

The Eagle Express Newsletter

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Courage

I will....

Know the truth

Get help when I am afraid

Do what is right

Be willing to stand alone

Help those who are bullied or abused

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you

What's for Hot Lunch?

Thu: Corn Dogs & Fries

Fri: Pulled Chicken Sand

Mon: Chicken Sandwiches

Tue: Quesadilla

Wed: Pizza Day!



Courage

Courage, the mere saying of the word can bring a myriad of thoughts, feeling and emotions. Sometimes we wake up feeling courageous and ready to take on the world. Other days, we may feel frightened, cowardly, and just ready stay in bed.

The definition of courage we are learning this month is “Overcoming fear so I can do what is right”. A courageous person “takes heart” when things look hopeless. Instead of shrinking back when you are afraid, **courage means overcoming your fear so you can do what is right.**

I don't like heights! High places make me feel panicky. In order to try to overcome this fear I have pushed myself to do things that make me deal with my fear. One year I took my Children's Ministry group to a water park. It had a slow “river” to lazily float on. That was my plan for the day, BUT that's not what my students had in mind. Of course, they wanted me to go down all the waterslides. I hemmed and hawed to no avail and finally I knew I was going to have to attempt at least a few of the slides. I started with the shortest and worked my way up. I remember feeling so nervous as I climbed the stairs up and up. When I finally reached the top, I had to continue the commitment by sitting down and riding that slide all the way to the bottom. I must say it was fun once I was going, but the journey to the top was terrifying for me. The thing that helped me the most was knowing I was not alone. Many of my students accompanied me to the top of the slides. They cheered me on and comforted me when I wanted to chicken out! Jesus was with me too! I knew He would give me the courage to overcome my fear!

Courage requires confidence!

- You must stay focused on your goal. Do not let others distract you or discourage you from doing what is right.
- Always do your best. When you stumble and fall, pick yourself up and keep going.
- Surround yourself with friends who will encourage you in the right direction.
- NEVER GIVE UP!

Psalms 31:24 says, “**Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!**”

~Miss Ward

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



Special Offering Project:
“Tell Me THE Story”

The “Tell me THE Story” project is designed to tell the story of Jesus to hundreds, if not thousands of refugees in the Middle East . The Jesus Film Project has found a way to share the gospel story in their heart language by creating sturdy stuffed animals that are solar powered. These stuffed animals are equipped to tell the story of Jesus, along with Bible Stories, Christian songs and readings from Scripture.

We will be raising money in Chapel until May 18th . Each stuffed animal costs \$80. Let’s see how many we can help buy to share the gospel of Jesus with those less fortunate than ourselves.



Join the PTPF
 On Friday April 13th
 at 8:00 a.m. In the Library
 For a time of Prayer for OCS
 and our Families

Terra Nova Testing
 Testing for Jr. High begins Tuesday April 10th.
 Grades 1-6 begins April 13th.
 Please help your kids excel by making sure that they are getting a good night’s sleep and are eating a healthy breakfast. You may also send *healthy* snacks to see them through the day.



A Prayer to help us stay connected...
 Help me Father to have an eternal perspective. Help me to see disappointments in light of what Jesus purchased for me at the cross. Help me to seize disappointments as opportunities to draw closer to you and not away from you. Help me to learn from them. Help them to shape me more and more into the image of your Son. Help me to see Jesus in them and to see his love and grace for

School Calendar	
4/12	Talent Show Dress Rehearsals
4/14	Talent Show 6:00 PM
4/10-20	Terra Nova Testing (Jr. High)
4/13-27	Terra Nova Testing (1st-6th grades)
5/10	Open House 5:30- 7:30

Next PTPF Meeting:
 April 10th 6pm@
 Mugshots

Next School Board Meeting:
 Thurs., April 19th
 6pm @ Library