediterranean Sea ☺. Thank you, Mrs. DeMaster for all your work. And thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the evening successful. Thank you to all who stayed behind to lend a helping hand in taking down the stage and props.

THANK YOU!

A very big thanks to the fifth grade parents who provided us with a very delicious “breakfast buffet” yesterday. It was a wonderful treat!

HOT LUNCH/MUSIC FEST. MEAL ORDER REMINDER

Hot lunch orders will be accepted until 9:00 AM tomorrow, Thursday, March 25. Music Festival Meal orders are also due tomorrow.

SPRING BREAK ☺

This Friday is the last day of school before Spring Break. School will resume Monday, April 5. Friday is also the last day of the third quarter.

4-K REGISTRATION

We are now accepting registrations for the 4K program here at O.C.S. Stop in for a registration packet and reserve your spot today! No pre-registration fee is required for 4K.

The mission of Oostburg Christian School is to provide a distinctly Christian quality education which will equip God’s children to function as Christians in society, church, and home.

JR. HIGH YEARBOOK LUNCH

There will be NO yearbook lunch on April 5th. The last yearbook lunch on April 12th will be Hot Dogs or Noodle Cups for \$1.00. We will also be providing bars to each student ordering a lunch that day.

Thanks to all of you for participating in these lunches. They were a successful fundraiser for our yearbook and we look forward to providing them again next year.

NEW FAMILY REFERRAL

If a family that you refer to our school is enrolled for at least a semester, you will have a \$750 tuition assistance package coming your way! Besides the card you received several weeks ago, you can also pick up any number of brochures about our school to distribute to family and friends. There are several different ones that may meet your need specifically:

- Resource Room opportunities
- Part-time/Home School student information
- Two different general school information brochures
- Early Childhood Brochures
- Free 4-K package brochure
- Just hot off the press: Cabin Fever Reliever promotion brochure.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

“No child in the area should be denied the opportunity of a Christian education because his or her family cannot afford tuition.”

It is this Board held belief that has led Oostburg Christian School to establish a Tuition Assistance Program (TAP Fund). With the current economy still in a serious slump, we believe there will be more families in need of assistance. Oostburg Christian School is partnering with the Christian School tuition Service of Fulton, Illinois, to determine how best to distribute the school’s tuition assistance to those seeking help paying tuition expenses for 2010-2011. This “outside” service can impartially evaluate family needs. The only charge is \$15 per family payable to Christian School Tuition Service and sent in with the application. Please call the school office and ask for an application if you so desire. All applications should be sent in by May 15, 2010. Please remember that families currently receiving aid through the TAP Fund must fill out an application and use this service if they wish to continue that assistance in 2010-2011.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our optional, spring, Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held the evening of Tuesday, April 13, 2010. Please call the school office (564-2664) if you would like to meet with your child’s teacher. Teachers will also be notifying parents of conferences if such meetings are needed.

SCRIP WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW.....

that we have some great Easter basket ideas—stop in by Friday afternoon and pick up your I-tunes, Culvers, Pizza Hut, Pizza Ranch, Game Stop, TJMaxx, Arby’s, Wendy’s and Marcus Theater.

The GRACE Place

GRACE BOARD NOMINEES

The GRACE Board is looking for anyone that would be interested in joining the GRACE Board. If you would have any interest in serving in this way please contact Becky Zylstra at thezylstras@wi.rr.com. This important work helps to keep YOUR tuition lower!

SCRIP

Another great week of sales at Scrip—over \$6,500 and two new families signing up! That means about \$130 was set aside to decrease **ALL** tuition accounts, and nearly \$200 went into individual tuition accounts to be distributed in June. If you are one of those families who have not yet made any purchases this year, you might start by contacting ocscrip@gmail.com today!

Would you like a 5% discount on all your prescriptions at Walgreens? These are available from Scrip and you can’t get rewards that size on your credit card. You can also use it for all those photos that you order! Stop in before Friday.

NIGHT OF PRAISE-APRIL 17, 2010

If you have signed up for this event, your hostess will contact you about the items that you should bring. It will be a wonderful evening.

RUN-JOG-WALKATHON-May 21, 2010

This warm weather makes you think of the Run-Jog-Walkathon. The kick-off will be held on April 8—Thursday after spring break.

UNITY BIKE RIDE—MAY 22, 2010

Please pray with us for nice weather on the 22nd of May. This great event brings in many, many people who wouldn't otherwise support the school. Thanks for telling your friends and neighbors who like to bike to go to www.oostburgchristian.com/unityride to register.

SPRING FRY—MAY 22, 2010

Great food, great fun—plan to attend one or all the events this weekend.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTIONS ALL MOMS!

Please join us on Thursday mornings in the school library from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. for a time of prayer for your child and our school. If you can't make it every week, that is okay. Come when you are able. We have FREE childcare available for moms with little ones. Please call Sue Dykstra 564-4212 with your questions or to arrange for childcare. *Lamentations 2:19b "... Lift up your hands to him for the lives of your children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street".*

PARTY CAKES

THE 1st Oostburg CRC Youth Group THAILAND MISSION TRIP TEAM is selling party cakes for any occasion. Call Doris Hendrikse at 564-2460 to order the cake of your choosing for \$20.00. Thank you for supporting the on-going work of Dave and Jan Veldhorst.

ADVANCE NOTICE: THINK SPRING CLEANING!

The 1st Oostburg CRC Youth Group Thailand Team is planning a spring rummage sale on Saturday, April 24. If you have items to donate that you wish to have out of your home, please call Pastor Ben or the church office and we will make arrangements to help you. Otherwise, we appreciate any items you are willing to donate later this spring.

CALENDAR	
March 26	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 29-April 2	Spring Break
April 5	School Resumes
	Jr. High Yearbook Lunch
April 7	Sub Sandwich Lunch
April 8	Run-Jog-Walkathon
April 9	Report Cards

