



## **RLA News and Notes**

**October 9, 2008**

### **Principal's Note**

Wednesday in our Chapel service Pastor Ault asked the children if they knew what the devil looked like. Obviously, some thought immediately about the Halloween costumes that are sold and worn every year but another student said that we don't really know. The Bible tells us that when the devil first appeared to Adam and Eve he didn't resemble the Halloween costume at all. He appeared as a snake, but since sin had not yet entered into the world, Adam and Eve did not fear the snake at all. It was a terrible surprise for Adam and Eve to discover that the snake and the fruit he offered were both bad. People have been sinning ever since they succumbed to the temptation.

The devil is sneaky and will do anything to tempt man to do bad. He has a way of making things that are bad for us look oh so good. From the fruit in the garden to the temptations we face today, the devil never quits in his attempt to get us to turn away from God. He uses what appear to be good things or good people to make his way seem to be the way to go. Our children face this every day. If adults regularly fall for the devil's temptation when we should know better, just think how tough it is for our children.

Jesus never gave in to the devil. He quoted the Bible when he was tempted. He knew God's Word and it made Him strong. When the devil tempts us, we too need to be strong. We might not know enough about God's Word to quote as Jesus did, but we can talk to our Lord. We can ask for the strength to resist temptation.

Thank God for RLA and for the opportunity I have to lead this school as we seek to prepare your children to face the world's temptations.

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A little girl walked daily to and from school. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trip to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along came the thunder and lightning.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school, and she herself feared that the electrical storm might harm her child. Following the roar of thunder and lightning through the sky the mother quickly got in her car and drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile.

Another and another were to follow quickly, each with the little girl stopping, looking up and smiling. Finally, the mother called over to her child and asked, "What are you doing?" The child answered, smiling, "God just keeps taking pictures of me."

The sweet innocence of a child gives us something to think about. The dangers that bombard our children cause much anxiety. The realization that we cannot protect our children from everything hopefully leads us to accept that God alone holds our children in His arms. He alone knows the purpose of their lives. Trust in Him as this little girl did.

### Chapel Offering

Our Chapel offering for 10/8 was \$25.28. This quarter we are going to be donating our offerings to the Hope Mission in South Bend so they can continue to serve hot meals to the needy. Chapel is held on Wednesdays at 8:30. Parents are always welcome to worship with us.

### Search Engine

Instead of using Google try GoodSearch.com. RLA earns a penny for every search. GoodSearch also has a new shopping program that can raise funds to support RLA.

### Volunteers Needed

- 1) Classroom helpers
  - 2) Lunch helpers - 11:00-12:30
  - 3) Library helpers
- Call the office if you would like to help out.

### Market Day

Delivery day for orders is Oct. 14. They may be picked up between 3:00 and 4:00. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck and sort orders. Please call Stephanie Perkins at 273-5451 if you can help.

### Calendar

The complete school calendar for this year is posted on our web-site ([www.rlasouthbend.com](http://www.rlasouthbend.com)).

### Wish List

Here are a few items:

#### **MILK**

#### **Styrofoam cups**

apple juice

TV sets (that work!)

DVD players

VCR

computers - Pentium 4 or newer

tools that are in good shape:

electric drill

### No Uniform Day

Students will be able to wear clothes other than their school uniform on Friday, Oct. 17. Remember clothes must be in good condition and they may not have any objectionable printing on them.

### Athletics

Our soccer season continues. We play tonight at St. Paul, Michigan City. We play at Patriot Park on the south-side of the city. See the map link found on the web-site calendar. Monday we play Christ, Stevensville at 4:30 on our home field at the Jr. Irish Soccer Complex. We will be playing on field #1B.

### National Lutheran School Accreditation

Mr. Fred Weiss, retired principal of Concordia Lutheran High School in Ft. Wayne, has been appointed as our NLSA consultant. He will be making a presentation to the RLA School Board during their regular meeting time TONIGHT at 7:00 pm. This meeting will highlight the process that RLA will be undergoing over the next 18+ months. We encourage any parent who is interested to attend. Parents will be having a role on various committees that will be formed over the next two months.

### RLA Fellowship Dinner

On Friday, Oct. 24 we will be celebrating the end of the first quarter with a chicken dinner provided by the Skillet Restaurant. Tickets cost \$6.00 and 25 % of the proceeds come back to RLA. The menu will include broasted chicken (it's really good!), mashed potatoes, noodles, biscuits, brownie and beverage. This event is sponsored by the School Board both as a fund-raiser and as an opportunity for our RLA family to come together for fellowship. Parents of RLA students and members of the five MLEA churches are asked to support this effort. Tickets are on sale in the school office as well as all five churches on Sundays.

### Ident-A-Kid Safety Day

Students have the opportunity to be photographed, fingerprinted, weighed, and measured. Participation in the program is up to the individual parents' adoption. Parents will be provided with laminated cards (similar to a drivers license) with information about their child. Ident-A-Kid does not keep a database on this information, it is for the parent's use only. An application with additional information will be sent home one week before the program date. Siblings are welcome.

### Dates to Remember:

10/9 – Soccer Game at St. Paul, Michigan City

10/9 – 7:00 pm School Board Meeting -NLSA Presentation

10/10 and 10/11 – St. Peter Lutheran Fall Rummage Sale.

10/16 – 6:30 – PTL

10/17 – Teacher Record Day – 11:45 dismissal

10/17 - NO UNIFORM DAY

10/20 – Soccer Game @ Trinity, Elkhart

10/22 - IDENT-A-KID

10/23 – Parent-Teacher Conferences - ½ day

10/24 – Parent-Teacher Conferences - ½ day

10/24 – 6:00 - RLA Fellowship Dinner (gym)

10/27-10/28 – NO SCHOOL -Extended Care Open with advanced reservations