



THE COVENANT SCHOOL

KNIGHTLY NEWS

October 26, 2011

Dear Covenant School Families and Friends,

Congratulations! Our students have earned some wonderful report cards for this first academic quarter and I am so proud of all of them! Thank you for working with your children at home and for communicating well with the teachers so that our students may be successful. A copy of our first Ren-Web report card has been sent home today with your children, and please sign the report card and return it to the homeroom teacher on Monday in your child's folder or binder. We noticed that the system printed each student's first and last name at the top of the report card, and we plan to include the child's preferred name on the report card next time.

Thank you so much for your participation in the fall fundraiser! We raised \$8,000 for the school, and we appreciate your support. I want to thank Stacy Johnson and Jennifer Jernigan for their time and effort in coordinating this very successful sale. The third-grade class had 100% participation, and so they will receive \$100 in new books for their classroom library. In addition, the third-grade class and fourth-grade class had the highest total sales by grade, and so those classes will have a pizza party to celebrate. Our students with the highest total sales were Richard Kim, Lynleigh Young, Page Elder, Grace Gilbert, and Mary Grace Gower. Our Covenant students and families did a tremendous job for our fundraiser!

*"We're lovin' it at Covenant!"
---Dr. Graham*

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S FRIDAY FOLDER TODAY FOR SCHOOL PHOTO PROOFS AND PRICING INFORMATION! ORDERS ARE DUE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Dear Parents,

I want to encourage you to attend a Quest-sponsored information session on Vanderbilt's Spring SAVY (Saturday Academy at Vanderbilt for the Young) program. This presentation will be directly after chapel on Tuesday, November 8th from 8:30-9:00am led by SAVY's Educational Consultant, Dr. Megan Peters. Beyond the SAVY program and the PTY summer programs at Vanderbilt, Dr. Peters will also address general parent information about supporting the needs of gifted and high-achieving children.

Please consider coming to this wonderful opportunity to learn more about gifted and high-achieving students. More information about the SAVY program and opportunities for gifted and high-achieving students can be found at: <http://pty.vanderbilt.edu/savy/>. Hope to see you there!

Mrs. Ahlbin
Quest Coordinator



LIBRARY NEWS From Jennifer Ball

Parents, you can use the **ParentsWeb library link** to check the status of your child's **library books**. See the books they're checking out and when they're **due**. If you have any questions, email me anytime at: jball@thecovenantschool.com. Thank you!

NEWS FROM YOUR PARENTS ASSOCIATION

COVENANT BOOK FAIR

October 31-November 4

Open Daily 7:30-8:45am Mon-Friday,
2:30-3:30pm Monday-Thursday.

Special events:

Monday 7:30-8:45am – Book Character Day in Chapel & Book Fair Kickoff

Tuesday 7:30-8:45am – Muffins with Moms with guest musician Diana Beach Batarseh

Thursday 7:30-8:45am – Donuts with Dads with guest authors A.S. Peterson and Jennifer Trafton

We'll also be open during **WIC on Tuesday 9-11:45am** and **Wednesday Night Church 5:00-7:15pm**

Props for Book Fair

Decorations are needed for the Usborne Book Fair. The theme is "Knights of the Castle" and we will be collecting any medieval or knight's gear such as shields, crests, helmets, or any castle-appropriate props, such as jewels, banners, scepters, goblets or maiden wear. If you have props we could borrow, please contact Mary Catherine Holt-Evans at 715-3979 or aevans3412@aol.com or Kelley Rasmussen at k.rasmussen@comcast.net. Please label the item with your name and drop it off at the school office. Thank you!

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

Our Book Fair is less than three weeks away and things are shaping up nicely. We anticipate an exciting event with the expansion of Logos and new vendor Usborne, along with our new and exciting props! Although the stage is set for success, we can't do it without our faithful volunteers. Please take a minute to choose a shift, posted on VolunteerSpot.com. Or contact Mary Catherine Holt-Evans at 715-3979 or aevans3412@aol.com. We appreciate the time you are giving to the Book Fair and know it will be the best year yet!

Guess the Jewel Jar

Please join us for our fun and exciting Jewel Jar contest centrally located in the Book fair. Guess the correct amount of Jewels and win the book of your choice. Please fill out your name, estimated number of jewels and title of book. Pastor Sullivan will announce the winner at chapel on Friday. (Parents, please help your little ones with their cards)

Teacher Wish List Boards

Please help us provide books for our children's classrooms by purchasing a selection from the Teacher Wish List Boards centrally located at the Book Fair. Every year our teachers work hard to choose reading materials to supplement their classroom libraries. These materials reinforce student reading and are a valuable asset to the classrooms. Simply visit the board, locate your teacher's name and select a card. Bring the card to checkout, purchase and fill out a donor plate, if you wish. It's that easy! Please support your teacher and your child by purchasing one today!

Belize Loose Change Challenge

What a great job you all did last year by collecting **\$741** for the **Presbyterian Day School** in **Belize!** There will be jars in each classroom for the students to drop in their change as well as a table at the book fair for donations.

Your donations will purchase a K-2 multi-level reading kit for the Presbyterian Day School in Belize. **There will be a school wide ice cream party on Friday, Nov. 11th, if we meet our goal!**



**WE LOVE OUR TEACHERS
AND STAFF!**

Teacher Appreciation Lunch
Friday, November 4th!

CALIFORNIA PIZZA DAY
NOVEMBER 7, 2011
CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN
GREEN HILLS—HILL CENTER—460-0192

Look for flyers in your child's folder next week. The teacher with the most flyers turned in at CPK will win a great prize compliments of CPK!

MOMS PRAYER GROUP
will meet next Thursday,
November 3, at 2:00 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Dawn Looney at dlooney1@comcast.net

What's Up in the Upper School?

This has been an excellent start to the school year for our 5th and 6th graders. With the many changes they have experienced between faculty, conduct procedures, and a newly-structured chapel, we are excited at their growth in maturity as a class.

In the classroom, our 6th graders have been working diligently on ISEE prep as they look to their future secondary schools. Our 5th graders will soon begin their Civil War Unit for history with Ms. Savage. Both grades will be working with Mrs. Harris in a writing workshop that will involve writing prompts and thankfulness writing pieces.

Aside from preparing our students academically, the upper school faculty have worked diligently with our 5th and 6th graders on displaying love, thankfulness, and respect to students and teachers. We hope that through our Upper School Boot Camp and Christian Leadership components of chapel that our students can apply these spiritual principles to their daily walk with Christ. In sports, our official Covenant basketball teams have begun their pre-season practices with Coach Allen Arnold and Coach Jon Zadick. We are looking forward to our first games on December 1 at St. Bernard's Academy.

Finally, we are seeing great success with our new conduct procedures. Students are gaining a greater understanding of what it means to be self-aware, while also understanding the consequences of their actions. We are so proud of the growth of these students and are confident that the new policies will prepare them for the highest standards of middle school conduct. Every student in the 5th and 6th grade is a blessing to teach. Their personalities are full of life and contain a uniqueness that benefits our classroom environment. We love our upper school students!

—TAYLOR CLEMENT



This week is the last week to register for WNSL. The deadline to register is Nov. 4. Please let Mr. Clement know if you are interested in coaching so that other families can register their child with a Covenant Team. Please contact Mr. Clement at tclement@thecovenantschool.com.
