

WCS nEws-Letter

January 15, 2010

JANUARY

- 18 No School/Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 23 New Student Open House, 10am
- 26-29 Middle School Minimum Days for Finals
- 28 Pre-K Visit to Kindergarten Day
- 29 Re-enrollment for current families 2010-2011 School Year
- 29 Minimum Day/1st Semester Ends

BOX TOP NEWS!

Western just received a check for about \$700.00 from General Mills for the box tops. Box Top money goes toward the music program.

November/December
Box Top Winners:

- K – 2 **Mrs. Oliva's**
class with 178
- 3 – 5 **Mrs. Castello's**
class with 584
- 6 – 8 **Mr. Cannon's**
class with 571



Introducing Kim Cardiel

Kim is the latest addition to the WC staff! She has joined the school office team and is excited to be at Western Christian! Kim has been married almost 15 years to Randy, her high school sweetheart. Kim and Randy have two beautiful daughters, Allison 15 years, and Noelle 12 years. Kim is involved with the praise team/choir at The Rock Church in San Bernardino. She has been singing most of her life and loves music! Kim loves any opportunity to visit her favorite place, Disneyland! Cinderella is her favorite and has a collection of Cinderella memorabilia. She enjoys watching movies and hanging out with her family on the weekends. She believes chocolate and coffee will be in heaven for sure! Kim is looking forward to getting to know the children, families and staff here at WCS!

Ms. Billie is still with us too! She has asked to work more "behind the scenes", so she will be doing many of the same responsibilities she has held in the past, just less hours per week in the back office in the Administration Building.

We praise God for blessing Western with amazing staff members like these!

FRUIT PICKING CONTINUES!

Another way we can help our community is by providing fresh produce to our local food pantry. This is something they usually do not have available, but if we do the work of picking and delivering, we can assist local families with the gift of fresh fruit!



This is a project we want to see become a regular activity with our students. Most of our kids have never picked fruit—what a great way to connect with nature, work with their hands, and see immediately who they are helping and serving while delivering the freshly picked fruit. We are also helping the tree owners because when fruit is picked, as opposed to falling off, the tree produces more the following year.

The morning schedule:

- 8:30 Meet at residence in Alta Loma (see address below)
- 10:00 Load crates onto vehicles
- 10:15 Deliver and unload produce to the Kid Care Family Center in Montclair
- 10:45 Call it a day!

A home owner in Alta Loma that has 27 trees full of oranges has opened their home to us to pick for the Kid Care Family Center. The address is...9255 Cottonwood Way, Alta Loma

The best way to get there from the school: Take the 210 freeway to Carnelian. Right on Carnelian to 19th Street.

Left on 19th to Hellman

Left on Hellman

Another left on Cottonwood. (Cottonwood is a very tiny street that almost looks like an alley) The house is about half a block up on Cottonwood on your left. Hope to see you there!

Ways to Help Haiti

A great way to help Haiti is through the Red Cross. Text "HAITI" to "90999" and a donation of \$10 will be given automatically to the Red Cross to help with relief efforts, charged to your wireless bill.

If you are looking for a more unique way to give to a smaller group, check out what the Azusa Pacific University Community is doing. The following is a letter to the APU Community, and we are invited to participate as we feel led:

Dear APU Community,

Many of you are deeply concerned for the people of Haiti and brothers and sisters in Christ there who are both suffering the devastation and also trying to respond to significant and urgent needs. Please continue to pray. Each of you has some particular interest through your church or some relationship there. Now is the time for intentional intercession on behalf of them and the many others in Haiti.

Even amidst the current economic pressure around us, some of you may also feel a desire to give to the relief efforts there. Certainly many of your churches and denominations are already mobilizing to help meet needs in Haiti. As well, APU is making channels available to help with that effort. In an effort to keep our efforts coordinated for immediate giving, APU is making available two opportunities:

- a. You can attend chapel tomorrow and next Wednesday, where you will have opportunity to give.
- b. You can make a contribution through www.haitihopefund.org.

In order to be as responsible as possible with the funds collected from both options, we will partner with Christian University of North Haiti in support of their direct efforts for relief. APU has relational connections there and we have confidence that our gifts will be wisely used.

Some of you may already be thinking about traveling to Haiti. While your heart may compel you to do so, now may not be the best time. We are already considering plans to focus the efforts of many within our community through partnerships with our supporting denominations whose networks in Haiti are well established through churches, orphanages, and hospitals. As national leaders and governmental initiatives help to meet the immediate need, the time will come for teams focused on recovery initiatives in the weeks, months, and even years to come.

Thanks for your compassionate care and prayer for the painful circumstances so many people are struggling with in Haiti. May God be close to the grieving people, and the hurting nation.

Children of the World Rock the House!

Today in Chapel the Children of the world Choir blessed the WC Community through dance and worship, and helped widen our world view just a little more! It was a special time together!



A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Musical style communicates a philosophy and a lifestyle. Have you ever noticed how people who listen to certain types of music identify with the style and philosophy of “their music?” Country music lovers tend to wear cowboy boots and western wear; “grunge rock” lovers sometimes dress “grungily”. Of course, these are generalizations, but they can illustrate to us that children who have a constant diet of certain styles of music will be affected by the lifestyle and philosophies that accompany that music. So where are your children getting their sense of musical style...from their peers, the radio, cable TV or you?

Classical music of the great composers is included in a most effective and thorough music education here at Western Christian. It is the highest quality of music in style, form and content. Throughout the curriculum students will study in detail a variety of interesting classical selections. As they learn to appreciate these selections, they will become more discriminating in their listening tastes. They may also develop higher standards by which to evaluate other types of music. There is a popular theory that listening and playing classical music may increase the I.Q. of young children. Can order and logic presented in classical music encourage the same in the listener? This concept, along with the artistic value and beauty of classical music makes it an integral part of our music program!

Come to the Parent Communication/Education Meeting on February 23, 2010 at 8:30am.



Announcements, as well as a parenting series will be covered on the agenda during this time. One 30 minute session will be covered at each parent meeting for the remainder of the school year. Please join us!

Effective Parenting In A Defective World Written by: Chip Ingram

Our kids are growing up in a culture that promises them fulfillment in a dizzying number of ways. There are so many opportunities—and so many dangers—that confront your kids every day. Some may look pretty good to you—school, sports, and music lessons. Others, like the latest dangerous thrill-seeking fad, may keep you up at night. In this day and age, children face a far more defective world than the children of previous decades. Every day they are bombarded with the pressures and influences of drugs, sex, and violence. Parents are left helpless, as every godly principle they teach their children is contradicted by the corrupt principles of this defective world. But the truth is, God has a plan for effectively raising your children and you can learn it.

So what are you to do? Sign your kids up for every activity and hope something sticks? Anxiously guard them from the dangers outside your door? How can a parent make the right choice? How do you raise effective kids in a defective world?

As a pastor and a father of four, Chip Ingram delivers a much more positive solution. Without shying away from tough topics like discipline and teen rebellion, Chip offers thought-provoking principles and specific exercises to help you understand how to develop your child's full potential. With penetrating truth and sincere honesty, Chip Ingram shares the life lessons from his personal experience of raising four children. He describes his failures and the challenges of teenage rebellion. And he teaches the principles for successful parenting as revealed through God's Word.

This "hands-on" approach to parenting gives special hope to blended families and those in crisis. You'll learn how you can draw closer to your kids even as the world tries to pull you apart. You'll also learn proven methods to teach your kids critical values like responsibility and perseverance that will help them rise above the norm.

Sessions 1-4: Learn universally applicable principles that will change your understanding of your role as a parent and how to apply God's process for teaching and nurturing your children.

Sessions 5-7: Apply practical lessons about discipline, including a biblical understanding of punishment versus discipline, and the importance of maintaining the right attitude.

Sessions 8-9: Understand and implement simple biblical truths that you and your children can hold on to when all else fails.

Along the way, you'll discover biblical principles and practical advice that can help you raise kids who stand out from the crowd.

You can raise successful children even in this fallen world!