



# Good Samaritan School

## January 2011 Newsletter



### Mr. Nick News

January is a great time to reflect and build upon the areas in our lives where we felt successful during the past year. It is also a time to consider how to make changes in areas where we would like to improve. Here are some tips to help students start the New Year off positively.

**Get Plenty of Sleep** - Scientists have found that students who do not get enough sleep have difficulty paying attention in class and do not do as well in school. The recommended amount of sleep for preschool and elementary students ranges from about 8.5 to 11 hours a night.

**Eat Healthy** - Eat more fruits, nuts, and vegetables. Drink at least 8 (8 oz) glasses of water every day. Limit the amount of sodas and snack foods you eat.

**Exercise** - your body and your mind daily.

**Follow the Golden Rule** - Treat others (children and adults) the way you would like to be treated.

**Time + Effort = Achievement** - Take the time to carefully complete all assignments at school and home; ask questions when you do not understand a task; demonstrate perseverance (that means keep trying, even when the work is difficult), and try to eliminate the word "can't" from your vocabulary. Make it a goal to do your best at school every day.

**Read, Read, Read** - Success in school depends, in large part, on a student's ability to read and understand what they have read. Students should read a variety of books, including folktales, poetry, biographies, fiction, and more. Read to get information, read for fun, read to someone in your family...just read!

**Attend School Regularly and Be On Time**

**Write Out Your Plan for Success.** The plan may include getting better grades, making new friends, studying harder, staying out of trouble, etc. Share your Plan with someone who can help you to reach your goal.

*Have a fantastic New Year!*

**SCHOOL THEME:** *The Joy of Winter*

**SCRIPTURE:** *Winter is the work of your hand... Ps. 74.17*

### JANUARY 2011 CALENDAR

**Jan. 17– No School – All grades**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – (Kdg.-4<sup>th</sup> grade) – No School**

**Mid-Year report prep. grading and planning**

### FEBRUARY 2011 CALENDAR

**Feb. 21 – No School – All grades President's Day**

**Feb. 28 (Kdg.-4<sup>th</sup> grade)-Early Release 12:30 PM**

### MITTENS AND HATS NEEDED!

We will go outside when it is not raining so be sure to send your child/children to school dressed for the weather. Many do have jackets with hoods, but if your child does not then send a hat. Please label all outerwear. Mittens are a must on these frosty cold days.



### TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

#### Tips from Your Teachers

Practice and reinforcement school skills at home:

- Using scissors
- Writing name
- Recognition of colors, letters and numbers



## **PARKING LOT SAFETY:**

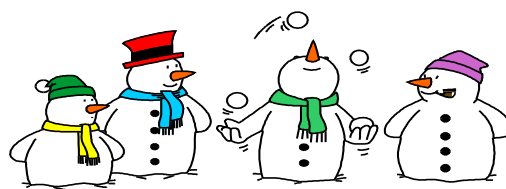
**Please drive slowly and cautiously  
in our parking lot.  
Children are irreplaceable!!**

- Always hold your child's hand when going to and coming from your automobile. Do not let your children run ahead of you. He/she might, inadvertently, run in back of a car that is just starting to back out.
- Enter and leave the parking lot with **EXTREME CAUTION**. Be on the lookout for wandering children.
- Please do not stand in the parking lot conversing with other adults unless your child is seated safely in the car with doors closed.
- Never leave children in the car (sleeping toddlers and or babies). If need be, ask another parent you know to bring your preschooler in, and check him/her in with their teacher.



## **PAPER TOWELS NEEDED**

Please send 4 rolls of papers towels to school with your child this month. If your child attends more than one class, please send paper towels to each class. We thank the families brought theirs in December. Since we have minimal storage space we will ask you a three times during the year. We will need a 3<sup>rd</sup> supply after spring vacation.



## **School Closures**

Winter can be an unpredictable season in Corvallis. Good Sam School follows the 509J Public school closure or delayed opening decisions. The Public school officials make the decision by 6:00 AM whether to close schools or delay the start time.

**CLOSURE:** If snow, ice, flood or power failure causes the Corvallis public schools to close, then our school will also close.

**DELAY:** If the public schools have a delay in start time:

- Good Sam's morning preschool classes will be canceled.
- Extended Day "Lunch Bunch" will be canceled.
- Kindergarten - 4<sup>th</sup> grades will have a delayed start – They will begin at 10:30 AM
- No school district lunch service will be available. – Make sure to pack a lunch even if a lunch had been pre-ordered.

**Media announcements will be made about closures or delays on:**

- Local radio stations, including KGAL 1580 AM, KRKT 990 AM or 99.9 FM, KLOO 1430 AM or 106.3 FM.
- Public school 509J website: [www.csd509j.net](http://www.csd509j.net)
- TV new stations Ch. 3 or 9



Our Good Sam School voice mail (758-1255) will reflect a closure or late opening schedule by 7:45 AM.

Enjoy the day with your kids!





## EARLY BIRD PROGRAM

Several GSS families have been regularly using our before school program. Most attendance has been in the 8:30–9:00 AM slot. However Mrs. Meghan is always there at 8:15 AM on Mon/Weds/Friday should you need to come in a bit early.

If you are in need of arriving at 8 AM, please give us 24 hours notice before you need this space. Otherwise, it will not be staffed.

We're here to support your family, but we need to manage our staffs' hours wisely. Thank you,



### CLASS OPENINGS AT GOOD SAM

- ❖ T/Th AM - 3 year-old class (9-11:30 AM)
- ❖ T/Th AM – Creative Arts – ages 3/12 - 5
- ❖ Kindergarten (8:30 – 3:00 pm)
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade blend (8:30 – 3:00 pm)
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade blend (8:30 – 3:00 pm)

Let your friends know who may be looking for a pre-school or new elementary school class.



**A BIG “THANK YOU”  
to all that supported our  
Vanilla Sale, Apple Pie Sale and  
the Christmas Greens/Wreaths Sale.  
We hope you and yours enjoyed them.**

**Tuition is due by  
Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January**



## HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

### **Volunteers Welcome!!**

If you'd like information about volunteering in this fun side of our K-4<sup>th</sup> grade program, please let me know.

Mel McClave – m.mcclave@comcast.net

The position entails prepping the lunch counter for serving and the actual dishing up of the entrée of the day. An oven cart and cooler arrive daily from the 509J school district kitchen with everything that you will need.

The time slot will be from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM daily (1.5 hours). The GSS staff will over-see the students' needs. Your time would be spent being the food server. This position requires a Food Handlers License, which requires an on-line test. The study guide is online and/or a printed copy is available in the school office. The cost is \$10.00, for which the school will reimburse you.

One volunteer day per week would help us establish a reserve of substitutes.

Come join the Fun!!

**Mrs. Anna  
(our school librarian)  
is looking for some volunteers  
to help with the re-organizing  
our school library books.**

Let Mrs. Christi know if you are interested: schoolgs@peak.org



***Welcome Back to School!***  
**Your Good Samaritan  
School Staff**

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