



Grapevine

Prayer Kids

Monday - Malia B. (2), Selah B. (2)
Tuesday - Willow G. (2), Zoe G.(2)
Wednesday - Emerson H. (2), Eden H. (2)
Thursday - Braydon K. (2), Nevaeh L. (2)
Friday - Genesis M. (2), Olivia N. (2)

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

Apr. 13, 14 - P/T Conf. Half Day,
12:15 dismissal
May 31 - Memorial Day (No School)
June 10 - 8th Grade Graduation
June 11 - Last Day of School

Chess Club

We will continue a Thursday afternoon chess club this Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15 after school. We will be learning together chess strategy and tactics while having fun playing each other.

Principal's Corner

"Resurrection Fun?"

It should go without saying that Jesus had good news to tell his friends (read John 15:15) that Resurrection Sunday. It was literally the best news ever! How Jesus chose to tell that good news can tell us a lot about his personality. Is it possible Jesus was having some fun with his friends while capitalizing on a teachable moment?

Luke 24 tells the story so well. After showing himself to some of the women at the tomb, Jesus joins two disheartened followers as they were walking the 7 miles back to the little village of Emmaus that Sunday afternoon. Jesus is in disguise so they don't

recognize him. The two are talking about the week's events and the "stranger" asks them what they are talking about as if he has no idea what has happened. They are incredulous and fill him in on the events of the last few days. They tell the disguised Jesus about the report of the women who went to the tomb that morning and that the body was gone. The women told them that Jesus was alive again! They weren't sure what to believe.

As they continue walking the miles to their home in Emmaus, the "stranger" explains to the two of them that this was exactly what Moses and the prophets had predicted would happen. It was a walking Bible study from the best teacher of all and they had no clue!

When they get home the two insist that this "stranger" stay for supper as it was getting late. Jesus agrees to stay, but he has a surprise for them. He takes the bread offered, gives thanks, and breaks it as the disguise falls away. I imagine him giving them a smile as he simply disappears into thin air.

I love how Jesus convinces them of the reality of the resurrection before revealing himself in such a cool way!

These two don't even stop to eat, but run the 7 miles back to Jerusalem to tell the others what happened. They find the followers hiding in a room and begin to tell the story. Jesus has another surprise. Suddenly he just appears standing there with them and says the equivalent of, "Hey guys, good to

see you." Again, I imagine his smile as he enjoys the surprise on their faces. Remember, this is good news he gets to tell them!

They are scared that they are seeing a ghost, so he invites them to touch him and feel his hands to prove that he's real. Convinced he is not a ghost, they are still speechless and silent, not sure how to relate to someone who was alive after being dead. To put them at ease he asks for some food (as if he was hungry) and eats some fish in front of them.

At this point it's obvious that He is real and I imagine hugs and smiles all around as they have Jesus back from the dead. This has to be the happiest day ever! Jesus again explains how this was all a part of the plan from the beginning, that he had tried to tell them beforehand, but they were just not at a place to be able to understand.

The joy of that day must have been overwhelming. And what a teachable moment for all of the followers. If you have ever had the opportunity to tell someone some really, really good news, then you have a small taste of the fun Jesus had in being able to tell his friend the best news ever! And I love how he chooses to do it!

God bless,

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