



The Eagle Express Newsletter

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Responsibility

Taking ownership of my thoughts, words, and actions.

I will...

- Know what's expected.
- Keep my commitments.
- Do my best.
- Not make excuses.
- Correct my mistakes.

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. (Rom 14:12 ESV)

It is a good time to reflect on how we help our children to succeed in not just school, but in life. About ten years ago the term "helicopter parent" became a label for parents who were tracking every move of their child, and fighting every battle for their child. I recently read an article called *Advice for Parents: Back Off*. While the title has a bit of harshness to its wording, it is worth perusing the article for the implications to parents and educators to take a "step back" and evaluate our view of parenting.

The article states that the focus for adults in the lives of children is "on preparing children for the real world by letting them venture out and even make mistakes." The article raised some interesting thoughts on why we "do" step in and intervene in our children's lives. "What our children eat, how they dress, what activities they pursue and what they achieve become a reflection of us and how we see ourselves. If they fail, it is our fault.

Another observation of the author was that adults tend to "dish out empty praise and lavish reward for the type of behavior that should be a basic expectation." We need to "instill capability in children." They are capable of civility, kindness, goodness, compassion, responsibility.... this sounds very much like what scripture has to say about the **Fruits of the Spirit**. These traits are ones that we adults model and teach to children. They should be encouraged, expected, and acknowledged.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Further in this article the author gave common sense advice on how to stand back and let children learn through their mistakes. Children will deal with people in their lives that are difficult. They will have their feelings hurt. They will feel excluded. They will fail a test. They will not have what others have. Guess what...they will face all those things, and more as adults. Childhood is the time to begin to develop skills and strategies and a thick skin to deal with the too soon adult version.

I think there is value in some of these statements. But a main ingredient needs to be considered as the primary source of child rearing. God's Word. There used to be a cute saying years ago-"Everything I Ever Needed To Learn, I Learned in Kindergarten". While many of us did learn super valuable "life skills" in kindergarten, I believe God's Word is the source of the kindergarten policy manual. I suggest getting on line and locating some family oriented **Christian** Family devotional books that will give you a Biblical take on raising Godly children who on their way to becoming Godly adults. **(continued on page 2)**

What's for Hot Lunch?

- Thu: Corn Dogs
- Fri: Pizza
- Mon: Nachos
- Tue: Grilled Cheese
- Wed: Pasta Alfredo

Next PTPF Meeting:

Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015
@ 1:45 pm, Library
(first Wednesday of every month)

Next School Board Meeting:

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015
@ 6 pm, Library

"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



VETERAN'S DAY CHAPEL

Please invite family members who have served, or are serving, in our military forces for a special Veteran's Day Chapel.

Nov. 6, 2015 @ 8:45 a.m.



Oroville Christian School Presents:

A benefit concert for the OCS Band

The Oroville Community Concert Band



Directed by Mr. Jim Christensen

Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm

at Oroville Christian School

\$10—Adults; No Charge - Under 18

Tickets available at the door or OCS Office



Chess Club

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30, in Room 2
Grades 3-8

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Here are a few verses to help you on your way.

Romans 3:23: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Proverbs 22:6: Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

1 Timothy 6:8: But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

John 16:33: I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

By Mrs. Hammonds

Band Fundraiser Concert

A reminder for those who volunteered to bring cookies — Please bring them to the office by the end of the school day on November 5.

Thank you,
Mrs. Ferretti

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Nov. 3 - HST Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Room 2

Friday, Nov. 6 - Veteran's Day Chapel

Wednesday, Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day - No School

Friday, Nov. 13 - Noon dismissal (Teacher In-Service Day)

Wednesday, Nov. 18 - 1st Trimester Report Cards go home in Eagles

Friday, Nov. 20 - Noon Dismissal (Thanksgiving Vacation/Awards Ceremony)

Nov 23-27 - Thanksgiving Vacation