



Grapevine

Prayer Kids

Monday - Aleena V. (6), Eddie V. (6)
Tuesday - Caleb W. (6), Leilani D. (7)
Wednesday - Christian F. (7), Mikayla N. (7)
Thursday - Samantha N. (7), Alexis B. (8)
Friday - Ruby E. (8), Valaria M. (8)

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

Mar. 19 - End of 3rd Quarter
Mar. 22-26 - Spring Break
Mar. 29 - Teacher Inservice - No School
Mar. 30 - 4th Quarter begins
Apr. 13, 14 - P/T Conf. Half Day,
12:15 dismissal

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

The Proposal and the Commitment

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, . . ." Matthew 4:19

A few years ago I went on a hike with some friends up above the old Richardson Springs resort just outside of Chico, CA. After clearing our visit with the property owners we walked up the creek to a waterfall in a narrow gorge and then up to a small reservoir. Near the reservoir we noticed a massive fallen oak tree and we went to have a look. On a whim I climbed up on the side of the fallen tree just to get a feel for the size of the huge oak. I noticed a scar on the side of the trunk about the size of a piece of notebook paper. It looked like the tree had been trying to grow over the scar for more than a few years. I saw what looked like a message that had been written there years ago. It took a bit to decipher the note as the new growth had come close to covering some of the message.



It said, "Will you marry me?"

I could imagine a young suitor making a visit to that oak and writing his proposal on this living tablet. I picture him coming back to this tree with his

young lover and stopping just at this spot, hoping she would notice the message on the tree. I wondered if she said, "Yes!" It seemed such a romantic moment.

We love romantic proposals. We've all heard the stories. Ask any married couple and most of the time the memories are vivid when they describe that special event. Men often work hard to create the right moment in a unique setting. Underwater while scuba diving. On top of a mountain. In a crowded restaurant. On a picnic looking up at the sky while a plane circles overhead trailing the question behind. On a secluded beach. In a hot air balloon. In a flash mob recorded for posterity and posted on youtube. The list is almost endless, a testament to the creativity of man.

I think back to my own proposal (or lack of one I should say). It was embarrassingly unromantic. There was no surprise, no well planned moment. It was only a series of discussions that began with my future wife laying her cards on the table and saying to me, "Is marriage a possibility here?" It then moved to a waiting period of 6 months (We set an exact date, can you believe it!) for us both to ponder the possibility. Our decision was finally made sitting in our college cafeteria just before Christmas break. So much

for any romantic creativity on my part.

A proposal does not make a marriage, however. It takes something more. Traditional marriage vows go something like this:

"I, (name), take you (name), to be my (wife/husband), to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish; from this day forward until death do us part."

The vows are a lifelong commitment, a commitment to push through problems large and small, to hold on tenaciously to your spouse no matter what comes (and you never know). This is what makes a marriage.

We have a God that romances us like no other. He brings us flowers, fields filled with them. He sings us love songs, morning and night as the birds and creatures of the night unite in chorus. He is the artist who paints the hills at sunrise and directs the movements of the clouds and stars. The poetry of the seasons are the tokens of his love.

But it is his commitment that makes our love affair last. His love for us has endured every possible test. He has seen us at our worst and yet will not be released from his passionate commitment to us. He too, has made a vow.

"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you or forsake you."

Joshua 1:5

God bless,

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