



Weekly Notes

January 5, 2018

From the Administrator

Working at the Oregon legislature in the 1980s was a heady time. There were exciting things happening. Redistricting. Vote by mail. A group of rogue conservative bi-partisan legislators who called themselves the "Green Hornets" (no one knows why) who could hold the House and Senate votes hostage when needed. There was a dashing, single, young senator by the name of Kitzhaber who caused head shaking because he refused to conform - wore jeans and cowboy boots - and was always polite and respectful to us staffers . How times have changed.

I willingly gave up politics because of another dashing young man who was always polite and respectful. Even more important, he loved and served the God of the Bible. I married him.

My first term at the legislature, I was blessed to work for a woman who is a stalwart Christian. She was the toughest boss I ever had but I love her dearly. She taught me the difference between a politician and a statesman. A politician is more concerned about how they are perceived and the next election.

A statesman is concerned with...stewardship. When I worked at the legislature, I kept a Bible verse on the wall that provided encouragement when I felt troubled by the politics.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men ~ Colossians 3:23

Stewardship must include our time, talent and resources, as well as relationships and all of God's creation. Last week I shared about our first strategic goal. All of the goals are intertwined. None stand independent. By considering the relocation of our high school, we can support our second strategic goal, which is to enhance our elementary and middle school programs.

Our goal is to work heartily for the Kingdom, helping your students discover their God-given gifting, equipping them and supporting them as they begin to live out that gifting wherever God leads them. We are stewards, working alongside parents, in this mission. Our goal is to be Colossians 3:23 people.

May the Lord bless you during this new year.

Mrs. Olson

Mark Your Calendar

- **No School Martin Luther King Day:** Jan. 15
- **Pick-up Switch:** Jan. 16
- **No School Teacher In-Service:** Jan. 26
- **ACSI District Spelling Bee** Jan. 29
- **Parent Meeting (5th and 8th Grade)** Jan. 30
- **Automatic Re-Enrollment Begins:** Feb. 1
- **Honor Roll Assembly:** Feb. 2nd
- **Student of the Month (K-5):** Feb. 7
- **Student of the Month (MS/HS):** Feb. 9th
- **Middle School Mania:** Feb. 9th
- **Spirit Week:** Feb. 12-16
- **No School Presidents Day:** Feb. 19th
- **ACSI Regional Spelling Bee and No School In Service:** Feb. 23
- **Open House:** Open House Feb. 26 6:30-8pm

Pick Up Switch

Pick up switch begins on **Tuesday, Jan. 16** (Monday is a holiday). That means that 1st pick up people become 2nd pick up people and vice versa. 1st Pick Up is at **3:00 (last name M-Z)** and 2nd Pick Up is at **3:15 (last name A-L)**.

No School Monday 1/15 - MLK Day

ATTACHED: Patient Poster, After School Classes, Scrip

Information

January Student of the Month: Patience

Our Student of the Month (SOM) theme revolves around the 4G's: the Greatest Commandment, the Golden Rule, the Gospel, and the Great Commission. Our verse for the year is from Colossians 3:12-15. We are looking at the first part of the verse for our January SOM trait of "patience, bearing with one another:" "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, and patience, bearing with one another..." Patience falls into our next 4G trait of "Freely forgiven/Forgive freely: The Gospel."

Attached to these Weekly Notes is the poster that talks about what "patience" is, what it looks like, and what it is not. We encourage you to discuss this trait at home, brainstorm examples of what it looks like in a family environment, and to encourage examples of patience at home.

FFCS Spring Dessert - Building a Firm Future

Join us on Saturday, March 10th at 7:00 P.M. for an evening of inspiration and insight as we explore our mission and the impact FFCS is having on families in our community.

Our Speaker:

Dr. Scott Rodin has a passion for helping Christian ministry leaders take a Biblical approach to leadership development, strategic planning, board development and raising kingdom resources. Over the past thirty years, he has worked with hundreds of organizations in the U.S., Canada, Middle East, Great Britain, China, India, the Philippines and Australia.

Dr. Rodin is president of The Steward's Journey and Kingdom Life Publishing. He also runs Rodin Consulting, Inc. He is a Senior Fellow of the Association of Biblical Higher Education and is past board chair of ChinaSource and the Evangelical Environmental Network. Dr. Rodin holds Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Systematic Theology from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Register on our web page at <http://www.firmfoundationchristianschool.org/>

FFCS Annual Father's Day Golf Tournament

Happy New Year from Firm Foundation Christian School!

We are excited for the new endeavors planned for 2018, including our Annual Father's Day Golf Tournament! There is a new excitement for the tournament this year as it is being held at Lewis River Golf Course in Woodland, WA. (right on the Lewis River!).

The tournament will be taking place on Friday, June 15th with an 8:00 A.M. shotgun start. Check-in starts at 7:00 A.M.

You will have an opportunity to register as a team, individual player, or tournament sponsor!

Registration begins May 1st.

Stay informed on the latest updates at ffcs.org/golf.

Information

Patriot Pen Award

3rd - 5th Grade Essay Awards

Congratulations to our upper elementary essay contest winners! The 3rd – 5th grade students responded to the writing prompt, “What does a veteran mean to me?” for the Yacolt Auxiliary: Veterans of Foreign Wars. The winners are listed below; click on the name to download and read the essay.

3rd

Isla Mackenzie, 1st Place
Carolyn Riley, 1st Place
Cassidy Haushild, 2nd Place
Emma Kovalev, 3rd Place

4th

Brody Nieto, 1st Place
Anahi Vargas, 1st Place
Brooklyn Hoss, 2nd Place
Renny Miller, 3rd Place

5th

Emma Riley, 2nd Place

6th – 8th Grade Patriot’s Pen Awards

Congratulations to our middle school essay winners from the Yacolt Auxiliary: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Patriot’s Pen Contest.

1st Place: Avery Tapio, 7th Grade
2nd Place: Elsa Helmes, 7th Grade
3rd Place: Adrian Tapio, 7th Grade

Family Fun Night

FFN is not being held this year and we will be revamping it for next year. We put out a request for a volunteer to head it up, but no one had the time to take it on. Thanks!

Winter After School Classes

Firm Foundation is offering after school classes. Each class is designed with a specific age group in mind. Classes run for 8 weeks from Jan. 29 to March 23 (except for Badminton– note date changes below). **Sign up deadline: Wednesday, January 24th.**

***Smarts and Crafts**

***Middle School Badminton Fun!**

***Watercolor Painting**

***High School Badminton Fun!**

Information

High School Basketball Schedule

1/16	6pm Varsity	@ WSD
1/18	7:00 V	Columbia Adventist
1/25	5:30 JV 7:00 V	@ Naselle
1/30	5:30 JV 7:00 V	Three Rivers
2/1	7:00 V	@ WSD

Scrip

Scrip cards are gift cards that the school purchases at a discount and sells for face value. This is a great and easy way to help raise money for our school. You can find scrip cards for most of your everyday purchases on the order form that is attached. **Scrip orders need to be prepaid and in the office by 9am on Tuesday** and will be available for pick up that Friday.

A small selection of scrip is available in the office for immediate purchase. These usually include:

- Amazon
- Home Depot
- Olive Garden/Red Lobster
- Subway
- Burgerville
- Lowes
- Safeway
- Taco Bell
- Fred Meyer
- Red Robin
- Starbucks
- Visa

Benefit

This weekend is a great weekend to shop and dine using the Benefit Mobile app! Download the BENEFIT MOBILE app and sign up to support Firm Foundation Christian School!

Here's how it works:

1. Install Benefit on your iPhone or Android, then link your credit card or checking account to the app.
2. Designate Firm Foundation Christian School as the beneficiary.
3. Start purchasing digital gift cards for hundreds of top retailers to use when you shop online or in person. When you redeem the gift cards at checkout, a portion of the proceeds is set aside for FFCS!



For more information, visit benefit-mobile.com.