

Los Altos Brethren School

Newsletter—November 2011

Growing in God

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. We all know that every day should include thanksgiving, yet it is special to share this holiday with family and closest friends. I keep saying I am going to volunteer at the Rescue Mission for Thanksgiving, but I haven't done it yet. It's on my bucket list. This year we are going to spend Thanksgiving in Santa Cruz with my sister and her husband, Larry. Larry has a rare muscle disease similar to ALS. His speech is very slurred and he is difficult to understand. It is really hard for him to swallow. This will probably be his last Thanksgiving where he can eat. Actually, he won't be able to eat much this year. Maybe just some mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie. Yet, with all of this, Larry is grateful. He told me he is so thankful for his life. He doesn't feel sorry for himself. He told me he is not afraid to die and that Jesus is his Savior. He is in a good place. I hope all of us will adopt Larry's thankful attitude. I also want our kids to practice thankfulness. I know this is the key to a joyful life. When things don't seem to go your way, and you are tempted to complain, maybe you can give Larry a thought and turn that complaint into thankfulness simply for the life God has given you. I so wanted to be a complainer about not getting to be with our children and grandchildren for the holiday, but Larry has inspired me to have a grateful attitude. I am thankful for all of the children at LABS who I get to see every day and share what I know to be God's heart for each of them. So again, I challenge you (and myself) to be thankful for where you are in your life this moment. God bless you all and Happy Thanksgiving.

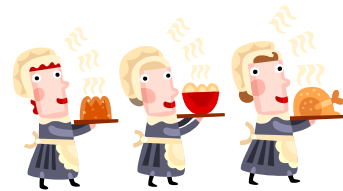
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November Focus

Man was created by God.

"Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture." Psalm 100:3

Character Trait: Friendship



THANKSGIVING FEAST...Grades 1 - 6

Our teachers always look forward to November and teaching the meaning and origins of Thanksgiving. In many schools, Thanksgiving is no longer taught. At Los Altos, we are so thankful to the Lord for the freedom to teach the truth about the Christian foundation of this holiday and of our nation. For 27 years, we have had a Thanksgiving Feast. It is a very special tradition for grades 1-6, and a wonderful time of the children sharing and being together. The Feast will be Friday, November 18th. You will receive a special letter about the Feast on Thursday, November 10th. It will tell you what food ingredient your child will bring to the Feast.

*"Be thankful unto him,
and bless his name.
For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth
to all generations."
Psalm 100:4,5*



*"Be thankful
unto Him and
bless His name."
Psalm 100:4b*

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Parent Support Group...

The year has gotten off to a great start with many PSG events already happening, such as lunches, plays, special science lessons, and more. Thank you for your continued support in enriching our kids lives by coming alongside the school. **Our next meeting is Monday, November 7, 7:00p.m. Free child care is available.** The agenda will be available on the PSG web page before the meeting. Minutes from last month's meeting are currently on the web page. If you can't make the meetings, your ideas and support are still appreciated!



PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY...

Wednesday, November 16th, will be our make-up day for school pictures. If your child was absent on Picture Day his/her picture will automatically be taken. Photo packets from the September sitting will come home the first or second week in November. If you want a retake, send your child to school on November 16th with the individual pictures.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM...

The elementary Christmas Program will be Thursday, December 15th, at 7:00 p.m. All children, kindergarten through sixth grade, will be participating. Mark your calendar. We are looking forward to a very special evening.

COLD WEATHER DRESS

As the weather gets colder and students wear jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts to school, remember all sweaters, sweatshirts, and coats must be a **solid color**. All outerwear must be free of writing, pictures, etc. Polo shirts or school T-shirts must be worn beneath any sweaters, sweatshirts, or jackets. **Names need to be on outerwear—especially school sweatshirts.**

P.S.G. SCRIP NEWS...

Plan ahead for Thanksgiving and other holiday grocery shopping. Consider scrip for gift-giving purposes. The department store and restaurant gift cards would be wonderful Christmas gifts! It all adds up for our school. Order early. Thank you.

