Los Altos Brethren School

Newsletter - February, 2017

Dear Parents,

Looking into February, we think of Valentine's Day and friendships. Let's use this month to teach and model for our children what friendship looks like? My mother used to always say, "You have to be a friend to have a friend!" Friendship starts in us. A friend is trustworthy, loyal, accepting, REAL, full of empathy and compassion, and a listener. These traits are Christ-like qualities that will build a life full of friends. One thing that works here at LABS is having lots of friends! The world pushes BFF's but let's be stand outs in today's world! When we are exclusive and have only one friend, we miss out on many wonderful opportunities when we can have a BUNCH of friends! Let's collect some friends this month by growing these traits in ourselves!

EARLY DISMISSAL, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Grades K-6 are dismissed at 1:50pm. Day care begins at 2:05pm.

Kindergarten Parent Information Meetings Thursday, February 2, at 9:00am or 6:30pm. Please plan on attending if have an incoming kindergartner. Child care available at the 6:30pm session.



LABS SPEECH MEET

In-class speeches will be the week of Feb. 6th. Two finalists will be chosen in each category from each class. You will be notified by Feb. 10th if your child is a finalist. All finalists will represent their classroom at the School Speech Meet on Thursday, March 2nd (Grades 1-3 @ 1:00pm; Grades 4-6 @ 1:45pm). Ribbons will be given at the Awards Assembly on Friday, March 3rd @ 2:30pm.

Preschool and Kindergarten Applications...

Applications are now being accepted for 2017-2018. For Kindergarten, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1st. Kindergarten applications are available in the elementary & preschool office. Preschool applications are available in the preschool office. Spiritual Truth for February...

Salvation is by grace and not works.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Character Trait: Honesty



Valentine's Class Parties for Grades K-6, will be on Tuesday, February 14th. Each classroom will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party. Children may bring valentines for their own classmates, as well as friends in other classes. <u>All valentines will be given out</u> at designated times. While giving "token" candy with cards is acceptable, please <u>do not</u> permit your child to bring extra candy or gifts for special friends on that day. Any remembrance other than a card/token candy needs to be exchanged away from school. Thank you for your support and cooperation. "Valentine" themed shirts may be worn on this special day.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

2/2 New Kindergarten Information Meeting 2/7 PSG Meeting @ 7:00pm (2nd grade classroom) Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm 2/7 2/14 **Class Valentine Parties** 2/17 NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day 2/19 NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day 3/2 Speech Meet @ 1:00pm & 1:45pm 3/3 Band & Choir Picture Day 3/3 Speech Meet Assembly @ 2:30pm 3/4 All School Pancake Breakfast PSG Meeting @7:00pm (2nd grade classroom) 3/6 Early Dismissal @ 1:50pm 3/7 3/10 PUPIL FREE DAY / Parent-Teacher Conf. 3/18 Under the Sea Ball (daughter/parent event) 3/27 Terra Nova Testing Begins

4/4 **Good Friday, 12 noon dismissal - no day care** April 17-21 – NO SCHOOL, Easter Vacation

May 12 - Open House

Reminder ... Coffee House Friday mornings,

7:00-9:30am. All coffee & food items are offered on a donation basis only. All donations after cost goes >>> directly to the PSG account.