

**Dear Three Points Parents,**

This was a big week and weekend in our nation's history, with the honoring of those involved in 9/11 ten years ago. The memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was also dedicated. Moreover, the Republican presidential debate and President Obama's speech to Congress alternated nights.

In the midst of all this, I saw ***The Help*** – an excellent film about the struggle for equality and civil rights during the 1960's. Throughout the movie, a black housekeeper takes good care of the toddler daughter of a rich white family. Aibileen regularly does something all of us should do with our children. She asks the little girl to repeat after her: "I am kind. I am smart. I am important." Eventually, the girl can say it herself. Your words to your children play a vital role in how they see themselves and who they become.



**Chapel:** I hope this is just part of your student's week of worship. At chapel we always aim to give our students words and images that help them see each person as worthy and made in God's image. This past week Superintendent Ron Taylor (and I) showed them just how dirty we got helping an elderly widow in Uganda. Afterwards, I asked a 1<sup>st</sup> grader if she understood why we got so muddy, and she said: "To help a lady rebuild her home." Ron emphasized we serve others in order to follow Jesus, and that it can be fun too. This coming Thursday, former Kirkland resident Maggie Josiah will share about how she's helping Ugandans get job training and live lives of integrity.

**Jogathon:** parent co-chairs Kendra Bengelink and Kristin DeJonge have been working hard to get everything ready for **Friday, September 30!** Each family's participation is essential for this community-building event to be successful! These funds will allow us to expand campus technology (SMART boards, clickers, etc.) and provide more support for field trips and classroom supplies. We also will be sending our tithe locally (Renewal Food Bank in Factoria), and to the John T. Miller School in Uganda.



**PTF:** our parent organization had its first meeting of the year last Friday. The PTF does a tremendous job of facilitating a number of important events, such as Staff Appreciation and the BCS Auction. Also, President Heidi Sweeney and the PTF board celebrated a large increase in volunteers, including new parents. This will lead to more help with reading in classrooms and more robust Campus Clean-up Days!

**New Student Lunches:** Counselor Laura Carlson and I will be hosting these in our offices starting tomorrow, in order to get to know them better and learn how we can support their adjustment to Three Points.

**Three Points News:** our campus web page will be up and running soon – you'll be getting an email reminder later this week.

**Back To School Night** (grades 2-6): remember this Thursday evening starting at 6:30, with sign-ups for November Parent-Teacher Conferences available in the MPR at this time. The formal start for the general session is at 7:00 PM, followed by sessions in the classroom with teachers.

May your children grow in the truth of who they are and who Jesus Christ is!

Blessings,

Steve

*Steve Kennedy, Principal*