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Giving Away in Obedience Brings Better Things

NEW Our Elementary Chapel students enjoyed hearing a message last Friday from our very own Fifth Grade teacher, Mrs. Brinkley. Mrs. Brinkley is also a Children’s Pastor at her church and she clearly has a heart for children and students. Mrs. Brinkley talked about her love for her animals – pigeons, chickens, doves and rabbits- and showed us pictures of them and even the amazing awards they won. She and her family were very involved in loving, grooming and raising these animals and bringing them to shows around the country; but one day she felt God telling her to give away her animals. She said she decided to wait on God’s instructions to her at first, but God continued to tell her she needed to give away the animals she loved. Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Brinkley applied for a teaching position that was opening up at GCA. That very afternoon, Mrs. Brinkley began to give away her animals. She didn’t know for sure that she was going to get the teaching position, but she knew she needed to obey God. Of course, she did get the teaching position here at GCA; now she can testify that obeying God in giving away what she loved gave her something she loves even more...teaching children!

She compared her story to that of Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22, and how God commanded Abraham to offer his only son Isaac as a burnt offering to God. Abraham even had Isaac gather the firewood for the fire on the altar. Isaac asked his Father where the lamb was for the burnt offering and Abraham’s answer was that GOD WILL PROVIDE! What an example of great faith! At the last moment God told Abraham to use a ram caught in the thicket instead of his son. Abraham showed his obedience to God, and God showed His love, compassion and faithfulness to Abraham and Isaac. And certainly, GOD DID PROVIDE! ***God wants us to love Him so much that we are willing to give up the things we care about most to do what He asks us to do.***

School Spirit Night Tuesday at CiCi’s

The February School Spirit Day is Tuesday. Join us at CiCi’s between 5:00 and 8:00. 15% of the proceeds go to GCA. Better yet, enjoy socializing with other GCA families – and forget about dinner preparation and clean up!

As always on School Spirit Days, students who wear GCA shirts may wear non- dress code bottoms.

Valentine’s Day

Valentine plans are all around us!

- This is the last day to get in your order for a special valentine’s delivery at school through the high school fundraiser. Need another form? As Ms. Dee.
- *Elementary* Valentine’s Day parties are Wednesday the 14th at 2:00. Students who wear Valentine’s Day attire may wear non-dress code bottoms.

- *Secondary* students are allowed to dress in Valentine colors, including athletic or fleece pants. They are also bringing treats to be shared at lunch time. All classes will run as usual.

From us to you, have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Science Museum Visit

NEW On Thursday, January 25, GCA'S second grade classes went to the Science Museum in Richmond, Virginia. After a short 30 minute ride on the school bus, we arrived at the front of the museum. Our guide informed us that we were in for a wonderful day of discovery and fun. The first stop on our visit was the Speed exhibits. The students were fascinated with the "wind speed box" and the "race lanes". Next, we sat in a class called Food Makes Cents. The chef shared with us how easy and inexpensive it was to make humus. It tasted delicious! After lunch, we participated in learning about six simple machines. Each simple machine was demonstrated with volunteers from our classes. Thanks to our parents who went with us and helped us along the way. It was a busy, yet great day at the Science Museum!

¡Saludos de España!

Greetings from Spain!

NEW This week our fourth and fifth graders are learning all about the culture in the country of Spain. We have learned about some of the yummy traditional dishes found in Spain as well as learned new vocabulary about "*la transportación*" (transportation). We watched a video about the main modes of "*transportacion*" in Spain and found that many of them sound very familiar. Words like "*el metro*" or "*la bicicleta*" sound like their meanings in English. Please encourage your students to teach you all about their new knowledge of the culture of Spain!

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Report Cards Coming

Second quarter report cards go home on Thursday, February 22. Report cards of students whose accounts are not up to date will be withheld until payment is made. This also pertains to library fines, excessive tardies, etc. We're proud of the progress the students have made this quarter. *Please return the report cards by Wednesday, Feb. 28th.*

Volunteer Corner

NEW GCA Volunteers are in full swing! It might be bitter cold outside, but that doesn't stop our hearty, determined, committed team of volunteers! Even with snow, wind, and rain, we've had awesome team members volunteering inside our school, outside our school, and even in our community. Please join us in recognizing and thanking those who help make GCA the best it can be EVERY DAY, EVERY WHERE!!!

- The tried and true Loop Group: Ken Kelly, Derrick Branson, Greg Curtis, George Cobb, Sharyn Rogers
- Open House set-up: Derrick Branson
- Hosts and Hostesses at Open House: Julia Caish, Susan Foldenauer, Mandy Hamner- Ford, Melody James, Steve Knudson, Valerie Spaur, Barbie Woods
- Student Hosts/Hostesses: Justin Cadet, Trevor Reed, Noor Shah, Savannah Smith, Elizabeth Strickland, Stanford Vassar
- Ongoing Copying: Lois Forcet and Derrick Branson

- Individual Reading: Rick George

Looking Ahead

- Race for Education: A Project Manager is still needed for this very important event; it requires daytime hours. Contact Emily Dorer: EDorer@GCAKids.com **THANK YOU**

RFE is on the Way!

NEW The Race for Education flyer made its way to your house! GCA loves this annual fundraiser! Race for Education is tied into regular physical exercise and healthy lifestyles. The kickoff is February 20; the race itself is April 25 for K4 students through high school. Reserve the day – come out, volunteer, and cheer the students on! Watch for a sign up genius email with lots of volunteer opportunities!

Mark Your Calendar

See the calendar on the website's homepage for school events through March. Fall sports schedules can be found on the website under the Athletics tab.