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RLA NEWS AND NOTES



"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Serve Humbly in Love

By Steven and Deb Koster of ReFrame Media on April 8, 2013
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You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14

Servitude is not a glamorous concept. Who in their right mind would sign up for a life of servitude? And yet that is what God has in mind for his people. God knows how service to others will bless us as well as the community around us.

Service is a great way to put aside our self-centeredness and notice how we are connected, even indebted, to others. When we start seeing the genuine needs of others, it deters our own sense of entitlement. None of us became the people we are alone, but by the sacrifice and investment of many others from our earliest years. And that doesn't take into account what Christ has done for us.

Serving others not only reveals the bonds between us; it reflects the love of God. When we notice service to us, and when we serve others, we experience God's grace. It points people to Christ. Jesus modeled grace that goes way beyond our understanding. He emptied himself for us, though we deserved nothing. His example calls us to "submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Ephesians 5:21). In our "me-first" culture, God calls us to put others first. What a challenge!

Are we looking out for others the way we look out for ourselves? Can we put their needs ahead of our own? How are you serving in your community?

Lord, teach us how to serve one another. Help us to put the needs of others first, as you did for us. Show us ways to use our gifts to bless others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

November Charity

The National Junior Honor Society has chosen the Northern Food Bank as November's charity. In addition to our normal collections, there are a couple of extra fun ways to participate this month:

- Friday Jean Dollars and Chapel Offerings will be collected as usual
- Students can also bring in non-perishable food
- Turkey Time!!! Some of our 8th grade students have volunteered to enter our annual turkey competition. Each participant will have a jar in the office for students to "vote" with donations. The "winner" with the most donations will dress as a turkey on the last day before Thanksgiving!

Fall Fest Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Fall Fest!

A great big round of applause for our National Junior Honor Society who planned and organized the activities! We appreciate all the adults who helped direct kids, hand out treats, and supervise. A special thank you to the Passig family for donating pumpkins! We hope your students enjoyed it as much as we did!

Dress Code Reminder

Leggings cannot be worn as pants, even on gym or no uniform days. Under skirts or shorts is fine.

Staying Home for Illness

We appreciate that many of you seem to be erring on the side of caution when our kids are ill and keeping them (and sometimes siblings) home. With the prep-work required to shift to a digital format (especially in the younger grades), our teachers may not be able to post everything in Google Classroom. If your child 3rd-8th grade student is feeling well enough to do some work, some of their assignments will be posted online, often after the class period. Everything else will be available when they return to school. We will work with your child for extended deadlines to get caught up with the work they missed. If your child will be out more than 3 days, let your teacher or the office know and we will work with your family to make more comprehensive arrangements based on your situation.

Skillet Fundraiser

We are selling tickets through Nov. 19th for a Broasted Chicken Dinner for Four from the Skillet. For \$25, each ticket includes 8 pieces of broasted chicken, 1 pint of mashed potatoes, ½ pint of chicken gravy, 1 pint Kluski noodles, 1 point seasoned green beans, 4 yeast rolls with honey butter, & an 8" pan of double chocolate brownies. The tickets don't expire until April 30th, 2021 so save it for a tough week or give it as a gift. These tickets make great stocking stuffers!

Pizza Pizza Pizza!

St. Paul, South Bend is hosting a fundraiser with the Roundbelly's this Saturday, November 7th with a portion of the funds to be donated to RLA. The "pizza bus" will be parked at St. Paul from 11am-3pm with their full menu of \$12 pizzas.

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Yard Signs for Sale

If you or someone you know would like a double-sided RLA yard sign, they can be purchased in the office for \$12. If you let Miss Lisa know, she can bring it out to your car if you don't want to come into the building.

Safety First, Phone Calls Later

The use of cell phones are not permitted in a school zone (like our parking lot). If you need to take or make a phone call, pull into a designated parking space before doing so. Keep our kids safe by keeping your attention on cars, car doors, and pedestrians. Many of our kiddos are short enough to be hard to see.

Morning Carline

Please help us keep the carline moving smooth & expediently. If you need to get out of your car to assist your child in any way, pull past the crosswalk so the drop off line can continue to flow.