



The BUZZ

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PARENTS: Thank you for taking time to read this each week.

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"GLORIFYING GOD THROUGH SPIRITUAL AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE"

"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the gentle for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied.
Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God
Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 5:3-10

I Have A Dream by Faith Pyzer, 10th Grade

Believe it or not we all have dreams.

Most are different, but some are the same.

Some will dream of being on teams.

Others dream of becoming sane.

Mine is of something that isn't quite normal.

I don't wish to change my name,

Or even always be formal,

But to not put God to shame.

He is the one I dream to live for.

I don't want to go my own way.

I don't want to shut the door,

Or live foolishly and think it's okay.

He created me for a reason,

And I plan to find out what.

I dream to not be charged for treason,

But instead see the gates of glory not shut.

One day my time here will end.

My purpose at last complete.

I hope that with the time they spend,

They will also long to live my dream.

"Pray Without Ceasing" 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Mrs. Beuving invites you to join her in the Teacher Meeting Room in the main office for a brief time of prayer for our school and students any Tuesday at 2:45 p.m. Your 15 minute investment just before the kids are dismissed can multiply to tremendous blessing for our school.

Pray for our Students

Please pray alongside us as we pray for each one of our students one-by one throughout the school year. We invite you to join us in asking God's hand and blessing on these students and their families.

Tuesday	Kenna Smith	Second Grade
Wednesday	Cody Taglio	Preschool
Thursday	Trenton Taglio	First Grade
Friday	Lily Turrill	Fifth Grade
<i>Next Monday</i>	<i>Schuyler Turrill</i>	<i>10th Grade</i>
<i>Next Tuesday</i>	<i>Daniel Vanoven</i>	<i>Fifth Grade</i>

P.T.O. Meeting THIS THURSDAY, February 2, 6:30 p.m.

Our next P.T.O. meeting is this Thursday and all parents (preschool to high school) are invited to participate. Our P.T.O. meetings are almost always the First Thursday of the month. This month, Mrs. Travis (3rd/4th Grade) and Mrs. Craighead (5th/6th Grade) will be in attendance and will share with the parents. This is an opportunity for you to get to know your child's teacher (or prospective teacher) more personally and can help build valuable parent-teacher communication. The P.T.O. also plans to confirm their proposed activity calendar based upon feedback from parents. Your participation in these open school leadership meetings and in important P.T.O. activities is what makes our P.T.O. productive for the good of our school.

Preschool Discovery Trip to the Redwood Valley Fire Station Feb 7

Our preschool kids are already looking forward to their Discovery Trip to the Redwood Valley Fire Station on February 7. This is always a highlight of our preschool year as the children hear an important talk about fire safety and get a chance to see a real fire engine up close. Departure will be at 9:00 a.m.. Parents can make this day even more special for your children if it is possible for Mom or Dad to join us as chaperones. Please look for additional information and permission slips from Mrs. Macy.

Kindergartners to Visit Ukiah Library February 8

Did you know that the #1 predictor of college success is not economic background, race or language of origin – it is simply parents who read with their children and have their children read to them?

At Deep Valley Christian School we place a high priority on teaching our kids to love reading – and to read a lot! This is why we were so excited to have our own DVCS School Library back up and running with so many great new books for all our classes. It is also why each year our Kindergarten Teacher Ms. Wright schedules a wonderful discovery trip to the Ukiah Public Library where the Librarian reads to the kids, gives them a tour, and each child gets his/her own library card. The Kindergartners will be heading out to the library and opening the door to a world filled with wonder on Wednesday, February 8 at 10:15 a.m. returning in time for regular dismissal at 12:15 p.m.. Kindergarten parents, look for more info from Ms. Wright.

P.S. Remember the Kindergartners are looking forward to celebrating the 100th Day of School on Friday, February 17 with special presentations and refreshments. Parents are invited!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 2	P.T.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m. – All Parents Are Invited
February 8	Discovery Trip to Ukiah Public Library - Kindergarten
February 7	Discovery Trip to Redwood Valley Fire Station - Preschool Auction Meeting 6:30 p.m. DVCS Board Meeting – Public Session begins 8:00 p.m.
February 9	Discovery Trip to Ukiah Symphony and Ballet - 1 st -6 th Grades
February 13	Love Gift to Center for Life Choices Presented at Elementary Chapel
February 15	NAEP Testing for 9 Year Old Students
March 9	DVCS Science Fair
March 24	Mendocino County Science Fair

Discovery Trip to Ukiah Symphony & Ballet - 1st-6th Grades Feb 9

At DVCS we seek to provide our students a wide-range of fine arts opportunities. This year we are delighted that the Ukiah Symphony and Ballet Company is presenting “Tubby the Tuba” a musical production which will introduce our elementary students to the instruments of a symphony orchestra in a fun and creative way. We will be departing school on Thursday, February 9 @ 9:30 a.m. for our 10:15 a.m. reserved-seat showing at Mendocino College. The cost for the performance is \$5 per student plus \$3 to defray the cost of transportation for our drivers. Please return the signed permission slips (and the \$8 cost) to your student’s teacher. We want all of our students to be able to enjoy this wonderful performance, so if the cost of this trip is a hardship for your student to attend, please contact Pastor or Mrs. Jones and we will see what we can do to help defray the cost. **NOTE:** We are still recruiting drivers and chaperones for the event (\$5 performance cost for adults). Please contact your student’s teacher. *Also, please remember that a new California State Law now requires that all students 8 years old and younger (who are not 4’ 9” inches or taller) to use a federally-approved Child Safety Booster Seat. Please ensure that you provide your own student with the approved seating to attend this event.*

A Taste of Social Studies

As part of their class studies of Italy, our 5th/6th graders enjoyed making (and eating!) delicious Parmesan Chicken with Pasta, Garlic Cheese Bread, and yummy Zeppoli. We asked the question “Who invented pizza?” and a race was on to see who could do the research and find the answer first. Mrs. Gillham offered an incentive prize of two ice cream tickets and a small bouncy ball. Congratulations to our tie winners – Daniel Vanoven and Sebastian Fennell who both turned in the correct answer at 8:00 a.m. the following day! Thank you to Mrs. Gillham for planning such a fun and memorable cooking class!

Savings Bank of Mendocino on DVCS Campus EVERY WEDNESDAY

The Savings Bank of Mendocino County is partnering with Deep Valley Christian School to help children learn about banking and the benefits of building a savings account. To enable your student to participate, stop by any branch of Savings Bank with your student to open a joint Student Savings Account with as little as 10 cents. Please be sure to bring social security numbers, your Driver’s License, and a secondary form of I.D. There are convenient branches in Ukiah, Redwood Valley, Willits, and elsewhere. The South Ukiah Office (on Talmage near the Walmart) offers Saturday hours. Once a Student Savings Account has been established, your child may make deposits at DVCS any Wednesday when the Savings Bank Representatives will be on campus. While the student will be issued a passbook when he/she opens the account, it is not necessary for the student to have the passbook with him/her on Wednesday to make a deposit. The Bank Representatives will set up either in front of or just inside the Gym.

"Go into all the World"

Our elementary students were treated to a special chapel on Monday when former missionary Ivy Otto came to tell us about her work in Uganda. The students were fascinated with learning about the people and culture in Africa and about the exciting work of the missionaries to share the Good News of Jesus Christ "to the uttermost parts of the earth." The kids learned that life can be very hard for children in other parts of the world but that Jesus loves everyone. After realizing the many challenges that Christians face in Uganda, one student was overheard after chapel remarking, *"I'm glad that I don't live there"* only to have his friend reply, *"That was interesting... I think it would cool to live there and talk about Jesus. I think I might want to do that when I grow up."* Thank you to Ivy Otto for her wonderful personal testimony and for expanding our student's understanding of the world and the power of Jesus to change lives for the better. And thank you to Ms. Wright for arranging this wonderful "horizon-opening" chapel for our students.

High School Trip to Stanford Linear Accelerator Postponed

As Ms. Wright was finalizing our science discovery trip for our sophomores to take a tour of the Linear Accelerator at Stanford, the University requested that we wait one year until our students are Juniors. They indicated that these tours are generally geared for Juniors and Seniors who would best benefit from the opportunity. *Ms. Wright is already working on reserving a spot for early next year to tour this premier science facility!*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Parents, as we begin the second semester, please reinforce the following with your students:

After School Pick-Up:

To ensure the safety of all our students in the minutes immediately following dismissal, we require that elementary students "wait on the wall with their class" so they can be supervised by their teacher until either their parents arrive to pick them up in the parking area or the day care bell rings at 3:15 p.m. It would be very helpful if parents who come up to campus instruct their children to wait on the wall with their class until the parent is ready to depart campus or the parent is available to supervise their own children (*it is difficult for children to see other kids whose parents have arrived having "free rein to play" while they are waiting on the wall for their own parents.*) Our staff will be re-emphasizing this long-standing DVCS safety policy with our students and your parental help would be appreciated.

Appropriate P.E. Footwear:

Our P.E. teachers have asked us to remind families that students need to wear appropriate athletic shoes (i.e. tennis shoes) for P.E. Students cannot run with safety and are much more likely to fall wearing dress shoes, boots, sandals, etc. It is easiest if students simply come to school in the appropriate footwear – however, if they do come to class wearing something else, they are required to bring appropriate P.E. shoes to change into. The capacity to fully participate in P.E. is not only good for the students physically – it is also good for the students learning as research has confirmed a strong link between vigorous kinesthetic activity and brain development. (*And academic research shows that student's brain development is on-going until the age of 24 – developing a habit of regular physical activity maximizes brain development and contributes to long-term brain health.*)

It's Not Too Late -- Sees' Candy for Valentine's Day

While today (January 31) is our "Short and Sweet" Valentine's Day See's Candy Sale deadline, Mrs. Huffman said that she could still accept orders through the end of the day (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday for their return by Valentine's Day. This is a great gift for a loved one or friend.

Note: The smallest box yields back 50% to the school! Extra order forms are in the office.

Make-Up Academic Screening

Most of our classes have finished or are finishing up the Slingerland Assessment Screening which will provide our teachers and families important information about how best each of our individual students learn. If students were absent when their class tests were conducted, our teachers are willing to conduct make-up assessments, but they must be performed after school. If your student missed one day or more of this valuable screening assessment, please speak with your student's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient make-up. Mrs. Kozeluh is already beginning her trained analysis of the results and this information will become available to parents at the end of February.

DVCS Students Showing Their Love for Moms with Babies

Please continue to encourage your students in their generous giving to support this worthwhile non-profit agency in Ukiah that provides outstanding services to women and babies to give them a loving start in life. Every classroom from Preschool to High School has a "baby bottle" in which our students are collecting pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars (and even checks!) When each bottle is filled, it is turned in to our Bookkeeper Peggy Huffman who will then prepare the funds to be given to a representative of the Center for Life Choices in Elementary Chapel on February 13 as a special gift of our student's love (just in time for Valentine's Day!) *Thank you to all our students and their families for your generous support!*

"Valentine Grams"

Our High School Students are earning funds to attend and participate in the ACSI Speech Meet and will be preparing DELICIOUS DECORATED VALENTINE'S COOKIES which may be ordered to be hand-delivered to the classroom of your child on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14. The price of the cookie includes a hand-made Valentine! And if you order by February 1, in addition to your Valentine Gram, a bonus balloon will be delivered to the person of your choice. Valentine Grams may be ordered through February 7. Additional sign-up sheets are available in Mrs. England's office. Children and teenagers alike love receiving these very special loving treats. (The A.S.B. Leadership Team noted that teachers and staff love Valentine Grams, too! 😊)

Take Advantage of our "Andrew Discount" for New Enrollments

Our Deep Valley Christian School Board would like to encourage our students and parents to share their good experiences at Deep Valley with friends, families, and neighbors and invite them to experience "the Deep Valley difference." Deep Valley Christian School offers a unique educational program in our community -- high academics, personalized instruction, and a focused commitment to Jesus Christ. We are continuing open enrollment throughout the year and as a thank you we are again offering our "Andrew Discount" to families who bring someone to enroll at DVCS. Our second semester begins this week and it is a perfect time for a new student to make a positive transition.

Andrew was the first disciple whom Jesus called to follow Him -- and Andrew brought his brother Peter to meet Jesus. This was a pattern repeated over and over in the early church as the church grew both in numbers and in impact. With Deep Valley's "Andrew Discount" -- any currently registered family who brings a newly enrolled family for our second semester, will receive \$100 off their February tuition. *(Bring more newly enrolled families and receive more bonuses!)* Please think about your families and friends throughout this month and consider whom you might invite to consider Deep Valley as a wise educational choice in training up students to glorify God through spiritual and academic excellence. *Thank you!*