

# Academy

*Note from the Executive Director Pastor Carol S. Gates*  
March 2010

## Have you ever considered...

Have you ever considered becoming a host family to a foreign exchange student? One of our goals for the upcoming year is to extend and enhance the educational experience our students receive by expanding the foreign exchange program. It is our hope that we will be host to 30 high school students from around the world, which will bring a variety of cultural diversity to RLS, enhancing the educational experience throughout our school system. We invite you to consider becoming a host family. The blessings host families receive are numerous, the most significant being the development of the relationship between the student and host family. The exchange program covers the exchange program expenses for the student including tuition, medical and personal items. The cost to the host family is minimal.

Beginning in the fall of 2010, an incentive program will be offered to RLS host families in the form of partial tuition credit for the host family's children enrolled at RLS. If a host family does not have a child in the RLS system, RLS will offer a stipend to defray the costs associated with hosting a foreign exchange student.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a host family. For further information about the program, please contact Kim Semmelroth at 815-877-9551 x 126.

***Igniting Minds and Souls***

## Calendar Clips

March

- 01 No School- Pulaski Day
- 02 Ned Show Assembly 2:15 pm
- 03 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Burpee Museum
- 04 CPTO mtg. 6:30 pm
- 05 Scrip Due
- 05 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Challenger
- 08 Lutheran Schools Week (8-12)
- 09 Student Council 3-3:40 pm
- 12 RLS Food Drive
- 12 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR.
- 12 Scrip Order Pick Up
- 15-19 Stanford Testing Week
- 18 Art Expo/Bake Sale/Wax Museum
- 19 Scrip Due
- 19 Dinner Auction
- 22-25 Parent-Teacher Conf.
- 22 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to Atwood
- 24 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Dress Rehearsal at Maddox Theater
- 25 4<sup>th</sup> Grade to Maddox Theater
- 26 Scrip Pick Up
- 26 Staff Appreciation Day
- 29 Spring Pictures

Following Jesus!

During Lutheran Schools Week (March 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) we will be reminded to follow Jesus by wearing jeans all week with different colored tops each day. Please watch for more information coming home with your child this week.

ART EXPO COMING!

Come and see what our kids are creating! Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. Our theme this year is Artists & Cultures in

History. All grades will have art displayed throughout school. While you are looking at all the creative art displayed, take time to enjoy the 6<sup>th</sup> grade bake sale in the library. After that, head to the gym for some fun with the wax museum put on by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. See you there!

Yearbook

The yearbook needs to be out in four weeks and we need your help. If you have any pictures of sporting events, school functions etc. please email or bring them in an envelope with your name on it to

Mrs.Anderson/sanderson@rockfordlutheran.org.

Foreign Exchange Program at Rockford Lutheran School

A significant part of the educational ministry at Rockford Lutheran School focuses on touching the lives of students beyond the U.S. borders. Throughout the years students from China, Germany, Italy, Mexico, S. Korea and other countries, have been a part of the Rockford Lutheran community. Aside from the challenging academic programming RLS offers to the foreign exchange students, they along with the RLS students and their families have grown through cultural immersion.

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Cold Weather and Recess

During the winter months, we will hold outdoor recess as long as the wind chill temperature is



above 15°F. Please send children in boots and cold weather apparel. All students, including those with colds, are expected to go out for recess. Children who are well enough to be at school, are also well enough to go outside when properly clothed. Exceptions will only be made if there is a note from the doctor requesting they stay inside or if there is a chronic health condition, such as asthma, that could be worsened by the combination of illness and cold temperatures.

Scrip Reminder

Scrip orders need to be in the school office by 12 p.m. on the Friday they are due. Any orders submitted after noon will go on the upcoming Friday order. Scrip pick up is always the Friday following when the order is submitted.

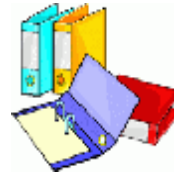
A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Please do not bring treats into the

cafeteria to any child but your own. There are children with life threatening food allergies in our school which include nuts, red dyes, dairy, etc. Birthday treats may still be brought to the classroom but please be sure to check with your child's teacher. Also, remind your children not to share their lunch with others.

Dinner Auction Coming

The Annual Dinner Auction is scheduled for Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> at Giovanni's. If you are interested in assisting with the dinner auction, contact Pam Kellen at 815-877-9551 x122 or e-mail her at [pkellen@rockfordlutheran.org](mailto:pkellen@rockfordlutheran.org)

Homework Request

Homework requests must be done by 9:00 a.m. the day you call your child in sick. The teacher will gather their work throughout the day and have it ready in the HOMEWORK PICKUP area located in the first hallway outside the school office.

Homework can be picked up any time between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.



Date: Friday March 26, 2010

Time: 7:05 PM

On Friday, March 26 the Rockford IceHogs will take on state rival, Peoria Rivermen at the Rockford MetroCentre at 7:05 p.m. The first 2,500 fans into the building will pickup an IceHogs Zamboni Bank courtesy of ESPN Radio 1380 and FOX 39.

Our students are selling tickets to this game beginning March 8 and our school will benefit a profit of \$4.00 on each ticket sold. Hammy, the IceHog Mascot, will be at the Academy on that Monday at a face off assembly to begin our Ice Hog sale.