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"To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice."

Proverbs 21:3

From the Desk of Dr. Wrobbel

This year for missions week we focused on caring for the physical and educational needs of people in the country of Ghana. Specifically we partnered with Global Business Assist. The pre-k through fifth grade students raised funds to provide resources for Rose Academy, a Christian school for Ghanan children located outside of Sunyani, Ghana. The sixth through eighth grade students raised money to help provide micro-enterprise loans and business training. It was wonderful to see our students so engaged in learning more about the admonition in 1John 3:18: "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth". Through classroom activities and reports from Doug (school dad) and Abby (Trinity Oaks 8th grader) Mann, who had visited Ghana this fall, our students were able to gain a vision of the need and see what God is doing in Ghana. It was also very exciting to see so many of our students participate in the Ghanan lunch on Tuesday and gain a better understanding of what kind of food is typical in Ghana. We will be adding up all the pennies from the school-wide penny war that the students participated in to raise funds, and we will report the total to you next week. I am so thankful that God touched the hearts of our students and staff during this week with a renewed sense of the importance of reaching out to others for Christ.

Book Worms of all Ages

Next Monday and Tuesday, March 8 & 9, come visit the TOCA Book Fair in the library. On Monday the book fair will be open between the hours of 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and on Tuesday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Come and check out the expanded offering of books for kids, teens and adults. Don't miss it!

Let the Science Fair Begin

Display boards have been fine tuned, reports turned in, classroom presentations finished, and judges have been trained...now it's time for the students to share their scientific knowledge on Tuesday, March 9. The elementary (grades 1-5) science fair will be in the cafeteria, and the junior high in the gym. If you child needs assistance setting up their display, please park in one of the lots and escort them into the building. Please note that judging will be from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. No parents will be allowed to be present during this time. Open viewing of the projects will start at 10:15 a.m. followed by an awards ceremony at 11 a.m.

Illinois Department of Health State Dental Requirement

The Illinois Department of Health requires that all students in kindergarten, second, and sixth grades must have a Proof of School Dental Examination Form on file prior to May 15th. The exam must have been completed within 18 months preceding the May 15th deadline. If your dentist does not have a copy of this form, we have a link available for you on the TOCA website under "Forms".

Race for Education Labels

Don't forget to complete your label sheets and turn them into the school office by March 12. Remember, you will be filling out two identical sheets, either computer generated or hand written, with the family name on the top label on the left. You will also turn in two identical green sheets with the names that your children refer to each addressee as on the labels. Each student will have their own green sheet to make letters

