

Kiddie Prep School

TEAM NEWS

**February
2010**

Lately, I feel the Lord has been telling me the same thing over and over through a variety of means - a sermon at church, a movie I see, a family member's struggles, the trials of former students. I have a saying hanging where I see it everyday at school. It says, "You are a child of God and I will treat you as one." We all have at least one child in our room that tries our patience and seems to push us to our limit. I have been reminded recently of how we have no idea what many of these children go through in their homes or what they have experienced in their short lives - many times, some children have gone through more in their six years than I have in my 36 years!

As Christians, we have the responsibility to bring strength to others - to be a comfort. God has given us comfort in the trials we face so that we can, in turn, give that same comfort to someone who needs it. Those who need it most could be the children that "act up" in our classrooms. Children often lack the appropriate means of expressing their feelings and it comes out in inappropriate ways. It's easy to "lose our cool" with these children, but Christ calls us to have compassion on them.

In the movie *The Blind Side* a student was pushed aside by several teachers who failed to take the time to learn more about his life. He was labeled a poor student who was unmotivated to learn. However, one teacher and a family took the time to get to know the student's background and were able to make a profound difference in his life.

We have the same ability to affect someone's life. The question is, do we choose to lose our temper and push the child aside or do we show compassion and make a difference - sometimes an eternal difference? While helping a former student, I was moved to tears when I found a Bible craft in her closet that we had made together over 16 months earlier. Did I know I was making a difference in her life? No. I simply treated her as one of God's children and let God do the rest.

February is a month when love is focused on a lot. Let's use this month to love the children in our room as God loves each of us - without preconceived notions, often undeserved, and always unconditional. Let's make an eternal difference in the lives of the children we teach every day!

Bible Verse

"³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows."

*2 Corinthians 1:3-5
New International Version*

February 2010

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

February Calendar News

February 1st—Capt. Mark in Kdg. Room at 10:00

February 2nd - Groundhog Day!

February 8th - FWCS Closed; SA kids here all day

February 10th - Pay Day!

February 12th - Valentine's Parties in rooms

February 14th - Happy Valentine's Day!

February 15th - President's Day!

February 17th - Required Annual SCAN Presentation: 1:15 and 2:00. Watch for a schedule to be posted.

February 23rd—Vision Screenings for Castle, Balloon, Safari, Ocean, and Ark rooms

February 24th—Pay Day!

-Bits and Pieces-

- We have new icepacks! Please wash and sanitize them before returning them to the freezer in the break room. If you use a sponge icepack, please make sure it is damp before replacing the baggie. This is a teacher responsibility, not a kitchen responsibility! Please DO NOT send ice packs to the kitchen!
- KEYS—several rooms are missing keys. Please check your coat pockets, your car, your house, etc. to see if you mistakenly took classroom keys home. It is hard for afternoon teachers to properly

lock up and it is difficult for morning teachers to open without keys. Remember, opening teachers should retrieve keys from the box by the time clock, open their room, and then hang the keys on the hook inside the cabinet door. Afternoon teachers should return the keys to the box in the office after locking the room for the evening. Thanks!

- They're back! Welcome back Mrs. Melanie and Grammy Cindy. You have been missed and we are so excited to have you back!

A LOOK AT NEXT MONTH

- March 10th - Pay Day!
- March 16th - FWCS 1 hour delay
- March 24th - Pay Day!

March 2010

1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

Anonymous Bag

Q: What is the exact time we are to have our computers out? Is it still only at naptime? Some teachers are using them during the day.

A: Computers are only to be out during naptime. If you are on a computer with children in the room at any other time, you are not adequately supervising the children. Please do your school work, anecdotal notes, and lesson plans during nap time. Thank you!

Affirmation Box

Thank you Dorothy for things you're doing behind the scenes!

Meg—thank you for cleaning up the Birthday stuff!

"Congratulations Meg!
You have won the Team
Spirit award for this
month."

February 5th - Melanie R.
February 11th - Trisha L.
February 28th - Griselda P.

Happy Birthday!

There are no KPS
Anniversaries in February.

KPS Anniversaries!

- Please put Fall 2009 grades and Spring 2010 schedules in Melanie's "Education" box on her desk. Thanks!

Education Updates!