



CROSSROADS CONNECTION

WEEK OF JANUARY 25^h, 2010

A NOTE FROM MISS PENNY

Kindergarten Readiness

It is conference time for our 4's/5's Program at Crossroads Christian Preschool! For the past several weeks the teachers have been assessing each child in their class and meeting with parents to review that assessment. During this time your child's teacher will be working alongside you in helping to determine your child's readiness for kindergarten. For many years, only a child's chronological age was considered in deciding the timing of school entrance. However, we now know that readiness involves much more than just a child's chronological age. In other words, being 5-years of age does not automatically make the child ready to enter Kindergarten. A birth date is not as important as individual development, which is why assessments are so important.

School readiness is the ability to cope with the school environment physically, socially and emotionally as well as academically, without undue stress. How is it possible to know if your child is ready for Kindergarten? First, step back and take a good look at your child, not your neighbor's child or your nephew or niece, but your child, because unique to each child is his/her own particular rate and pattern of growth. The second thing you can do is to become informed about your child's development in relation to school readiness. **(continued on page 2)**

AUCTION MEETING

Family Fun Night & Silent Auction will be on Friday, May 14th.

We are having an auction committee meeting on Tuesday, January 26th @ 8:15 a.m.. If you are interested in helping with our silent auction please feel free to attend this meeting. We will need help with donations, donation baskets, classroom baskets, and event planning. We would love for you to attend. If you have any questions, please call Monique Garcia @493-2162 or mgarcia@crossroadsschool.org

CHECK IT OUT

BOX TOP CONTEST

We have another contest going on now through February 26th. The class to turn in the most box tops will win a hot chocolate and doughnut party. Save away!!

LOST AND FOUND

The quarter ends January 29th and items in Lost and Found will be donated to the needy if not collected. Stop by and look for those missing sweatshirts, jackets and lunch boxes.

SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY

Can you help? It's time to print our Raffle Packets for the auction. If you can help offset this cost, please contact Dinnelle Jackson, (714) 240-3330.

MASTER CALENDAR PRESCHOOL

January 2010

- 26 Half Day TTh & M-F Community Helpers
- 27 Half Day MWF & FD Community Helpers
- 28 Half Day Closed/4's & 5's Conferences
- 29 Half Day Closed/4's & 5's Conferences

February 2010

- 8 Full Day Open/Half Day Closed – Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
- 11 Half Day TTh Valentine Parties
- 12 Full Day/Half Day MWF Valentine Parties
- 15 All Programs Closed – Presidents' Holiday

MASTER CALENDAR K-9

January 2010

- 25 High School Finals All Week
High School Minimum Days (M-Th) – 11:45 Dismissal
- 26 Auction Meeting – 8:15am
- 28 3rd-5th Chapel – 12:15pm
Middle School Chapel – 1:10pm
- 29 **K-2nd Grade Chapel – 8:30am**
Middle School Super Bowl
End 2nd Quarter – Minimum Day
Dismissal – K at 11:15am; 1st-8th at 11:45am
High School – No School Today

February 2010

- 2 Scrip Non-Uniform Dress Day
- 3 K-8th Jazzercise Assembly – 1pm
- 4 Career Dress Day
3rd-4th Chapel – 12:15pm
5th-8th Chapel – 1:10pm
- 5 8th Grade Cotillion
Report Cards
K-2nd Chapel – 8:30am
- 8 No School – Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
- 9 Bake Sale
- 10 Bake Sale
- 11 3rd-5th Chapel – 12:15pm
Middle School Snow Trip
K Information Meeting – 6pm
- 12 K-2nd Chapel – 8:30am
Red/Pink Dress Day
- 15 No School – Presidents' Holiday



SCRIP

Our families are doing so well with scrip! We have eleven families whose tuition credits are over \$200.00, the highest being \$485.07! And there are still two months to go until this year's final tuition payment! It is a change in buying habits to use scrip, but it's so great to see the return not only to our families, but to our schools. Thank you so much for your participation.

Domino's has **increased** their discount from **5% to 8%**. They have also changed from \$5 gift certificates to \$10 gift cards. However, we still have the \$5 denominations in stock so we will sell those first before selling the gift cards. Please check your local Domino's to make sure they still take scrip – we have heard that there are a few locations that do not participate.

We sell all-occasion **gift card wrappers** for each. There is a place on the bottom of the form to purchase them. Stop by the element office to see our selection.

Please remember to use only **current** scrip forms. Recycle those old forms! There are additions, deletions, and denominational changes made regularly on our scrip form, so using a current form will help us fill your order accurately and without confusion.

CELL PHONES/iPODS

The same rules regarding cell phones and iPods apply during daycare as during the school day. Students **MUST** turn them in when signing in to daycare.

HELP FOR HAITI

Crossroads Church is collecting **Bottled Water, New Clothing, Energy Bars or healthy/nourishing snack items** (that require no refrigeration or special storage). For weekly updates visit www.crossroadschurch.com/globaloutreach.

COACH'S CORNER

Mountain Valley Christian League Grades 6th – 8th Grade Travel Sports Lady Cougars Hold Second Place Position Boys Claim Their First Jr. High Southern Division Athletics Title!

The Cougars easily defeated CSDR to enter as an undefeated number one seed in the Mountain View Jr. High Baseball Championships. The boys will host their first match set for Tuesday, January 26th, at 2:30pm, at home. Parents and students are encouraged to come and cheer on the team. Parking reminder – Please do not park in the lot in front of the field or your vehicle could be subject to a homerun baseball dent.

Lady Cougar Finish 2nd in Southern Division...heading to playoffs!

The Lady Cougars won their last regular season game 14 to 0 over CSDR. The ladies will now go on to their first softball playoff game facing the number one seed Woodcrest, on Tuesday, January 26th, 3:00pm at Woodcrest. Congratulations Ladies & Coaches!!! **(continued on page 3)**



A NOTE FROM MISS PENNY (continued from page 1)

At Crossroads we help you with this by having each child participate in a one-on-one assessment with his/her teacher. This assessment is not an intelligence test, but an assessment of the child's readiness to participate in the kindergarten program based on his/her individual development.

Ready children are able to cope comfortably with all aspects of the program and for them kindergarten will be a place where they eagerly engage in the learning activities and confidently master new skills. If your child is not ready the teacher/school may recommend waiting a year before enrolling them in kindergarten. This recommendation is only made after observing and assessing the child's individual development.

Please remember that waiting another year to start kindergarten does not mean your child "failed" preschool or is being retained, rather he/she is being allowed to develop at his/her own pace. Kindergarten is only the beginning of your child's formal educational years and our desire is that every child enters school confident, eager and excited about learning!

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

Playoff Bracket - Baseball

South #2 CCMV		winner
Tuesday, Jan. 26		
Southwest #1 Woodcrest		winner
Friday Jan 29		
Central #2 Bloomington		winner
Tuesday Jan. 26		
North #1 AAE		
	Championship	
North #2 Hesperia	Tues., Feb 2	winner
Tuesday, Jan. 26		
Central #1 Redlands Chr.		winner
Friday Jan 29		
Southwest #2 Riverside Chr.		winner
Tuesday, Jan. 26		

South #1 Crossroads

Playoff Bracket – Softball

South #2 Crossroads		winner
Tues. Jan 26		
Southwest #1 Woodcrest		winner
Friday Jan 29		
Central #2 Arrowhead Chr.		winner
Tues. Jan 26		
North #1 Hesperia Chr.		
	Championship	
North #2 AAE	Tues., Feb. 2	winner
Tues. Jan 26		
Central #1 Bloomington		winner
Friday Jan 29		
Southwest #2 Riverside Chr.		winner
Tues. Jan 26		
South #1 Cal. Chap. Moreno Val.		

Playoff Locations

Crossroads Christian – 2380 Fullerton Avenue
Woodcrest Christian – 18401 Van Buren Blvd.,
Riverside 92508

Soccer Locations

Riverside Christian – 3532 Monroe Street,
Riverside, 92504
Bethel Christian – 2425 Van Buren Blvd.,
Riverside, 92543
Redlands Christian – 1145 North Church Street,
Redlands, 92374
Crossroads Christian – Games on school site

Sports Clinic (Soccer/Track/Dodgeball) –

K through 2nd Grades
Spring Session – Thursdays, 2:45 to 4pm.,
February 25th to March 25th.

Younger age athletes will get an introduction to three sports played at Crossroads. Students will get a lesson on basic rules and skills to prepare them for future league play. **Free: playground ball to the first 30 students to register.** Fee is \$45.00 for 5 weeks. Fee includes end of session refreshments & participation awards. Rainouts will be added to the end of the session.

COACH'S CORNER (cont. from page 2)

Boys Baseball & Girls Softball – Check with coaches

Inland Empire Christian League –

4th & 5th Grader Travel Sports

SOCCER Season – First Game...First Season Win

SOCCER TEAM – Schedule To Be Updated due to rain & playoffs

Tentative schedule....Pending e-mail confirmations

Feb. 1 st	Redlands @ Crossroads	(HOME)
	Snack -Pavez	Drinks - Grisey
February 2 nd	Crossroads @ Bethel	(AWAY)
	Snack – Bartholomew	Drinks - Smith
Fri., Feb. 5th	Crossroads @ Riverside	(AWAY)
	Snack – Butcher	Drinks - Davis
	Practice Days & Times –	
	Pending until after baseball playoffs	

Next Sport For Elementary Travel Teams – Basketball

Tryouts for the elementary basketball team will be held in February. The team will be open to students in 4th & 5th grades. We currently have one volunteer coach and are looking for one more. If you are interested in being a coach please contact Coach Comfort by e-mail at dcomfort@crossroadsschool.org.

Intramurals – On Campus Sports

Basketball Clinic – Rescheduled Rain Date...This Thursday, January 28th.
Knock-out tournament, awards, & pizza

Track & Field – Open to grades 2nd-6th. Wednesdays, 2:45 to 4p.m. (1/27 to 2/24/10). Program will cover basic track & field events including, 50M & 100M runs, shuttle relays, modified high jump, softball throw, shot put and 50M hurdles. The program will end with a track & field meet. Parents are encouraged & welcome to help run events. Sign-up when you register your child. At the meet all athletes will participate in a grade level shuttle relay (ribbon award) plus three individual events of their choice (2 medal events & 1 ribbon event). Medals will be awarded for two events and ribbons for two events. Fee is \$45.00 for 5 weeks. Fee includes, track & field awards, & meet refreshments. On the last day of the session the time is extended until 4:30pm. Rainouts will be held on Thursdays.

Physical Education Outreach Project – American Heart Association

This year we are happy to join the fight against heart disease and stroke and welcome back the American Heart Association's Jump and Hoops for heart. In all the past years that we have supported this program Cougar families have donated a total of \$22,000. Envelopes will be coming out in February with special hoop and jump events to be held at PE classes the week of March 15th for grades K through 5th. Let's get ready to jump and shoot!

Mighty Ducks SCORE program for 4th Graders – Updated 1/22/10

This is week 2 of our "SCORE" hockey program sponsored by the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. This week we will continue to work on stick safety, and begin passing and shooting. There will also be a special assembly on Monday, March 1st from 9am to 10 am for 4th graders including a special visit from the Ducks mascot "Wild Wing". At the completion of the hockey PE program a team of 4th graders will be chosen to represent Crossroads at a hockey tournament. The tournament date is tentatively set for May 1 or May 8th. **THANKS DUCKS!!!!**