

Parent Principal Post November 28, 2011 "Popcorn, Projectors and Protectors"

Dear Three Points Parents,

While Thanksgiving has come and gone, the Advent season just started. What an incredible opportunity this gives each of us to share "the reason for the season" with both children and adults. People are especially open at Christmas to the need for hope that only Jesus can bring. The hymn "Thou Long Expected Jesus" presents Jesus this way: "Dear desire of every nation, Joy of ever longing heart."

More "Good News" to share: In the past, revenues from our Friday sales of popcorn have been used to support our counselor Phalice VanderPol in establishing a Christian school in Sudan. Now that Phalice has relocated to Thailand, our parent leaders and staff have agreed on using these funds to support a disabled student at a mission in El Salvador called Ninos Tres Rios (N3R). Dennis Matter has been a very helpful liaison to our BCS mission trips to N3R, and will be coordinating with us and local elders to find the student whom these funds will help.



Projectors + Tablets + More: With Jogathon funds, we've already replaced 8 old projectors with new ones – teachers and students can't believe what a difference they make! We've also started to install two more SMART boards, and we will be piloting use of Windows 8 and iPad tablets in classrooms to maximize use and interactivity of the SMART boards already in place. When students are engaged, they learn faster and better!



Chapel: What an awesome presentation we enjoyed last time, thanks to Pastor Matt Borst for his engaging message about the importance of being grateful in all circumstances! The Kindergarten students did a very moving recitation of Psalm 100, plus led us in two worship songs. Thanks also to Mrs. Symonds' 5th graders for their presentation on RESPECT – it will be Ms. Zylstra's class turn to share this Thursday.

Kris Repp is a medical missionary who serves in more countries than most people can name. She will be speaking in chapel this Thursday, and will also be bringing **many unique handicraft items from around the world available for donations**. Please plan to attend – and bring your purse or checkbook, for a gift that gives back to the mission field!

Protectors Study: The 6th graders are halfway through the six sessions of this series on how to be courageous and stand up to bullying. It's practical, faith-based, and students tell us they find this time worthwhile! After the holidays, adult leaders and selected 6th graders will be taking this series to the 5th graders. If you would like to learn more or share other ideas on how to develop healthy social skills among our students – would you please reply to me or else contact our counselor at carlson@bcsmail.org?

PTF: These parent leaders and volunteers do an incredible job of serving our school community! If you would like to know more or participate, feel welcome to find out more on their web page http://www.bellevuechristian.org/3pts_board or attend one of their monthly meetings.

Curriculum Review 2012: Did you know that each year school committees review different subjects in our BCS curriculum? Bible, Language Arts, Social Studies and Technology will be reviewed in 2012. Parents and teachers meet on early release afternoons January through April to review and recommend curriculum for improved student learning. If you are interested in serving in one of these areas read the **linked document (click here)** and contact [Evelyn Seymour](#), Director of Curriculum and Instruction. *Deadline is December 16, 2011.*

Blessings of Hope in "Thou Long Expected Jesus,"

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