



# ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Integrating Faith, Love and Learning

Committed to glorifying God by discipling students  
in a loving community that pursues excellence as  
we partner with parents in Christian education.

ACA TODAY: OCT 31, 2014

## Thoughts from the Headmaster

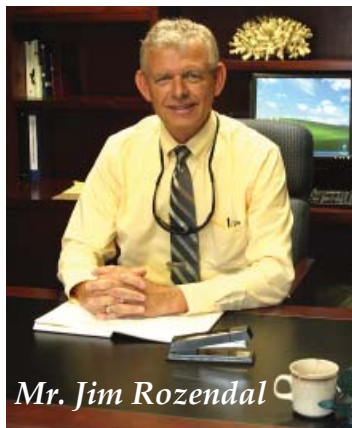
*"Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You of little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" – Matt 14:31*

Parenting can be hard work. Being responsible for the health and care of one or more children and/or teenagers is both exhausting and exhilarating. Over the past few months, two of my children have welcomed newborn babies into their homes. It brought back memories of how little sleep one can get by with when caring for young children. Then there is the transition of helping them move to a school setting where they learn to follow the guidelines of their classroom and interact with classmates. In the middle school years, there is the task of helping students understand the responsibility of doing homework and projects while helping them interact with classmates and adults. Young people are wanting more independence, but are discovering they must accept responsibilities as well. And then there is high school. Working on GPA's, learning to use time wisely, making good decisions, researching career and college possibilities, and learning to live and work with students and adults (including parents) are just a few of the important tasks teenagers work through with their parents help. As I said, it is a challenging and often humbling task.

In Matthew 14, we have the

story of Jesus walking on the water in the Sea of Galilee. As Jesus is approaching the disciple's boat, one of his disciples, Peter asks Jesus if he can walk on the water to Him. Peter starts but then begins to sink when he doubts his ability as he sees the storm's turbulence around him. Verse 31 tells us that Jesus immediately reaches out and grabs Peter and asks the question, "Why did you doubt me?" When Peter is distracted and he takes his eyes off Jesus, he begins to sink.

As parents, there are times we feel overwhelmed. But God has called us to be parents. He gives us our children and the responsibility to mentor and parent them. As parents, we often find ourselves on our knees before God praying for wisdom and perseverance, while being challenged to keep trusting that Jesus will provide for them and for us. He often provides us with help through extended family or perhaps from mentors found in our local



Mr. Jim Rozendal

church or neighborhoods. Sometimes, professional help is needed. Another avenue God may use is the loving community here at school. Teachers and staff members are here to come along side you and your children mentoring, praying and suggesting additional resources as well.

Parenting is usually a rewarding and joyous experience. But remember when the going becomes challenging, you don't have to carry on this important task alone. Place your children in God's hands daily, and seek God's

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### ACA This Week

**M, 3** Honor Society Food Drive starts - runs through W, Nov 19

**W, 5** Junior Class Ring Orders taken 11:30-12:30/ Gym. \$50 deposit needed

**Sa, 8 | 3 and 7pm** ACA's production of



**Tickets are on sale now!**

Stop by the school office to purchase your tickets in advance at just \$5.00! **Bring the whole family!**

#### • WT Cafe Lunch Menu: Week of Nov 3-7, 2014:

**M** - Chicken Tenders

**Tu** - Tacos

**W** - Chicken Mash Bowl

**Th** - Chicken Quesedillas

**F** - Pizza!

REMINDER: Elementary students not needing hot lunch on TUES. NOV.

11TH (after our special Grandparents/Veterans Day celebration) please remember to contact WT Café to cancel for the day.

### On the Horizon

- **Sat, 11/8** School musical, "Alice in Wonderland"
- **Tu, 11/11** Grandparents' Day/Veterans Day Celebration
- **F, 11/14** SPIRIT DAY! Elementary Progress Reports
- **W, 11/19** Last day for Food for Families donations
- **F, 11/21** Last day for Operation: Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- **M-F, 11/24-28** No School K5-12 Thanksgiving Break
- **W-F, 11/26-28** No Preschool/VPK/Camp Thanksgiving Break

The **Community Prayer Room** is near 5th-8th grade drop off in Room 302 and is open **Tue 7:30-11:30am** and **Thur 7:30-9:30am**

Visit our website to see our complete, updated calendar

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wisdom by reading His word and by being involved in a local church. Let ACA partner with you in this journey we call Christian parenting. But most importantly, keep trusting and looking for ways that Jesus will answer your prayers for your children. Don't let the turbulence of life distract you from staying focused on the Lord and trusting in Him.

### Atlantic Christian Academy Honor Societies **Annual Food Drive**

Now through Wed., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>

Please join us as we assist the Oasis Compassion Agency in providing our community with non-perishable foods this Thanksgiving. Donations may be dropped off to your child's classroom/homeroom teacher. Visit our website under *Campus News* for a list of needed items. God Bless you!



## A Day in the Life...



On Fri, Oct 17th, the 8th grade students visited Grassy Waters Preserve, a twenty-three square mile wetlands ecosystem that serves as the freshwater supply for the City of West Palm Beach. Students canoed out to a tree island where they were able to explore on foot what remains a pristine remnant of the once great Everglades system.



### F-R-R-R-R-E-E-E-E-Z-I-N-G!!!

Mrs. Swanson's 4th grade had a wonderful opportunity to show God's love while participating in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Miranda Anderson, one of the 4th grade classmates explained the purpose of the event when she said, "The challenge makes everyone aware of what ALS is and helps people like my dad get help." It was exciting to see parents, students, teachers, and administrators all cheering for one another!

Wisdom Kids



Oct 15, 2014



### **Raquel Garcia, 2nd Grade**

Mrs. Harrelson says that Rachel always gives 100% on her school work. She is very kind and considerate to her peers. She is extremely helpful to her and her classmates. Mrs. Harrelson feels so blessed that Rachel came to ACA and is in her class.

*Love, Mrs. Harrelson*



### **Tiffany Gao, 4th Grade**

Mrs. Swanson said Tiffany shows kindness to her classmates. Recently, another student was upset and Tiffany went to the student and helped them to get organized. Mrs. Swanson says, "Tiffany is not only a good student but she is also kind and caring to me and her classmates."

*Love, Mrs. Swanson*



### **Read for the Record**

On Tues., Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, our Preschool participated in this year's children's literacy campaign coordinated by The Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County. Mrs. Mancini read to each class the children's book *Bunny Cakes*, a comical story of sibling bonding and birthday shenanigans, by bestselling author and illustrator

Rosemary Wells.



What a wonderful outreach!  
Coming Soon...

# OCC Shoebox Collection Week November 17-21!



## Who do YOU know?

Do you know anyone in a particular field below that would love to get involved in donating items for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes?

- **Dentist / Orthodontist** = Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, etc.
- **Medical Office** Halloween Candy Buy Back = Hard Candy
- **Hotel Business** = Bars of Soap, Sewing Kits, etc.
- **Business Owners** = Pens, Bags, Notepads, etc.

**Don't forget to mention that any business willing to donate will be mentioned and thanked in our Newsletter.**

Please do **not** request or pack any **Gun / War Related Items, Chocolate / Food Items or Liquids / Lotions** as they will be discarded before shipping.

- Beginning Nov 1st you may begin to bring in your gift filled shoeboxes
- Please remember your \$7 for shipping per shoebox
- Pay for shipping on line through [www.samaritanspurserg.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurserg.org/occ) and see what country your shoebox goes to
- If packing from home, remember to include a letter to the recipient & picture of sender (optional)

## ACA Packing Party Information

**Wed., Nov. 19th is our school packing party in the gym**

- Each class will have a specific time to come and pack their shoebox
- Please see the packing guide sent home in Friday Folders
- **Those choosing to participate in the school packing party will need to bring the following:**
  - **Category** of child to pack for: Boy / Girl, Ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14
  - **A couple of items** geared specifically for the child in that category
  - **\$7** (checks payable to Samaritan's Purse or pay online through Samaritan's Purse and bring in **Tracking Label** to attach to shoebox)
  - **Letter** written to the recipient & picture of sender (optional)

**Below are lists of suggested items for each age category:** \* Appropriate items for 5-9 and 10-14 age ranges

### Common Items for ALL boxes:

#### Toiletries:

Bar of Soap  
Washcloth  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Foldable Brush  
Comb  
\*Deodorant

#### School Supplies:

Crayons/Colored Pencils  
Pencils/Pens  
Sharpeners  
Erasers  
Coloring Books  
\*Scissors  
\*Notebook  
\*Rulers

#### Necessities:

Hats / Beanies  
Scarves  
Gloves  
Clothes  
Socks

Shoes / Flip Flops  
Blanket  
Drawstring Bags  
Bandanas

#### Personal/Optional:

Photo of you  
Note to Child  
Return Address/Postage (they may write back!)

### Suggested Appropriate Age Range Items:

#### Boys, Ages 2-4

##### Fun Stuff:

Stuffed Animals  
Beanie Babies  
Dinosaurs  
Toy Cars / Trucks  
Slinky  
Yo-Yo's  
Kazoo  
Harmonica  
Tambourine  
Sunglasses  
Bouncy Ball  
Finger Puppets  
Stickers  
Blocks  
Picture Books  
Hard Candy

#### Girls, Ages 2-4

##### Fun Stuff:

Hair Brush  
Barrettes  
Headbands  
Hair Elastics  
Stuffed Animals  
Beanie Babies  
Dolls  
Slinky  
Yo-Yo's  
Kazoo  
Harmonica  
Tambourine  
Play Jewelry  
Sunglasses  
Bouncy Ball  
Finger Puppets  
Stickers  
Blocks  
Picture Books  
Hard Candy

#### Boys, Ages 5-9

##### Fun Stuff:

Stuffed Animals  
Beanie Babies  
Sports Balls  
Yo-Yo's  
Toy Cars / Trucks  
Flashlights w/ extra Batteries  
Sunglasses  
Bouncy Ball  
Mini Frisbee  
Jump Rope  
Binoculars  
Playing Cards  
Hard Candy

#### Girls, Ages 5-9

##### Fun Stuff:

Hair Brush  
Barrettes  
Headbands  
Hair Elastics  
Stuffed Animals  
Beanie Babies  
Dolls  
Yo-Yo's  
Tambourine  
Flashlight w/ extra Batteries  
Purses  
Play Jewelry  
Sunglasses  
Bouncy Ball  
Mini Frisbee  
Jump Rope  
Hard Candy

#### Boys, Ages 10-14

##### Supplies:

Hammer  
Screwdriver  
Pliers  
Level  
Duct Tape  
Measuring Tape  
Nails / Screws  
Nuts / Bolts  
Fishing Line  
Fishing Hooks  
**Fun Stuff:**  
Sports Ball  
Sunglasses  
Mini Frisbee  
Jump Rope  
Origami Set  
Playing Cards  
Wooden Airplane to Build  
Hard Candy

#### Girls, Ages 10-14

##### Supplies:

Barrettes  
Headbands  
Hair Elastics  
Bag / Purse  
Craft Kits  
Beads / Cord  
Yarn / Crochet Hooks  
Needles / Thread  
Fabric/Fabric Scissors  
Safety Pins  
Thimbles  
Tape Measures  
Cooking Utensils  
Forks & Spoons  
**Fun Stuff:**  
Stuffed Animal  
Sunglasses  
Mini Frisbee  
Jump Rope  
Hard Candy

# WHAT A TIMELY OPPORTUNITY

to be included in the playbill for our magical musical theatre presentation!

Disney

# Alice in Wonderland



presented by the students of  
**ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
Sat, Nov 8<sup>th</sup>/3 and 7 pm

4900 Summit Blvd | WPB, FL 33415 | 561.686.8081  
[www.atlanticchristianacademy.org](http://www.atlanticchristianacademy.org)

## LAST CHANCE!

The cast of "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." is working hard to put on an amazing show! Demonstrate your ACA support by **purchasing a playbill advertisement** to promote your business and/or by purchasing a personal ad for one of our cast or crew members.

## AD DEADLINE:

Wed, Nov 6, 2014

Ads may be submitted in 300dpi .jpg format or we will be happy to create one for you! Photos / materials, completed ads and questions can be directed to [bpiersante@atlanticchristianacademy.org](mailto:bpiersante@atlanticchristianacademy.org).

Please submit your ad payment to the school office with 'playbill' in the memo line.

### QUARTER

Page Ad  
2"h x 5"w  
**\$50**

### QUARTER VERTICAL

Page Ad  
4"h x 2.25"w  
**\$50**

### FULL

Page Ad  
5"w x 8"h  
**\$100**

### BUSINESS CARD

Size Ad  
3.5"w x 2"h  
**\$25**

### HALF

Page Ad  
5"w x 4"h  
**\$75**



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# ATHLETICS UPDATE

Our Fall Athletics Season was a wonderful time of growth. We are excited about our Winter Season that is about to open wide for the elementary /varsity boys soccer teams and our many basketball teams! Here's a flashback of some of the moments from last season...



Sophomore Anthony Colon (right), runner from the Cross Country District Team (left), has advanced to Regional competition!



Thank you for partnering with us and supporting the ministry of Atlantic Christian Academy.  
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