



# The Wings of Eagles

*They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They will rise up on wings of eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40: 31*

The mission of Ramona Lutheran School is to **nurture, educate and equip** the whole child in a Christ-centered environment that helps each person connect to God's love in a deeper, more personal way.

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-----November 20, 2008-----

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

One of the great benefits of the Christian faith is the fact that Jesus prays for us every day of our lives and He is constantly taking our situation to our Heavenly Father.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 24-Nov 30 NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING WEEK

Dec 1 Return to School

Dec 4 Booster Club 3:15 p.m.

Dec 12 P/S & K Christmas Service 7:00 p.m.

Dec 15-16 P/S & K Vision/Hearing Screening

Dec 18 Grades 1-8 Christmas Program 7:00 p.m.

Dec 19-Jan 3 NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS VACATION

Jan 5 Return to School

Jan 5 School Growth Committee Meeting 8:15 a.m.

## School growth committee

Our next meeting will be Friday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:15am at the lunch tables. We have interesting ideas and would love to hear yours as well. Hope to see you there.

## Chapel Update

Last week, Mr. Castberg taught our lesson. We heard about how busy our lives can become. I would like to encourage you to slow down each day and take some time out for our God who always has time for us. Our collections for the orphanage are approaching \$600! Thank you for your giving. Parents, you are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings at 8:30. Come hear the valuable lessons being taught each week.

## Kindergarten News

The class had a lot of fun creating our train station and Friendship Farm out of our canned food gifts. We celebrated Thanksgiving with a Friendship Fruit Salad. Each student brought in a different fruit which was added together in a bowl and a yummy treat was enjoyed by all!

## Third Grade News

Third graders had their delicious Thanksgiving tasting party this week. They have been working hard on book reports. Thank you third graders, for your wonderful singing performance on Sunday!

## First Grade News

First graders had their field trip to the library and met author, composer and musician, Yale Strom. He read his book to the class and played the violin. Mr. Strom generously allowed each child to give the violin a try! First-graders had a fun Thanksgiving party today. Thank you, first grade parents, for the wonderful staff luncheon on Election Day.

## Second Grade News

Our class performed their Thanksgiving play this week. We had our own traditional Thanksgiving feast. Thank you parents! Our class has been practicing several songs with the chimes.

## Journalism Club grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

A school journalism club is forming for students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. We will develop a new school newspaper. Students will be nominated by their teachers, to participate. When we return from Thanksgiving break, we'll have a contest for the whole school called "name our newspaper." A prize will be given to the winner.

## Please add to "Dates to remember":

Dec. 5: School growth committee meeting 8:15 am

## Christian Book Distributors (CBD) gives back 10%

We are now online affiliates of Christian Book Distributors (CBD). Simply connect to CBD through the christianbooks.com link on the RLS website before placing your order. The link can be found on the bottom left corner of our home page.

### **RLS Scrip**

SCRIP is a great way to shop for Christmas and it also makes **GREAT** Christmas gifts. Order Scrip from RLS. The website is [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Our school enrollment code is 64168F9317976

### **Lands' End**

From now through December 19, 2008, Lands' End and Great Lakes Scrip Center will offer an extra 2% contribution when you order scrip through RLS. Instead of the usual 17%, it will be a 19% contribution to your account. If your child is in need of any uniforms, please consider ordering during these dates and receive the bonus 2%.

### **NEED CHILDCARE?**

If anyone is in need of child care over Thanksgiving break or through Christmas break, please contact Michele Michaux @ 787-1154.

### **BOOSTER CLUB CONTEST WINNERS**

Congratulations to the 2nd grade for building the winning structure with their donated foods. Thank you to Mr. Meyer and Thrivent Financial For Lutherans for awarding all of the classes a pizza party. Thank you to all the families who were so generous and donated food for the Food and Clothes Closet. Our school collected close to 700 items to share with others. Brian from the Food and Clothes Closet was on campus as a judge and to thank all the children for their help in helping others in need.

### **Lutheran Schools are great places to grow because...**

They are driven by a commitment to the Gospel and focused on a mission of bringing hope and healing to students and their families.

They are governed by board members who clearly understand their roles and focus on the vision and board policies that effectively govern the operation of the school.

They are engaged in effective strategic planning which enables the Lutheran school to maximize its ability to achieve its mission. They utilize an accreditation process like National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA). They develop and follow a business plan. They develop and implement a communications/marketing plan.

They meet or exceed state and national academic standards at all grade levels.

They help to develop a minimum of 30 developmental assets in children.

They lead a minimum of 3% of their students to professional church work.

They lead students to share Christ and their faith story in an unbelieving world.

They identify future leaders for our schools.

**...and they have educators who...**

**Model visionary leadership.** They inspire a shared vision and model the way. They practice stewardship of resources, build up others and empathize with others.

**Model servant leadership.** Do those served grow as persons; do they while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? (Robert Greenleaf)

**Model spiritual leadership.** They study God's Word, share their personal faith story, apply law and Gospel appropriately, exhibit a passion for ministry, act courageously, equip God's people for service, care for others, demonstrate integrity, and pray.