

The Bridge



MESA GRANDE ADVENTIST ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome (Back) to MGA



Welcome to Mesa Grande Academy. It is exciting to see all the students so eagerly studying, exercising, playing and enjoying the unique education we offer here at Mesa Grande Academy.

You have probably seen our Motto: "Commitment to HIS Excellence". This very simple set of words has obvious meaning, as well as deeper meanings that should be con-

sidered.

The first word, "Commitment", is a call for each student to make decisions that will affect their lives:

- First, as a Christian school, we wish for each student to decide to invite Jesus into their lives.
- Secondly, we wish for our students to choose "HIS" lifestyle that values and exhibits the traits of trustworthiness, responsibility, respect, fairness, caring and citizenship.
- Thirdly, we wish for our students to choose and practice "HIS" excel-

Character Counts at MGA

For the first few days of school, a special assembly for grades K-6th was held daily to explain each of the 6 Pillars of Character-Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. The themes of color (each trait is represented by a different color) and What Would Jesus Do? Were the main focuses of the talks. Students ended each

assembly by participating in the Six Pillar Shuffle. Throughout the year, the elementary will be participating in various activities and events that have to do with promoting the Six Pillars of Character. In October we will be participating in the Character Counts Week and in February we will hold our annual Teddy Bear Picnic. It is our hope at MGA that we

Alfred Riddle, Principal

lence in the pursuit of academic study, in lifestyle, and in relationships.

I encourage you to support your student in making a "Commitment to HIS Excellence" throughout the year. I am praying that each family will have a wonderful experience at Mesa Grande Academy as the year progresses. Please know that I and my staff always love to hear from you. We want to know your ideas and concerns for your student(s). Thank you for making the decision to be a part of the MGA family.

Elisa Suphol, 2nd Grade



will be able to teach Children not only the 3R's (reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic) but also how to be good people of character that want to be more like Jesus.

Special points of interest:

- IN ORDER TO "GO GREEN", AS WELL AS CUT DOWN ON PRECIOUS VOLUNTEER TIME, WE WILL BE SENDING FUTURE COPIES OF THE BRIDGE TO YOU VIA EMAIL AS WELL AS POSTING THEM ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.
- IF YOU ARE A STUDENT AND WISH TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE, PLEASE CONTACT KAREN DAVIDSON.
- IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT WITH HOME AND SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT KATHY GARCIA OR JENNIFER HOFFER.

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Disney Day at MGA

Friday, September 18th, the high school students of Mesa Grande Academy participated in the first spirit day of the year, Disney Day. The goal of this Spirit Day was to have students dress up as the Disney character of their choice and get as much class participation as possible. The Senior class of 2010 won with 100% participation. The day turned out to be quite entertaining as the students saw their favorite Disney characters come to life right before their eyes.

While roaming about the campus, one may have seen

variations of Tinkerbell, Toy Story soldiers, and Disney Prince/Princesses. One of the best original costumes was Pinocchio, with Naomi Park, Steven Haddad, and Philip Hoch assuming that role. They all had the great idea of extensible noses! More creative costumes (or lack thereof) were worn by Trenton Thompson and Austin Mock, as Mowgli from "Jungle Book". One more unforgettable costume was worn by Shireen Anbardan as Disney's popular teenage crime fighter, Kim Possible.

A fun aspect of the day was

the Disney Parade. Every student that dressed up paraded around the Pit, to the amusement of the elementary students who showed up to watch. They younger kids really enjoyed seeing the older kids dress up and are looking forward to being one of the "big kids" someday!

Students who did not find the day so amusing took part in the opportunity to come to school in a wardrobe free of the infamous "True Grits" label.

Disney Day was an overall success!



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Big Top Fun at MGA's Fall Fair

Come join us Sunday, October 25th for some big top fun at Mesa Grande's annual Fall Fair. With a circus theme, this year is bound to have something fun for young and old alike.

Enjoy delicious food, home baked treats and games...all with the company of friends!

Try your hand at miniature golf, win prizes with carnival games, bid on items at the popular Silent Auction, or enter a delicious treat in our cake decorating and baking contests. You can even get your pets involved with a circus themed pet costume show!

This year's fair runs from 10am till 3pm and tickets can be bought at the door or vouchers can be purchased early by stopping in at the school office.

We can't wait to see you there!



8th Graders Storm California's Capital

Eli Gorton, 8th Grade

The History Tour to Sacramento is unarguably the biggest event for the 8th grade class at MGA. 5 days, no parents, all your friends, and a whole lot of energy add up to one great trip! The trip goes from early Sunday through late Thursday night. The reason we go to Sacramento is to learn about the Gold Rush and that time period. We did many things, from learning, going on tours, rafting and playing games late at night. We panned for gold, went to the Gold Bug Mine, played in the American River, stayed at a hotel, hung out together and

many other fun things.

Here's the trip in brief:

Sunday- We headed up in four separate vehicles to Sacramento at 5:30 in the morning and arrived ten hours later.

Monday- We panned for gold and went on a 13-mile river rafting experience. We did lots of activities and games that night.

Tuesday- This day we went to the Gold Bug mine, Marshall's Monument, and a blacksmith shop.

Wednesday- We headed off to get old-time looking photos. We then went the California State Railroad Mu-

seum, Sutter's Fort. We swam at our hotel and went to the Spaghetti Factory that night.

Thursday- We went to the California State Capitol Gardens, and then into the actual Capitol! We then headed out for the Jelly Belly factory where we ate lunch, got Jelly Bellies and went on the tour. Then we headed straight home, making a few stops and finally arriving at exactly 11:00 P.M.

To sum the trip up, it was GREAT! We learned a lot, we got to know each other better, and we made a lot of memories together!



Eli Gorton, panning for gold.



Classroom BoxTop\$ Competition

Check out an easy way to earn money for our school at www.boxtopsforeducation.com. By signing up online in October, you will earn extra BoxTop\$ for MGA! You will also receive opportunities for bonus BoxTop\$ and coupons on everyday items. Earn cash for our school when you shop online at the BoxTop\$ Marketplace, where more than 100 popular

stores donate up to 15% of each qualifying purchase to our school! (Gap, Banana Republic, Barnes and Noble, Best Buy, Home Depot, Expedia, Harry and David, Shutterfly and Target) Collect BoxTop\$ at home, from grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors, etc. and bring them to school. *There is a collection box in each K-8 classroom.*

The class with the most BoxTop\$ by October 28 will win a popcorn party!!! You can find BoxTop\$ on products from Avery, Hefty, Juicy Juice, Kleenex, Pillsbury, Kotex, Ziploc, Huggies, Cheerios, Chex, Betty Crocker, Nature Valley and Yoplait to name a few.



Your class can win!

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Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you said the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

Save and Support with \$crip

Have you stopped in to buy \$crip cards recently? Did you know that buying \$crip is an easy way to support our school and earn money off your child's tuition each month?

\$crip cards can be purchased for just about anything you need...everything from groceries to gasoline. The best part is, you don't spend a penny more with \$crip. It just takes a little planning. Costco, Trader Joes and Target are recent additions and can now be purchased.

You can stop by the school most mornings to get \$crip or print the order form from the

school's website and just fax in your request. If you have any questions, Louise Holder is more than happy to help you out.

In the past, \$crip has helped our school by funding our gym floor and risers, providing cameras for our year-books, a pitching machine for the baseball field, and our school bus to name a few. Most recently \$crip has provided for our new electronic sign.

In August, 52 school families (out of about 200) purchased \$crip with \$778 being credited to student accounts. Our goal this year is to get as

many families purchasing \$crip as possible! Together, we can help ourselves and help our school!

