



The Lion Says...



"To train children in heart, mind, soul, and body to become balanced Christ-like students who earnestly seek to know, love and serve God."

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Mar. 4 | Elementary End of Second Trimester |
| Mar. 11 | Elementary Report Cards |
| Mar. 25 | Middle School End of Third Quarter |
| Mar. 27 | Preschool Spring Cleaning Today |
| Apr. 1 | International Day/Grandparents Day |
| Apr. 2-9 | Good Friday & Easter Vacation NO SCHOOL for ALL GRADES |
| Apr. 15 | Middle School Report Cards Available |
| Apr. 16-17 | ACSI Preschool Conference NO PRESCHOOL |
| Apr. 19-23 | SAT Testing Week Rest up! |
| Apr. 23 | Elementary School Progress Reports |

Kidpower Parent Workshop



Los Altos Christian Schools, in a continuing effort to partner with our parents on child safety, will be presenting an informative workshop with the Kidpower organization on March 16, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Family Center in room 525 **for parents only**. This two-hour workshop will focus on teaching *People Safety* skills to the younger, elementary-aged children. Parents will practice ways of teaching their own children about safety by focusing on skill, rather than on potentially scary situations or stories. Some of the skills and methods that parents will learn to

practice with their children will be:

- Be aware, calm, confident
- How to take charge of situations
- How to set clear/ appropriate boundaries
- How to get help with situations – knowing when and whom to talk to
- Stopping unwanted touching and testing
- Protecting themselves from bullying and name-calling
- Role playing (age-appropriate) that focuses on humor, positive actions, and kindness by the instructor so

students are comfortable

- Using positive language and practical solutions
- Emphasizing awareness of surroundings and situations
- Emphasizing “stranger safety,” and safety in familiar situations, not just “stranger danger” which is not always the case with all inappropriate adult situations

Remember, this is for parents only. For more information contact the school office or visit the website at

www.kidpower.org.

Carpool Signs Needed Next Week

Please note that Mrs. Eldridge, who normally does the calling out of children’s names at afterschool pick-up, will not be available next week. Since there will be someone substituting for her who is not familiar with your car or name, please bring your carpool signs with you and have them clearly visible in the car window each day.

Again, that is next week March 1-5.



Internet Safety Talk

Los Altos Christian Schools is pleased to offer an informative talk for parents on internet safety entitled "Internet Safety: Basics For Parents." Officer Mark Laranjo of the Los Altos Police Department, who has been our school's D.A.R.E. officer for many

years, will give parents the tools and tips for keeping their children safe and helping them learn to be responsible online. The date for this discussion will be Tuesday, March 23, 2010 in the evening from 7:00-8:00 P.M. in room 524, which is upstairs in the

Family Center at the First Baptist Church of Los Altos. Please mark your calendar and take advantage of this informative talk. Los Altos Christian Schools is proud to partner with parents in keeping our children safe in this age of information.



Dyslexia Dash Fundraiser

The International Dyslexia Association of Northern California is hosting a family fun run and fundraiser at Coyote Point Park on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Come and join them for a 5K run or self paced walk to raise money and awareness for the NCBIDA (Northern

California Branch of the International Dyslexia Association). There will be special guests and entertainment, educational tables, refreshments, giveaways, raffle prizes and so much more! Come and join them for this worthwhile cause. For more information about the "Dyslexia Dash" please

contact the NCBIDA Northern California Branch of the International Dyslexia Association) at (650) 375-8504 or visit their website at www.dyslexia-ncbida.org.

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Q&ADHD Educational Forum

Q&ADHD

...an educational forum for parents will be hosted by Dr. Richard Abbey and Dr. Hans Steiner on Thursday, March 4, 7:00 pm at Covington Elementary School located at 205 Covington Road, Los Altos, CA 94024.

Medical researchers Drs. Abbey and Steiner will hold an open discussion about the background and symptoms

of ADHD and dyslexia. Attendees will have a chance to ask questions, talk to other parents, and share personal stories. You will also learn the latest about an ongoing research study that's evaluating the investigational use of a non-stimulant ADHD medication to see if it can address ADHD symptoms in children with ADHD and reading difficulties.

The event is free and open to

the public. Q&ADHD is supported by NCBIDA, The Reading Clinic, and the Los Altos Special Education PTA. For more information, please contact the Northern

California Branch of The International Dyslexia Association (NCBIDA) at P.O. Box 5010, San Mateo, CA 94402

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Middle School Review — Mrs. Floreal's History Class

At the LACS Middle school students begin their journey of history by studying the origins of Ancient Civilization in 6th grade, World History in 7th grade and US History in 8th grade. Below is an overview of our current journey.

After studying Ancient Africa, China, India and Mesoamerica, the sixth graders have just completed a unit of study on Ancient Hebrews. They have learned the origins of the Jewish faith and how the Diaspora shaped their belief which is a

crux in our own Christian faith. We will soon begin to dive into the history of Ancient Greece learning both the geographical and classical features of this early civilization. Complementing our studies, students will create a video game of Odysseus journey home from the Trojan War.

The seventh grade history students are wrapping up their intensive study of the Aztecs, Incas and Mayan Civilization. They are refining their summary skills by writing a paper that gives a com-

plete overview of the content of each lesson. They will soon begin a unit of study on Medieval Europe and participate in a project explaining how to defend a medieval castle.

The study of US History is the goal of the eighth grade students at LACS Middle School. During the month of February, we vigorously debated the abolishment of the Articles of Confederation in our own Constitutional Convention. Students assumed the role of a convention delegate and

proceeded to argue their points for consideration into our Constitution of the newly liberated United States of America. From there, we will study in depth the details of our Constitution in preparation for our visit to Washington D.C. and New York in April.



FBCLA News & Updates

Service Times:

8:45 AM

Praise Service
choir led hymns
and praise songs

10:00 AM

Life Groups
(Adult Classes)
a place to belong

11:10 AM

Modern Service
guitar and drum-driven
worship

• Blood Drive

FBCLA is putting on a blood drive along with Blood Centers of the Pacific. The bloodmobile will be in the parking lot in front of the church office on February 28 from 8:30AM - 12:30PM. Contact the church office if you would like to make an appointment or if you have any questions.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Los Altos

• Sunday Morning Teaching

Speaker: Dave Gudgel
Message Series: Let's Talk About Love
Topic: Live a Life of Love

• Upcoming Events

~*Women's Ministries Luncheon:* Saturday, March 13 from 10:00AM - 12:30PM in the Family Center
~*Sunday, March 14:* Spring Ahead. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead at 2:00AM Sunday, March 14!

~*Easter Sunday Schedule:*
Easter Sunday is April 4. Come for a morning of rejoicing the resurrection of our Lord.

~*Easter Morning Service Times:*

8:45AM - Praise Service
10:30AM - Modern Service
~*Children's Choir Spring Musical:* May 16, 2010.

Two performances at 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM
For more on FBCLA and the events and services visit www.fbcla.org.



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First Baptist Church
of Los Altos**

Los Altos Christian School is dedicated to fostering the love of Christ and the love of learning in children of the Bay Area. LACS received the highest accreditation rating from both the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).



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