

Nydamnews

a monthly newsletter from Joel Nydam

News & Updates

Dear Parents,

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As you look back on the last seven months, it is hard to believe that your child was just starting the grade that they are now looking ahead to finishing. It has been so fun to see the growth in the students since that time.

When I think of school, growth in students is the piece of education that excites me. Let me share some quick examples of growth that I have seen.

I was talking with some students in 2nd grade and they were sharing with me what they were learning in math. "Mr. Nydam," they said, "we just learned how to multiply by added numbers together. It's not that difficult!"

In PreK some of the students were sharing with me about a Bible story they just heard. Through that they learned how God provides.

In 5th and 6th grade, I keep asking the students if they are going to stop growing as some of them are growing as tall as me!

In 4th grade, I heard some of the students practicing for the upcoming program as they are growing in their use of their signing voices.

As a challenge to us parents and grandparents, how are we helping our children grow? It is a blessing to partner with you to see that growth in a child's mind, body, and spirit.



Upcoming Events

April 15-16: Spring Drama Production

April 21: PreK-4th Grade Spring Program, 7:00 pm

April 22: Celebrate Legacy Gala

May 2-13: MAP Testing. Eat a great breakfast!

May 13: Middle School event.

May 19: 5th-6th Grade Band/Choir Concert, 7:00 pm

May 20: 4th and 6th Grade Step Up Day

May 20: Ice Cream Social

May 27: Elementary Field Day

June 1: 4th Grade Graduation during Chapel

June 8: Last day of school K-6th Grade

Joke of the Month:

Q: Where do pencils go to school?

A: Pencil-vania

*Books/Resources to check out...
Facebook -
www.facebook.com/lcamrnydam*

*Parent Resource -
<http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting>*

Life at Legacy

In PreK they had a great time when Pierce's Mom came in as a nurse. She brought stethoscopes, a special prize, vegetables and fruit to taste, as well as some super fun soap for the classroom!



Who can forget one of the favorite days in Kindergarten? They celebrated the 100th day of school with a parade and a visit by Zero the Hero. He has been leaving treats for us in the classrooms every tenth day. He left the class DONUTS which are shaped like a zero. Some say he looked a lot like me, but I don't see it.



1st graders were excited about Reading Month and they were just as excited to learn something new in Math. They learned regrouping with double digits!



2nd grade had a great Valentine's Day! They exchanged Valentines with the 5th grade buddies and partnered up their blankets and pillows to share the love of reading with each other.



In 3rd grade this quarter, they welcomed Evelyn and Matthew to the classroom. All of us at LCA are enjoying getting to know them. 3rd grade celebrated the 100th day of school by dividing into four groups; each stacked 100 cups! Awesome job!



What a great day 4th grade had at the Reading Fair! Such fun seeing all the creativity from K through 4th grade. Well done kids and parents. Thanks for coming!



Check out 5th grade! They dissected owl pellets recently to learn about interactions in an ecosystem! They found skulls, other bones, and even a rattail! Our kids love dissecting!



Arts and Academics Night was a hit for 5th-8th grade and the mission our 6th grade kids had was to identify other classmates names and have their guest write in Greek. What a creative way to have fun with what you're learning. Looked like a blast 6th graders!



Get to Know Them!

Mrs. Schomburg

Health Paraprofessional, Attendance



What is your favorite part of serving in the Health Office? Building relationships with Legacy families.

Do you have any sweet or crazy stories? I love it when the new kindergarteners go finding the Gingerbread Man every September. They look for him in the Health Office and I get a chance to explain what it's for, as well as introduce myself to new children! This past year I was covered in Band-Aids and there were cracker crumbs all over the cot, and I told the students that he had a tummy ache and needed a Band-Aid, but that it got a little wild in here before he left!

What are some of the ways that the health team challenges and encourages the kids to walk out their faith? We pray with children who are hurting, and get to talk about the hope that we have when we are feeling down or ill. Sometimes students come in and they are hurting emotionally, having some burden. That's a great opportunity to talk about God's promises to us, and how He has never broken one!

What drew you to this profession? Wanting to be close to my children at their school. What kept me here after my last one graduated? The fabulous staff, an environment where everyone's goal is to honor and glorify God in all that we do, and great Legacy families!

If you suddenly had \$1,000,000 how would you spend it? Tithe comes first, then pay off bills, then buy a house with land to keep bees, chickens, and a couple of goats to keep the lawn mowed!

Mrs. Olson

Registered Nurse, Licensed School Nurse



What is your favorite part of serving in the Health Office? Comforting kids when they are not feeling well or they are upset about something going on in their world. I especially love the fact that I can pray with students in order to support them, comfort them, and show them that prayer is powerful.

Do you have any sweet or crazy stories? A recent crazy story is of a middle school student who came to me from lunch. He was eating popcorn and at the same time laughed so hard that a piece of the popcorn went UP the back of his throat into his nasal cavity. He could not get it out by blowing his nose and I could not see it. I ended up calling his mom to take him to the ER because we couldn't just leave it there. It was an odd call to mom. It turned out he finally got it out on his own and saved his mom time and money. :)

What are some of the ways that the health team challenges and encourages the kids to walk out their faith? In the Health Office we see a lot of mental health issues related to anxiety/depression. We have a unique opportunity to encourage students who are struggling with these types of issues by reminding them that they are made in God's image. We can encourage them to continually pray and to seek God in all circumstances. We also work with them and their parents to get them outside support from a counselor or the medical doctor or both.

What does your ideal vacation look like? All inclusive resort in Poipu, Kauai with unlimited excursions like whale watching trips, golf, helicopter rides around the island, horse back riding, etc. with my family.