



# the CHRONICLE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Dear Parents,

### A Family Resemblance

I have a friend that is in the process of adopting two children, a brother and a sister, ages four and two. The children have been living in their home, but have come from a much neglected background. The children have had many serious challenges; of course, the parents are facing the challenges right along with these two beautiful children. Recently, the father was asked why he continued to pursue adoption when these two children have been such a disruption to the family. With tears in his eyes he exclaimed, "I love them and I am beginning to see a family resemblance."

In studying Matt. 5:7, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain mercy," I ran across this great verse that made me think about the situation that my friend has found himself. Jesus is speaking to His disciples when He says, "But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, **and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.**" Luke 6:35-36

Jesus was teaching those that love and follow Him. So it made me think, why would Jesus say that they **would be** sons of the Most High? The second part of the verse answers the first part of the verse, "Because **He** is kind to the ungrateful and wicked." Then the admonition comes, "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." It hit me. In these verses Jesus is not only calling us to be a part of His family, He is also calling us to a family resemblance. Just as those two children are taking on a family resemblance with their new family, starting to imitate the parents in certain behaviors, we, as children of the Most High, need to take on our new family's behaviors and start imitating our Father in Heaven. Mercy grows in us as a result of our personal relationship with God. We are effective witnesses when we practice mercy. Let's commit ourselves to be merciful so that we can be a reflection of our Eternal Family.

Principally speaking,

*Mrs. Lisa Horner*

Elementary Principal

## MARCH

- 11 Jog-A-Thon Turn in #1
- 12 Elementary Chapel, 9 a.m.
- 16 1st & 2nd Grade Spring Concert
- 17 Power Prayer Lunch
- 18 Jog-A-Thon Turn in #2
- 19 Student Recognition Chapel, 9 a.m.
- 22 See's Easter Candy Delivery
- 25 Jog-A-Thon Turn in #3
- 26 Elementary Chapel, 9 a.m.
- 29-31 Easter Vacation, No School, PF Available, Gym Center Open

## APRIL

- 1-5 Easter Vacation, No School, PF Available, Gym Center Open
- 7 Food Service Appreciation
- 8 Bus Driver Appreciation

*"... and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him and for His name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith."  
 —Romans 1:4-5*

## VOTE FOR US AV'S BEST

In the 2/24 Antelope Valley Press, you will find a ballot for AV's Best. Please vote for Desert Christian for best private school and The Learning Tree for best childcare. In order for your ballot to count, you will need to fill in at least 75% of the form. If you did not receive a copy of this AV Press, you can pick up a ballot, along with a sample ballot, from the main office. After you have filled out your ballot, you can return it to the AV Press or drop it off at our main campus **by 3:00 p.m. today** and we'll return it for you.

## ACSI PIANO FESTIVAL

This Tuesday, March 9 many of our piano students will be traveling to the Master's College in Santa Clarita to perform at the ACSI Piano Festival. We send our well wishes with our students as they represent Desert Christian Schools.

## YEARBOOKS ARE SOLD OUT!

The elementary office will begin a prepaid waiting list for parents who would still like to order. Please contact Veronica Gatling or the elementary office for more details 948-5071, Ext. 238.

## AUCTION

Thank you to all who donated, attended, and gave of their time to make the DCS 21st Annual Auction "Reel in a Deal" a huge success! We raised \$45,249 this year compared to \$44,457 last year. Please help us show our thanks by supporting these businesses and acknowledging these individuals who helped with the auction.

## SEE'S CANDY BAR NEWS

Congratulations to Adrian Montano (7th grade), who won the Fun with Friends package.

## JOG-A-THON

Thursday your child was given a packet explaining the Jog-A-Thon. The first turn in sheet is due Thursday, March 11. Try to get those pledges and earn a prize!

## ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION

for the 2010/2011 school year continues. To get started open the email that was sent to you on Jan. 13.

## PARKING LOT REMINDER

Please do not park north of the flag pole where the buses park. This causes a safety hazard for students when the bus driver has to maneuver around cars. Thank you!

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Registration continues for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are in the final planning stages of programs and chaperone needs. If you have not registered please do so this week in the elementary office.

## HS DRAMA PRODUCTION

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*

by Shakespeare

Thurs., March 25 and

Fri., March 26,

7 p.m.

Highland Church (Rancho Vista Blvd.,  
Palmdale)

Ticket Prices: adults, \$6; students, \$5; students with ASB cards, \$4; and children 6-12 yrs., \$3; free for children 5 & under.