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Elk Island Logos Society

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

The Word

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Whatever you do, do it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23

This past summer, I purchased the book "The Purpose-Driven Life". Many of you have probably read or studied it. The basic idea of the book is that you need to look at your gifts and where God has given you a passion to serve and to work in that area. This has been a frustration of mine however. My question was, "What if God has given you a passion to do something, yet for years the doors seem closed?" Coincidentally, just as I was finishing up the book, God opened up an opportunity. At the end of September, I became Elk Island Public Schools' newest Kindergarten teacher. I am working in the Logos and Regular Kindergarten classes at Westboro Elementary School.

However, as part of the role of the Logos Society is over-seeing the theology or spiritual integrity of the program, this puts me in a conflict of interest. I have in a way become my own employee. Because of this conflict, I have resigned my position as President. Please pray that God will raise up a leader in the Society who can take on this role.

Also, consider where you can help out this year. We are busy planning for the elementary "Fall Fun Event" involving Westboro and Brentwood schools. Work is being done on the Junior High Retreat scheduled for the Spring. If you have a passion for the Logos Program and are thankful for what it has done for your children, please come out to our Society meetings. They are open to all parents, not only those holding Board positions.

May you have time this month to focus on all that you are thankful for, and to reflect again on God's incredible love for you and your families.

Sally Navis, Past President

Elk Island Logos Society



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Elk Island Logos Society Board Meetings...

...most often take place the 2nd Thursday of each month and are open to everyone wishing to attend. Please come out and see what's happening in the Logos Christian Program!

October 19—Sherwood Heights Junior High 7:00 p.m.

November 9— Westboro Elementary 7:00 p.m.

January 11—Brentwood Elementary 7:00 p.m.

February 22— Sherwood Heights Junior High 7:00 p.m.

March 8—Westboro Elementary 7:00 p.m.

April 12—Brentwood Elementary 7:00 p.m.

May 10—Westboro Elementary 7:00 p.m.

June 7—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING @ Sherwood Heights

Westboro Elementary School

Our children have been back at school for a few weeks and there is much buzz and excitement as the fall and winter season approaches us. Here is what each class is doing right now:

KINDERGARTEN: The children have been busy familiarizing themselves with the classroom routines as well as making new friends. Everyday seems to bring a little more order as they are working together to learn each other's names as well as the classroom routines. The students are continuing with the theme of Creation and the book of Genesis; we are inviting the children to bring a stuffed animal to school for the next couple of weeks as part of the house center. The house center will become the "Garden of Eden" where the children will be exploring, making paper vines and naming the animals. In October we will focus on having a helpful and thankful heart.

GRADE 1: The class has been very busy adjusting to the routines and the longer school days. They have been focusing on the Golden Rule and how God asks us to be wise builders in all that we do. At the end of September they will be baking muffins to share with other students in the school to show their appreciation for their friends in the school. It has been a fantastic start to the school year!

GRADE 2: The class is off to a great start and have decided to "Keep Him as The Apple of Their Eye". They have looked at the life of John Chapman, aka "Johnny Appleseed", and discovered that along with planting apple seeds, he also planted the seeds of Christianity wherever he went. In the Bible they have looked at the story of Adam and Eve and have been doing a study booklet on "The Lord's Prayer". The grade 2 outreach ministry for September was collecting apples for the food bank. So far they have had a "Gala" of a good time!

GRADE 3: The grade 3 class has had a smooth start-up for the school year. Brand new books, school supplies, clothing, and friends give a "fresh outlook" for grade three. They are anxiously awaiting the emergence of Painted Lady Butterflies. The children are in awe of God's beautiful handy-work when it comes to nature and His creation of all things on this earth.

GRADE 4: In their morning devotion time, Grade 4L has discussed how God's love for us is perfect and unconditional. They learn "We are His kids, and He has created us, and God does not make mistakes!" In Health, they are discussing feelings, and how we must always ask ourselves what Jesus would do in any situation involving ourselves and others, and do our best to imitate Him. We are all fragile inside and we have to handle each other with care. They are also examining the Fruits of the Spirit as written in Galatians 5:22-23. Are we bearing the fruit God planted us for? It has been a great start to our new year together!

GRADE 5: The kids have been focusing this fall on the Fruits of the Spirit during our devotion time. They studied Acts 16 which tells how Paul and Silas showed their love for the man guarding them in prison and discussed how love for our friends and family is shown not only by standing by them when it's easy but especially when it is hard. The kids have also made prayer lists and are recording when our prayers are answered. They are just completing a unit with emphasis on "Joy", reading from Acts 2 about the joy the apostles felt during Pentecost when they were filled with the Holy Spirit and brought 3000 souls to Christ. In Psalm 16 they found out that true joy comes from being in the presence of the Lord. Each child was asked to write about ways the Holy Spirit has touched their lives. This led to a lively discussion with stories they felt showed the Holy Spirit's presence in their lives and their families.

GRADE 6: As our students embark on what they know will be their last year at Westboro, there is a lot of excitement to continue to learn more about God and of course prepare academically for junior high school. They know that a lot of work is coming up. The next newsletter will have more information on what they are learning in class.

One final note: Westboro has started to accept Kindergarten registrations for the 2007/08 year. If you know someone wanting to get their child in the Logos program, please tell them to register right away to ensure their child has a spot. Waiting lists at Westboro Elementary are common!

Preston Ewasiuk

Brentwood Elementary

Actions of Kindness— Fruit of the Spirit is abundant at Brentwood these days. Mrs. Friesen's Grade 2/3 class is acting out - kindness. The children brought home an interesting assignment - perform at least one act of kindness at home, one at school and two to total strangers. It may seem a small gesture but an excellent way to really get into homework!

Turkey, turkey everywhere. Mrs. Q's Grade 1 class is busy hiding turkey's for thanksgiving - hey isn't that supposed to be an Easter project? The class assignment included a paper turkey which was to be distinguished as whatever the students wanted, in order to protect it from BEING dinner. The project is based on an idea from the book "Turkey for Thanksgiving" by Eve Bunting.

Grade's 3, 2/3 and Kindergarten hosted chapel this month. The theme of thankfulness has inspired the children with many beautiful expressions of what they are thankful for. The list included everything from family, friends and pets to special toys and God. Thanks kids, for your honesty.

Parent's Prayer is held every Monday at 8:45a.m. in the staff room. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Keirra Maher

Sherwood Heights Junior

The Sherwood Heights Logos classes are well into another school year. Our students are blessed with teachers who have a Christian worldview and can bring Christian thought and activities into their classrooms. Daily devotional times have started in all three classes where students reflect on scripture, share their thoughts and try to apply new truths to their lives.

The year's first chapel will take place on October 24th. Parents, you are always welcome to come out and share in worship and learning with your children. The Logos band will be forming soon and is sure to contribute greatly to Logos Chapel at Sherwood Heights.

"See You at the Pole" is an international prayer effort that Sherwood Heights Logos participated in. Early on Wednesday Sept 27, students and staff met around the flag pole to pray for Sherwood Heights' students, staff and families. Many prayers went up for the school's administration, for teachers and for a good year of learning and growth for students. Praise God prayer is an active part of life at Sherwood Heights. Mr. Bouwers hosted "see you after the pole" in his classroom where juice and donuts were enjoyed by all.

Please plan to attend the next Logos Society meeting. It will be held in the Sherwood Heights Library at 7:00 pm on Thursday October 19. If you want to know more about what is happening in the Logos program or if you have great ideas you wish to share than you need to attend. We are anticipating many blessings and growth for all of our students this year.

Barbara Sinn

Treasurer's Report

My name is Kim Breitreutz and I have just completed my first year as treasurer of the Elk Island Logos Society. One of the questions I had prior to taking this position is what all the money was used for. After all, our children are in a public school, and we already fund-raise at school.

A little about where the money comes from. The two main sources of funds for our program are membership fees and the Silent Auction. There are a number of other sources of funds including advertising in the newsletter and donations of money or goods.

Now, where does it all go? Well, for starters our program has been blessed with at least one new classroom every year. A set of hard-cover classroom Bibles can cost \$1000. Other ways that Logos Society spent money last year:

Junior High Retreat- Each child was charged \$10 which covered the cost of substitute teachers and bussing. Logos Society paid for speakers, activities, food and the rental of the camp.

Fall Fun Event- The elementary students from Brentwood and Westboro enjoy a fun-filled event on October 31.

Christian materials for each class- We have been able to give \$50 to each teacher to purchase Christian materials to support their teaching and also Christian materials for the libraries to support our children and other students.

General expenses for promoting and supporting the program- signboards, newsletters, advertising and forms.

God has blessed this program and all of us through it. There are so many more things we would like to do to support the wonderful teachers and students in this program. Some of the dreams could include:

- More materials for the classrooms. We would like to let the teachers have a wish list so we could purchase high quality Christian curriculum materials to support their work.
- Bussing and any other expenses to support outreach and service with the students
- Family events to build the Logos community.
- Any dreams that God gives to the staff and families in the Logos program.

We want to hear from all of you. Many families purchased a membership at the beginning of the year and provided their e-mail address. The Executive is grateful for this and will make every effort to keep you informed. A volunteer has stepped up to help resurrect the long dormant Logos website. We know that for many of you, websites and e-mail are how you stay in touch. You can look forward to seeing the updated website in the next month or two.

Having a Logos program is an incredible privilege and has been a blessing to many families. Let's work together to make it even stronger.

Kim Breitreutz, Treasurer

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Membership Form

The Elk Island Logos Society is an important part of the Elk Island Logos Christian Program. We cover the cost of the Halloween Alternative activities, advertisement of the program, resources, informative newsletters and so much more. Without your membership support we would not be able to continue to meet all the needs that help make this program the success it has been in the past.

Please take the time to fill out the following form and return it to the school.

Cost per membership is \$10.00 per family.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone (hm): _____ (wk): _____

E-mail: _____

Check off which Logos school your child is attending:

Brentwood _____

Sherwood Heights _____

Westboro _____

Are you able to volunteer on occasion?

Yes _____

No _____

If yes, in what capacity?

Please make cheques payable to:

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Fall Fun Event

Brentwood and Westboro Schools

Tuesday, October 31

12:45—2:45 p.m.

Bethel Luthern Church

It will be a afternoon filled of fun with Jumpy Things, a carnival, crafts and much more!

In order to make this event a success, we need YOU!

If you can volunteer, please call Angie Clarke @ 417-6673 ASAP

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