



The Eagle's Landing

Letter From the Principal

Let me start by saying that I am looking forward to the upcoming 1st-4th grade Christmas Program, "Christmas is Jesus." It is a special time to remember that God loves us so much He sent His only begotten Son. Jesus came as a baby in a manger, but grew to the man, who would take away the sins of the whole world! What a God! What A Savior!

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." I don't know about you, but my wife and I have already started listening to Christmas carols. Music has such an amazing impact upon a person's spirit. Christmas music, that honors God, has such a soul-stirring impact in my life. I can't help but be joyous and thankful for all that God has done for me.

December is a wonderful time of year. Joy fills the air! I love driving down Main Street and seeing all of the lampposts decorated with a Christmas wreath and the other decorations throughout Brighton honoring the birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Even in Walmart it seems so many people have a smile on their face and a song in their heart.

Winter is approaching and snow will soon begin to fall. Our wonderful God and His great love for His creation is evident at this time of year. Each snowflake is unique from all others; not one snowflake is the same as another. How incredible! It is an illustration of God's love and creativity. There are billions of human beings that live today and billions have lived in times gone by; and yet God created each person individually; and God knows and loves each and everyone. What an awesome God!

With all of the joy, festivities, shopping, and excitement let us not

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forget why we celebrate Christmas. This time marks the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior. It was a little more than 2,000 years ago that God "sent His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." It was because of God's great love for all mankind that He sent Jesus Christ to be our sacrifice. He came as a humble Lamb, the Lamb of God.

He was not born in a kingly palace where princes are born. He was born in a stable and was visited that first night by shepherds, abiding in their fields, keeping watch over their flocks. God's great love for us provided the only way of salvation.

Though much time has passed, His birth still excites many people, including me. Jesus was born in the most humble of places, a little town outside of Jerusalem called Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. What a humble birth for the King of kings and Lord of lords. Thank you God for my salvation in Jesus Christ.

Let's remember that Jesus is the "Reason for the Season." It is because of God's great love for us that the world is filled with joy and laughter this time of year. Let's remember all that He has done and is doing for us today. God's Word says that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17). When you receive or give gifts this Christmas, remember it started with Jesus. It is His birthday that we celebrate. And truly, it is only because of His birth that we can have joy and peace.

May you know God's love and joy this holiday season. God bless you and Merry Christmas!



God bless you all!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. C. Lehman".

Pastor Joshua C. Lehman
Principal/Administrator



As the cold and flu season continues please remember the following guidelines:

1. If a student has a fever, or any other symptom of illness, he should not be sent to school.
2. If the student is sent to School under such circumstances, the parents will be called to pick him up.
3. If for some important reason, a student is not able to participate in regular school activities, the School must be notified in writing by a physician of the nature of his incapacity and the probable length of its duration.
4. Let's all work together and reduce the spread of germs and illness by respecting everyone.

A Golden Christmas

A Beautiful Foreshadow in the Bible

Are you frustrated with the Christmas holiday? The commercialization, the restrictions on religious terminology, and the frantic pace of the season can leave us worn out and dreaming about a vacation from the time off!

I love the words in John 1:14 that say, *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the father,) full of grace and truth."* The word dwelt there means "tabernacled" among us and draws our minds back to a wonderful picture in the Old Testament.

God desired to dwell with His people, the Israelites, and instructed Moses to build a tabernacle. A man by the name of Bezaleel was commissioned for this task, and the specifics of this construction were very clear. The boards of the tabernacle were to be of shittim wood (Exodus 36:20) as was the outer covering of the ark of



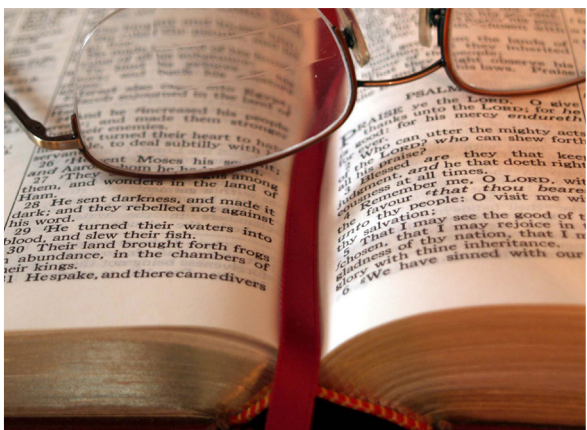
the covenant (Exodus 37:1). In both cases, however, the wood was overlaid with gold (Exodus 36:34 and 37:2). The tabernacle and the ark were clear pictures to the Israelites of God's presence among them. Interestingly, the wood speaks of humanity while gold in Scripture

always typifies the divine.

This beautiful picture in the Old Testament foretells the coming of the God-Man, Jesus Christ. As God, He took on flesh and dwelt among us. *"But when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons"* (Galatians 4:4-5). In Romans 8:3, Paul writes, *"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his*

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Scripture Memory Selections for the Month



1st Grade - Psalm 34:14-19

2nd Grade - Psalm 1

3rd Grade - Hebrews 11:20-22

4th Grade - Matthew 5:3-12

5th-12th Grades - Daniel 3:8-29



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own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." Yes, God was manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16)!

As the children of Israel looked at the tabernacle or saw the ark, they knew that it was made of wood, but all they saw was the gold. When people in the first century met Jesus, they saw a Man in the flesh, but were constantly reminded by all that He said and did, that He was indeed Divine! Even the Pharisees exclaimed "*Never man spake like this man*" (John 7:46). Pilate declared, "*I find in him no fault at all*" (John 18:38). And those who crucified Him upon His death announced, "*Truly this was the Son of God*" (Matthew 27:54). Yes, in His birth, His life, and His death, the gold covered the wood. His divine nature

could not be hidden; for He was indeed God in the flesh.

So, when you start getting frustrated with the bustle of Christmas, focus on the "Gold." Yes, we are all going to have to deal with the "wood" of Christmas—long lines, jammed schedules, political haggling, tired kids, and empty bank accounts. But when the depressing holiday spirit starts to get to you—focus on the "Gold." Had Jesus Christ simply come to this world as "wood" (human) there would be no Christmas. But because He came as "Gold" (God), we can celebrate this season no matter what our circumstances. Have a Golden Christmas! ■

How To UnWrap Christmas



Don't make the mistake of enjoying the wrapping of Christmas—activities, time with family, gift exchanges, traditions—without enjoying what is behind the wrapping—the gift.

Quite simply, Jesus is the gift of Christmas. And, with Paul, we exclaim, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

How do we unwrap this Gift?

RECEIVE THE GIFT

Romans 6:23 tells us that, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." A gift, however, must be received. If you haven't made the choice to receive Christ, I'd encourage you to stop and receive

Him now.

ENJOY THE GIFT

Salvation is just the beginning. But sometimes Christians become so consumed with the functioning aspects of the Christian life or ministry that we fail to personally revel in who Jesus is to us.

Hebrews 4:15 encourages, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Take time this Christmas to get to know Him. Delight to be in His presence.

WORSHIP THE GIFT

The wise men displayed their wisdom in several respects, but not the least of these was that they worshipped Jesus: "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11).

It's easy to get so caught up in the rush of Christmas that we miss the wonder of worship. Sing to Him, give to Him, praise Him, thank Him. "O come, let us adore Him!" ■

Honor Roll Field Trip Loveland Lasertag Fun Center, Loveland, CO

January 15, 2015

5th-12th Grades

Elmwood Baptist Academy students have the opportunity to go on a fun, all-day field trip to Loveland Lasertag on January 15th.

These honor roll field trips are privileges not rights and must be earned each quarter.

Requirements:

1. Earn "B," "A," or "Principal's" Honor Roll.

- Academic Balance (3 PACEs completed in each subject within the given quarter)

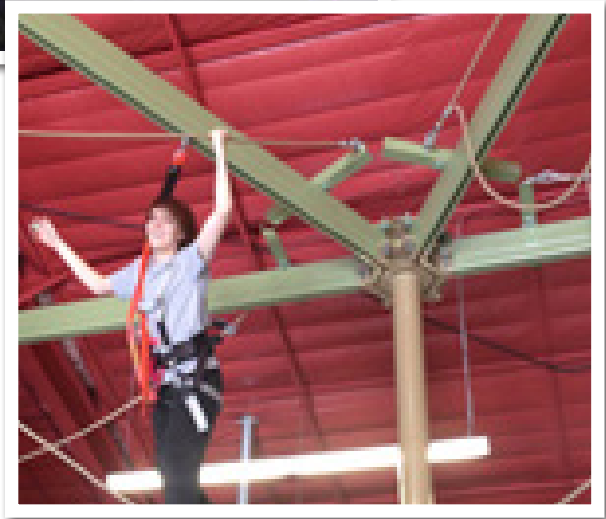
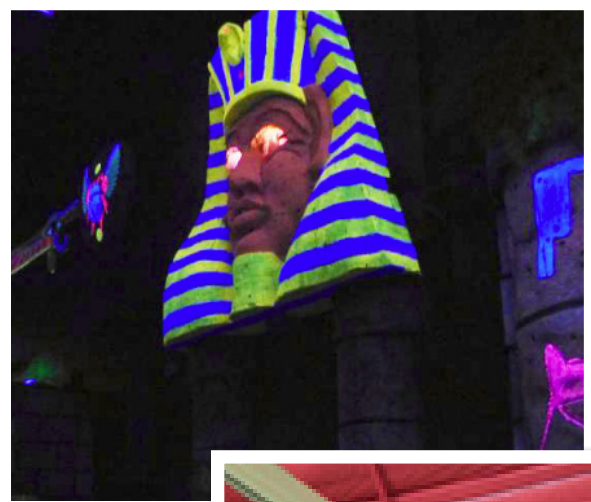
- Maintain an overall "B" average or higher for all classroom subjects.

- Memorize and quote the monthly scripture selections.

2. Pay the amount due for the field trip - TBD,

3. We will leave by 9:00am on the day of the field trip and will return by 2:45pm.

4. Parents are welcome to come. Cost is the same as the students.



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Cooperative



In the above character strip, Pastor Alltruth, Mr. Virtueson, and Ace determine to give a dirty church bus a good cleaning. Their task was successful through their spirit of cooperation and unity.

"Working or dwelling in unity with others" is how A.C.E. defines the word **cooperative**. Notice the word "unity." It is found in the verse for this character trait, *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!* (Psalm 133:1). Unity involves OTHERS rather than one individual being a loner. It involves WORKING or DWELLING with others. A clear example of this can be seen in early agricultural work. Years ago farmers used a single ox to pull a cultivator through the soil. They soon found that two oxen working together was more efficient. Have you ever seen a four-ox pulled cart? How about a ten-ox pulled cart? Loggers who had heavy timber to move from the forest to market used up to ten oxen. In order to get the job done, it required the oxen to combine their efforts to pull together in unity. There had to be real cooperation!

A.C.E. has added a New Testament Bible verse for the character trait cooperative. *Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind* (Philippians 2:2). This adds another dimension—being LIKE-MINDED. A ten-ox pulled cart requires all of the oxen to be like-minded—to be of one mind, to be of one accord. Suppose half of them wanted to go to the right and the other half to the left. Of course, that would not work. So in whatever we do as a family, as

a school, or as a church, God's desire is that we work together in unity to be like-minded.

Cooperation is God's will. Cooperation and like-mindedness allow us to be more effective in doing God's will in our lives. An engine without oil runs very rough. It produces much friction and heat, and the engine soon stops altogether. A smooth-running engine will be properly lubricated to eliminate unnecessary friction and heat. So, too, as Christians we must let the Holy Spirit fill our hearts and lives. We need Him to lubricate every part with just the right amount of oil so we work together in unity. We must have the same love of God in our hearts toward one another, that together, we might bring joy to the Lord and accomplish His will and purpose for our lives.

Your Christian school must work together in unity to accomplish anything of value for the Lord. *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!* The pastor, administrator, supervisor, and monitor must all be cooperative, displaying unity and like-mindedness for the school to thrive.

As your leadership team displays this character trait, it will impact and carry over in the lives of your students. A cooperative character will develop servants' hearts and create a pleasant atmosphere of peace and unity in the Learning Center. Cooperation and unity

bring great joy to the Lord. The Bible also tells us, *Can two walk together, except they be agreed?* (Amos 3:3) Remember, TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK! *ACE*





Praise and Motivation Go Hand In Hand

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We all thrive on praise, and children are no exception. Accelerated Christian Education recognizes a child's need for praise and has incorporated into the program some specific features to give parents an opportunity to inspire, encourage, and motivate their children through praise. What are these features? Every Goal Card, Progress Chart, Progress Report, Congratulations slip, and even a Homework Assignment slip is an opportunity for praise. When your child completes his goals each day, turns in a PACE for testing, or gets a star and a new PACE, he has passed a significant milestone. At school the staff find various ways to recognize achievement and to give words of praise. Build on that at home.

Consider the Goal Card. Every day, as your child completes and crosses off his goals, he demonstrates several character traits—diligence, persistence, consistency, etc. When he arrives home and says, "I finished all my goals today," take the opportunity to praise character and hard work.

If your child comes home from school discouraged because he was not able to complete all the day's goals, look at the Homework Assignment slip, assure him that you are there for encouragement, and then commend his efforts toward determination and commitment. When the homework is complete, see that the homework has been completed and praise a job well done.

Completing a PACE and receiving a Congratulations slip is definitely a highlight for your child. When he brings that Congratulations slip home, use the opportunity for special recognition and praise. Try displaying the slips on a bulletin board or the refrigerator, and comment

often that you are pleased with your child's efforts and progress. You may even want to put the slips into a scrapbook along with other important keepsakes, or as one parent did, save all of them over the years and present them tied with a ribbon at graduation.

Your child's Progress Chart is very important to him. The stars represent not only the number of PACEs completed but also academic balance. Do you make it a point to know what your child's Progress Chart looks like? Try dropping by the

Learning Center just to see it, or better yet, make a similar chart at home and add stars or dots every time he brings home a Congratulations slip. Praise not only

PACEs completed but also academic balance.

Progress Reports provide another excellent opportunity to praise your child's diligence and character. Place more emphasis on effort than high grades, and praise character as reflected on the "Desirable Habits and Traits" evaluation. Give special note to improvement in any area, and consider some kind of reward to support your praise.

It's easy to focus on what a child does wrong, but that will not build confidence or aid achievement efforts. Instead, use the special features A.C.E. has given you to give honest praise for character, positive attitudes, and effort. Remember, nothing motivates like praise, and PRAISE goes a long way!

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8 *ACE*

"Remember, nothing motivates like praise, and PRAISE goes a long way!"



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2014-2015 School Calendar

August 5: ACE Diagnostic Testing For New Students (5th-12th)

August 9: Parent Orientation, 1:00PM

August 18: First Day of School

September 1: Labor Day – No School

September 8-9: ACE Convention/School still in session

October 7: Picture Day

October 9: Rocky Mountain Christian Educator's Conference - **Teacher-in-Service Training - No School**

October 13: Columbus Day - No School

October 16: End of 1st Quarter

October 20-24: Spirit Week

October 24: Parent Teacher Conferences (1st through 12th grades)

November 11: Veteran's Day - No School

November 18: Picture Retakes

November 26-27: Thanksgiving Break – No School

December 16: Christmas Program – 7:00 PM, (1st-5th Grade)

December 18: End of 2nd Quarter

December 18: Christmas Party – Full Day of School

December 22 - January 1: Christmas Break – No School

January 5: School Resumes

February 14: Valentine's Day

February 16: No School - Presidents Day

March 12: End of 3rd Quarter

March 12-13: CACS Fine Arts Competition @Beth Eden Baptist School

March 15-21: Frontier Regional Student Convention

March 16-20: Spring Vacation – No School

March 23: School Resumes

April 1: K-5 Smilestones – Graduation Pictures

April 5: Easter

April 6: Easter Holiday – No School

April 13-16: SAT Testing

April 16: All-School Field Trip

May 12: Spring Program and Awards 7th-12th Grades – 7:00 PM

May 17: High School Graduation - 5:00PM

May 18: K4-K5 Graduation 7:00PM

May 19: Elementary Concert and Academy Awards 1st through 4th grades – 7:00 PM

May 21: Last Day of School – Half-Day (no After-Care provided)

May 22-28: International Student Convention





December Lunch Menu

2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1 Chili Fritos Fruit Milk	2 Chicken Sandwich Chips Dessert Milk	3 Tostada Veggie Fruit Milk	4 Pizza Chips Dessert Milk
8 Chicken Enchilada Rice Beans Fruit Milk	9 Veteran's Day No School	10 Burritos Veggie Fruit Dessert Milk	11 Pizza Chips Dessert Milk
15 Chicken Nuggets Veggie Fruit Dessert Milk	16 Toasted Ham & Cheese Chips Dessert Milk	17 Chicken Quesadilla Veggie Fruit Milk	18 Pizza Chips Dessert Pop
22	23 CHRISTMAS BREAK—NO SCHOOL	24	25





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