



MCA Newsletter

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Created By God to Be Used By God

Principal's Corner

If you are not familiar with the Jesse Tree presentation at Christmas, I hope you will look it up and enjoy it this Christmas season. We know God planned the lineage of Jesus from the line of David, but what I love about the Jesse Tree is how all those Old Testament stories are linked together. From the beginning as Adam and Eve choose sin, the rebellion of Cain, and all the stories including the prophecies of Isaiah and Micah, we see that God had a plan of redemption for His children. My favorite portion of the story

includes Rahab, a most "unworthy" of persons choosing to help the spies escape and obey God. She later marries one of those spies. They lived outside the Israelite camp, because she was not one of the "chosen" people. They had a son - Boaz who later marries Ruth, another amazing woman from another land. Do you see how Boaz, whose mother was from outside the tribe, would identify with Ruth when she was in need of a kinsman redeemer?

In focusing on the lineage of Christ,

don't overlook God's grace extended to those He created in the Old Testament and with us today. There is no greater love than the outstretched arm of God welcoming us into His family from the beginning of time and yet this plan was at the sacrifice of His own Son. Celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas, but also celebrate God's love extended to you, an unworthy sinner saved by His grace. Merry Christmas!

Help Needed:

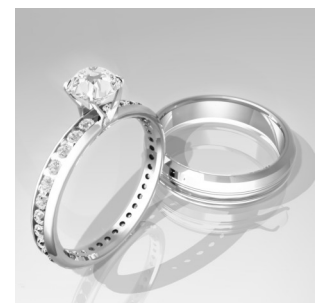
Parents, your assistance is needed the first week of January. As you know, Mr. Adeline is getting married January 1, 2010. Therefore, he will be out January 4-8. I will be in his

classroom teaching. Coverage of the office would be wonderful. I also teach history or science in Mrs. White's class on Tuesdays and Thursdays while she teaches our music and computer

classes. On Fridays, Mr. Adeline teaches our students P.E. If you or anyone you know is able to help this week with the office or any of these classes, let me know.

Just a Reminder:

December 1	Book It log due
December 7	Items collected for food baskets
December 10	Christmas Program - 7:00
December 18	Early Release - 11:00
December 21— January 1	Christmas Break
January 4	School Resumes



Upcoming Events and Information

Book-It – Turn in your Book-It logs Tuesday, December 1, 2009. If you happen to lose your log, please write down the books read on a sheet of paper, or you may get another log from the office. January 4th will be the turn in date after the Christmas holiday.

Operation Christmas Child Wow! I am so pleased with our efforts for Samaritan's Purse. MCA packed up 47 boxes and collected \$192.00 for postage. We were short \$137.00 and the church has helped meet that

difference. I am pleased by the generosity of our students and families. Thank you.

ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) The teacher convention was wonderful. The teachers enjoyed the sessions, learned things they can bring back to the class, and were inspired by those who spoke words of encouragement to educators in Kingdom education. Thank you for making this possible for our staff this year.

Tuition and After School Care: I have been very proud of your response in making tuition payments and following up with your after school care billing. However, we have a few who have pushed the limit and are almost late in those payments. The student handbook states a late payment will incur a \$25.00 late fee. Please watch for this and make sure your payments are on time.

Microsoft: Attached is a flier from Paragon, a company that has partnered with ACSI in getting computer software to Christian schools and families at a discounted rate. If you are in need of this software, these prices may interest you.

Christmas Baskets:

As our outreach for the month of December, I would like the students to put together a food basket for the Beatitude House. These food baskets go to families in need here in the Sampson County area. Each MCA family will be asked to bring one item for our basket. The Beatitude House will provide a ham to go along side the items collected in the basket. Our collection date is December 7th. Each family will be assigned one of the items for the baskets. Your item is attached to the newsletter.



PTF Report: Don't forget December 11. We will have a float in the Roseboro parade. This is a night time parade with lots of entries and lights. More details about what to wear, where to be and what time to be there will be coming soon!

Fundraisers have been a great success. We have raised over \$2,500 with the 4 fundraiser activities. Thanks to all who helped and contributed. We have already started purchasing classroom items and hope to do more soon.
Amy Fann, President