

Dear Three Points Parents,

I hope you and your family enjoyed a long weekend – my week was crammed with lots of joy:

+Announcement: We have a new grandson, **Xander** Liam Medders, born in Florida on Tuesday! As our daughter Erika says, "It's the best gift anyone can ever get!" Then I was also blessed with many wonderful cards and well-wishes on my birthday – thanks!



+BCS Retreat: on Wednesday, our elementary teachers worked hard at developing further learning goals for their students. A sample includes: K-2 students will be able to increase their sight word knowledge between now and December; 3rd-4th graders will improve their recall of and speed in basic math facts during assessments over the next three months; 5-6th grade students will be able to articulate in writing and orally their statements of personal faith. These are important goals for our classes!

+CSI Convention: on Thursday-Friday, BCS teachers attended a wide variety of workshops in Lynden. Two excellent sessions that I attended included how to more fully develop a Christian world view in our students, and another on making our facilities "flexible and adaptable enough to support a range of educational programs – and some not yet identified." Special thanks to **John Cox** and **Lisa Symonds** and other BCS teachers for helping to lead over 1,000 teachers from WA and BC in worship!



+Chapel: you're invited to this week's Victory Assembly in the MPR on Thursday morning. It will be a celebration of God's blessings, and a lot of fun too. Next week, our counselor Laura Carlson will be speaking on "courage," and our 6th grade students will be helping to present as well.

+Jogathon: Hooray! We have already exceeded our fundraising goal, so now it's time to turn in the money. All students who turn in their pledge money by this Wednesday will be eligible for the iPod Nano drawing to be held in chapel on THIS THURSDAY!!!

+Calendar Reminders – a number of other important events are coming up this week: there is a **Parent-Principal Coffee** in the library **this Tuesday** (October 11) from **8:30 to 9:30 AM**. All parents are welcome, whatever grade your child is in. Also, our Three Points **PTF** will welcome Superintendent Ron Taylor at this **Friday's meeting, 1:00-2:30 PM**. Please come! For those who have a student in grades 3-6, your child will be taking the **IOWA** standardized tests in class **next week**. A good night's sleep and breakfast always helps them do their best! Lastly, for KG parents there will be a **Kuske KG Math Evening, on Tuesday, October 26, 7-8 PM**.

+Picture Retakes: Student Picture Day packages will be coming home tomorrow 10/11. Re-takes are scheduled for this Friday morning 10/14. All students who were not photographed earlier will need to have a picture taken Friday, whether or not you are ordering prints. Those desiring re-takes will need to return their original packages and do not need to fill out a new order form. Re-takes are free IF there was photographer error (out of focus, off center, eyes closed, etc.); otherwise a \$5 retake fee is required, payable to Vakker Portraits. Order forms are available in the office if you'd like to order additional prints or an all school photo. May you experience and share the joy of the Lord here at Three Points and far beyond too!

Steve Kennedy, Principal

Three Points Elementary