



# Grapevine

## Prayer Kids

Monday - Rhema A. (3), Emberlynn C. (3)  
Tuesday - Kira C. (3), Kendra C. (3)  
Wednesday - Madelyn H. (3), Sam K. (3)  
Thursday - Brianna N. (3), Jessie P. (3)  
Friday - Natalie R. (3), Rosalia T. (3)

## What are Prayer Kids?

At the start of each day as a part of our morning prayer, we as a staff will pray for the two students listed for each day. We also ask our parents to join us in praying for these students each day. Let's utilize the power of corporate prayer for our students and watch the Lord work in wonderful ways!

## Dates to Remember

Nov. 18 - Picture Retakes  
Nov. 23-27 - Thanksgiving Break  
Dec. 19 - Christmas Break Begins  
Jan. 4 - School Resumes

## Chess Club

We will be starting a Thursday afternoon chess club beginning this Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15 after school. We will be learning together chess strategy and tactics and having fun playing each other. Let Mr. Nelson know if you are interested.

## Principal's Corner

### "Lima Bean Hungry"

I hated lima beans. They were the bane of my childhood dinner time experience. I remember the bag of frozen mixed vegetables had a picture of a variety of vegetables; green beans, corn, peas, carrots, maybe some broccoli and cauliflower, but always lima beans. Big, pale green lima beans. In the picture it seemed only a few, small examples of the dreaded bean were in each package. The horrible reality, however, revealed itself upon opening. Half the contents, it seemed to me, were these monstrous green packets ofretch inducing blandness. I happily ate every other vegetable and ended up with a plateful of the dreaded beans. I remember choking

them down, wishing these big green legume blobs had never been created. What was God thinking? Did I mention I hated lima beans?

I went on a group backpacking trip one summer during my high school years. It was my first long pack trip, seven days on the trail. I remember the food being only marginally satisfying. I was a teenage boy with a bottomless pit of a stomach and the food provided seemed to be lacking in quantity as well as quality. I remember one day in particular. We had a long day of hiking (15-20 miles) and I was ravenous. After setting up my tent the other boys and I began circling the cook area like a pack of hyenas. When someone finally started looking like they were getting dinner ready we asked hungrily, "What are we having for dinner?" The answer nearly brought me to tears, "lima bean soup."

I was hungry, but was I lima bean hungry?

Jesus makes an interesting statement as he talks to a crowd in a hillside.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."  
Matthew 5:6

What is righteousness? Does it mean being right? Does it mean following all the rules in the smallest detail? Does it mean knowing your Bible better than the next guy? I don't believe it means any of those things.

What is righteousness, then? The righteous are those who show love to their fellow man.

They are the ones who show compassion and grace through their actions. The righteous are kind to others when it hurts to do so. The righteous love their enemies. The righteous are the Good Samaritans of the world, who help with no expectation of the favor being returned. They do all of this even when they don't feel like it. This was far more important to Jesus than being right about things while treating others wrong, something the Pharisees were very good at.

"For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20

I ate the lima bean soup. I was filled. It actually tasted good.

My hunger was strong, strong enough to overcome my reluctance to eat those beans. I was glad I did even though I didn't want to, and to my surprise they tasted wonderful. Could the same be said for acts of righteousness?

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How hungry are you? Are you lima bean hungry?

God bless,

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