
HOME & SCHOOL

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What is accreditation?

Contributed by Becky Easton

Have you ever wondered what Accreditation is and what it means to our school? Adventist elementary schools are evaluated on a regular basis by the North American Division of Education concerning their academics (classes and subjects taught) and other related parts of the educational program. This process is in place to help ensure a quality school program.

How long is each term of accreditation? That can vary depending on the outcome of a full accreditation review – anywhere from one to six years. Gurnee Christian School had a full school evaluation in April 2011. At that time the school received a recommendation of accreditation for six years with an onsite review three years into this term. This is one of the best rankings to receive after having the educational program reviewed!

In mid-March the three-year onsite review will take place. During that time a team of professionals will come to the school and evaluate our school's progress and developments. We look forward to their visit, sharing the developments of the school program, and receiving their feedback.

Did you see that!?

We had an amazing turnout for the February movie night. There were 120 people who came out with their families and friends to enjoy the movie *Dolphin Tale*. The Home and School would like to thank everyone for their support. We would also like to express our thanks for all the help in cleaning up after the event. Your assistance made the cleanup go really fast. Watch for the next movie night coming in April.

Principal's Corner

Contributed by Carl Bandy Sr.

The last few weeks have been exciting for GCS. We are welcoming two brothers and a sister from India, Danish (5th), Numa (4th) and Maz (2nd) Khan. They add to our already culturally diverse student body.

Wisconsin, Indiana and Great Lakes (Michigan) Academies conducted recruitment visits to entice our graduating 8th graders to attend their schools.

On March 20th the Lake Union accreditation team will conduct its routine three-year visit as part of our six-year accreditation. We are ready to receive them.

Grades 5-8 are practicing their choir parts in preparation for the Wisconsin Academy Choir Festival April 3-5. This always turns out to be a fun and educational trip for our students and they meet students from other schools in Illinois and Wisconsin.

This past Friday we passed another milestone, the end of the third quarter marking period. We will conduct Parent/Teacher conferences after Spring Break, which is March 24-28. Students and faculty are both excited about a much needed break, especially with so much record breaking cold and snow.

Let me be the first to say thank you for the successful International Vegetarian Food Fair. I think I broke the record. I purchased ten (10) take home containers of food from all sixteen tables. What a feast I had to share at home.

Until next month, God's blessings.

Yummy!

Thank you for making the Vegetarian International Food Fair a huge success. We have brothers and sisters who are amazing cooks! We experienced foods from various Latin American, Caribbean, Southeast Asian, and European cultures. It was a great time eating and enjoying the fellowship of our brothers and sisters in Christ. The children had a great time eating, watching a movie and playing together.

A special blessing took place Saturday night when Caleb Thomas and Stephen Mujeye set up all the tables and chairs for the Home and School Team. Tracy Bedolla, Kimberly Mujeye, Sebastian and Aaron Bedolla decorated the entire gymnasium. What a blessing these future officers of our church are. The H&S team is sincerely thankful for your help and for all who helped with the clean up after the fair.

The Vegetarian International Food Fair is one of our schools biggest fundraisers. Unfortunately it was impossible to get an accurate count of the number of people who attended. Our best guess is around 120-150 including those who volunteered to cook and share their wonderful food. Along with the \$850 raised, was the many new friendships formed. Praise the Lord!!!

Need spring break ideas?

Spring break is March 24-28. Are you looking for inexpensive things to do? Check out these ideas:

Rockford's Burpee Museum of Natural History, is home to "Jane the most complete juvenile T.Rex ever found." Rockford doesn't have the "Blackhawks" but they do have the "Icehogs". You can get tickets for as little as \$7. There is also the Discovery Center Museum.

Utica boasts one of the states natural treasures, "Starved Rock State Park". By spring break the ice melt will have the parks signature waterfalls back in force.

Gurnee has KeyLime Cove if you're looking for a waterpark adventure. Jump America is just down the street. Spend the day or an hour jumping on their 16,000 square feet of trampolines.

Milwaukee has a "Mummies of the World" exhibit at the Milwaukee Public Museum. While you're in Milwaukee, check out the cute pair of tiger cubs at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

Have fun!!

Who am I?



Contributed by Sharon Lawrence

Each month we will feature an individual who is a member or active in, the school, preschool, Shalem, Lighthouse, Waukegan Hispanic or Gurnee church. See if you are able to guess who these hints describe. Have fun!

I was born the same year Facebook was launched, which happens to be a leap year. I was already an Aunt before I was born. Last year I visited a country in Central America whose national flower is a black orchid and national bird is a keel-billed toucan. I have many favorites such as tamales, the color blue, hula hoops and jump ropes, and I love gymnastics and the song *Deep and Wide*, but most of all I want you to know my favorite scripture is John 3:16. So, do you know "Who am I?"

In February the answer to "Who am I" was Ana Irizarry. Ana is our Kindergarten Teacher, she loves her job and truly loves the children. Thank you Ana!



Happy Birthday!

Teachers and Students celebrating birthdays this month.

March 8	Anthony Martinez Thomas Quezada
March 11	Mr. Carl Bandy Sr.
March 16	Adriana Vidal
March 18	Keaton Tait
March 19	Signe Scott
March 20	Ms. Ana Irizarry
March 24;	Joselyn Garcia

School calendar for April

April	Outdoor Track & Field Event / Aurora, Illinois (Date To Be Announced)
April 3-5	Choir Fest at Wisconsin Academy
April 6-10	8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C. with Hinsdale Adventist Academy
April 9/10	Spring Field Trip / Grades K-8 (Museum)
April 14-18	Spring Week of Prayer (With Pastor Campos)
April 19	Education Sabbath