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# GRAPEVINE

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## Theme

### Let your light shine!

*In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

~ Matthew 5:16

### ~ Meet the Teacher Night ~ Tuesday, Sept. 8 Grades K - 8

This is not an open house, but a presentation from your child's teacher. We encourage you to take this opportunity to find out what is happening in their classroom this year.

**This is an adult presentation, but we will have child care available for those in need.**

#### Schedule:

7th & 8th Grade Band Mtg.	5:30 - 6:30 (band room)
6th - 8th Grade	6:30 @ homeroom
K - 5th Grade	7:00 - 7:30 (classroom)
All School Meeting	7:35 - 8:00

**Band - 7th & 8th Grade Parents:** Please do your very best to attend this meeting. We have a lot of fun activities planned for your children and we need to discuss these plans with you! If you cannot attend, please speak with Mr. Kuraya to get the scoop.

#### **ALL SCHOOL Meeting at 7:35** in the auditorium:

This is a meeting for ALL parents! This is our opportunity to let you know what is planned for this year and especially this fall. We will keep it as brief as possible.

## Free Flu Vaccines



Once again, we'll be having our Free Flu Vaccine Clinic here at the school. The date is **November 3rd**. More information will follow as it gets closer. This is for the regular flu vaccine NOT for the H1N1. If you have any questions please speak with Miss Carlson, our school nurse.

## The Flu Season & You

The Department of Health has provided tips on what to do to help protect your child and others from catching the flu.

- \* Get vaccinated
- \* Prevent the spread of germs
- \* Stay home if you are sick

In all of our classrooms we are washing surfaces with bleach/water to kill germs, making sure kids either wash their hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer, and discussing and practicing covering their nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing.

**If your child has a fever you must keep them home until they are fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT fever reducing medicine. This is very important to keep flu from spreading.**

You do NOT need a doctor's note to return to school unless your child has missed 5 consecutive days of school. You do need to send a note from you so that we have a written reason they were out of school. You can either send a hand written note or an e-mail.

You will find more information about the H1N1 at [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/). General questions may also be directed to the DOH Swine Flu hotline at 2-1-1.

## Volleyball @ Doris Todd

Our **4th & 5th** graders have begun practice already. Mr. Helmer and Mr. Dagupion will be coaching this year. As of the first week in September practices will be Tuesday/Thursday from 2:15 - 3:20 at the Paia Gym. For more information please contact Mr. Helmer.

**Middle School** volleyball begins a little later in the season. When we get more information we'll let you know all about it!

## From the office . . .

### New Staff:

Welcome back Mr. & Mrs. Fitt! Mr. Fitt is teaching 4th grade this year. We also want to welcome the Rightmyer family. Mr. Rightmyer is teaching 7th grade and Mrs. Rightmyer, 1st grade. Ms. Callie Long (Colby in 2nd grade's mom) is our new Computer Teacher. We are so pleased to have them here.

### Food & Water:

Please send a full re-usable water bottle with your child everyday. It's very hot and humid this time of year and they will need water. We have water in the classrooms that can be used to refill their bottles but we do not stock cups.

You may wish to send them with a morning snack. Most kids have a snack at 9:30 recess. Also, if they're staying for After School Care they do get hungry!

### Hot Lunch Program:

Let us know how the hot lunch program is working for your family. We're really looking forward to working with Serpico's.

### Drop-off & Pick-up times:

**Drop-off** time is from **7:30 - 7:49** a.m. Please do NOT drop off your child before 7:30. At 7:30 there will be a staff member on duty to watch the students.

**School ends at 2:15.** You have from 2:15 - 2:45 to pick up your child. **At 2:46**, any students who have not been picked up will be sent to the **After School Care Program** which is located in the kindergarten classroom. You will be charged late fees! If you know you are going to be late, please call the office before 2 p.m. and you will receive a discounted rate.

### Tardies:

Students must be in their classroom when the bell rings at 7:50 a.m. to be on time. If your child is late, please have them check in at the office for a tardy slip.

### Absences:

If your child is absent, please call the office before 9:30 a.m. to let us know. Also, please send a **written note** when they return. E-mail is acceptable. If you do not send a note, the absence will be considered unexcused. The list of what is considered excused is in the School Handbook.

### Homework Requests:

If your child is absent and you want to request class work and homework, you must **request it BEFORE 9:30 A.M.!** This will give the teachers the morning recess and/or lunch recess to gather work for your child. The work will be available at 2:15 in the office or you can request it to go home with a sibling or friend in another class.

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### **Book Corner**



#### **Losing Control & Liking It: How to Set Your Teen (and Yourself) Free**

By: Tim Sanford

*Focus on the Family / 2008 / Paperback*

You probably think it is your job to make your kids turn out right? You may have turned your home into a fortress, multiplied the rules or jumped in to "fix" things the moment your teenager made a poor choice?

The truth is that you can't make your kids turn out right. It's not even your job. In fact, your real role as a parent is much more rewarding. Tim Sanford, an experienced counselor and parent, shows you how to give up your fears about your teenager's future - and the control you never really had. You'll discover the truth about how God parents His children - the truth that can turn your home from a battleground to a birthplace of freedom for you and your teen.

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This book caught my attention a few months ago. I highly recommend it for parents of teens or preteens. After reading it, and loaning it to several parents, I decided to donate my copy to our school library. It might be awhile before it is on our bookshelf. If you are in a hurry, you can order it from Christian-books.com.

### **Picture Day**

#### **Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

All students and staff will be photographed for the yearbook and class pictures.

Each student will receive a separate packet for ordering picture sets before that day. Do NOT combine payments for siblings. Each student must have their own order form and payment envelope.

**GIRLS:** Girls may wear either a dress or skirt that conforms to the dress code in the handbook or their "Official School Uniform" (no P.E. clothes please).

**BOYS:** Boys may wear their uniform shorts and a nice shirt.

Outfit must conform to the dress code in the handbook or their "Official School Uniform".

