

Principal's Message

Dear Mack Families,

"I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. The, you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart". Jer. 29: 11-13

One of my favorite Christmas carols is "Mary, Did You Know?" Have you heard it? The song asks Mary if she knew that her baby boy would one day heal the nations. What did she know about the salvation and promise in that small child? I wonder what Mary understood about the hope offered the world, born in the birth of her son, God's son.

Wouldn't you love to peak into your own children's future and glimpse the realized potential that's there? Do you wonder which talents will prevail, which career path they'll choose, which lessons will stick, who they'll choose to love? If we could see how it will turn out, perhaps we would be able to release the worries of today and trust God more with the outcome.

We don't know the plans that God has for our children's future, but God does. We know that each child is uniquely gifted by God with skills, creativity, talents and gifts. Our job, while our children are growing, is to help these flourish so that one day they might grow to serve our loving God. May this Christmas season be filled with the peace that comes from knowing God's plan for your child is in motion. God is on the move in their lives and if we teach our children to seek Him with all their hearts, they will find Him!!

Merry Christmas to you and your family!!

Debbie Symonds, Principal

Giving Tree Our Mack office is alive with Christmas! The tree is dressed and the carols are playing. We are pleased to announce that we will once again have the opportunity to bless a family this Christmas with our giving tree. On the tree, you will find yellow stars that are gift requests for a family in need. This is a single mom with 6 children ages 2 years to 16 years old. Each tag contains the child's age, gender and gift idea. If you take a tag, please return the gift wrapped with the tag reattached so we can get the present to the right child. There will also tags for mom, who in this difficult economic time will be blessed by the simplest things; grocery store, gas, and other gift cards. The tags will be on the tree by Friday of this week. All presents should be returned to the office by Thursday, December 17th.

Hot Lunch News Lunch delivery will be available for your child this Friday! It must be ordered by 4PM this Thursday for Friday delivery. Attached is the flier and the FAQ's for Fantazimo lunches. it starts this Friday, Dec. 4th. See attachments and order online per their instructions.

Be sure and check out the Mack section of the BCS website @

http://www.bellevuechristian.org/index.php?node=mack_news&post_id=570

PTF News

Happy Birthday!! As my man Frosty would say at this time of year.

Two things from our last PTF meeting. First the approval of the Jog-A-Thon tithe donation of \$1092 to each of these organizations...

- Crossing Bridges
- Love without Boundaries
- Maltby Food Bank

Second, I'd like to thank BCS Superintendent Ron Taylor for coming out and spending the morning with us. It was very informative. We are tentatively scheduling Ron to visit us again at our March PTF.

Mark your calendar for **Friday morning, December 11**. The PTF is having our annual Christmas social. This will take the place of our monthly meeting and will be a great opportunity to meet other parents and hang out with your friends in a festive atmosphere! The party will run from **8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**, so feel free to stop by the library and join us for all or part of this time. As ever there will be free childcare.

The next big event coming up is the Talent Show which will arrive in February. You'll hear more about auditions & the show once we get to the New Year.

Have yourself a merry little Christmas!

Tom Pridmore, PTF President