

The Eagle Express Newsletter

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Diligence

I will...

Finish my projects

Do a job right

Follow instructions

Concentrate on my work

Not be lazy

*Whatever you do, work
heartily, as for the Lord and
not for men.*

Colossians 3:23

Beauty from Ashes

On Thursday, November 8th, we watched as smoke filled the sky and a fire swept from our local town of Concow through the Paradise area and beyond. During our recess here at school, as we looked at the smoke rise in the sky and we gathered our children together to pray, we had no idea the scope of damage those flames would cause. Realizing how dangerous the air quality was, and out of concern for some of our teachers who are involved in the Paradise community, we cancelled school the following day and the week to come. In an ironic twist of names this fire came to be historically known as the Camp Fire.

Within hours, thousands of people were evacuated and displaced by this devastating fire. Many of them running with just the clothes on their backs. People lost vehicles and homes, and some lost their lives. You probably know all of this from the widespread news coverage. What you may not realize is how much beauty was manifested during this horrific catastrophe. In the midst of the crying, sadness, loss and numbness, our community stepped up. Believers and unbelievers, people of all political persuasions and all walks of life came together to bring comfort and support to those affected by this horrible event.

What's for Hot Lunch?

Thu: Hot Dogs

Fri: Ham or Turkey
Sandwiches

Mon: Soup: Ckn or Tom

Tue: Taco Bell Day

Wed: Shepherd's Pie

Besides the unstopping service of our emergency responders, especially the firefighters who did not rest until the fire was contained, here are some of the things that I have seen during this time:

Evacuees who lost everything they owned volunteering at pop up shelters, helping others even when they have been devastated by their own losses.

Churches opened up their doors to hundreds of strangers, giving them beds, shelter, food, clothing, prayers and so much more.

Families gave up their Thanksgiving traditions and comforts to serve and comfort others selflessly.

Thanksgiving Dinners were provided by so many churches and others in our community for evacuees. (I know of one man who drove 8 hours one way on the eve of Thanksgiving to bring a truckload of hams, only to turn around and return home)



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But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. -- Isaiah 40:31

People opened their homes up to strangers and gave them shelter, listened as they cried in their helplessness.

Animal shelters collected and cared for animals damaged and scared by the fire.

People sent money and supplies from all over the country.

Biker guys patrolled churches and shelters to provide security and safety to those within.

"To all who mourn....he will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, praise instead of heaviness....(Isaiah 61:3)

So while there is still much suffering to come as they clear the rubble left behind from these flames, God promises to bring beauty from ashes. Please continue to pray for the workers and the reeling from this disaster.

~Mrs. Kroll

Grandparents Day Chapel

Friday 11/30 @ 8:45am Please invite your grandparents to chapel so we can show them how much they are appreciated.

We will also be handing our Academic and Character Trait Awards at this



Veterans Day Chapel

December 7th @ 8:45 am

Please invite your special veterans to be honored by our chapel.



***Grades 1-6th
Reminder:***

Send \$5 to pay for your child's Christmas Program Shirt asap. (unless your child has been told otherwise)

11/30	Grandparent's Chapel 8:45 am
12/7	Veteran's Day Chapel 8:45 am
12/20	Christmas Program 6:30 pm
12/21	Christmas Program 10:30 am
12/21	Noon Dismissal-Winter Break Begins NO EDSS

**Next PTPF Meeting:
Wed, Dec 19 @ 6pm
in the Library**

Next School Board Meeting: Tue, Dec 18th @6pm in the Library

