



## TUESDAY MEMO 9/27/16

### **SEE YOU AT THE POLE ~ TOMORROW @ 9 am**

Wednesday will observe See You at the Pole, an annual event in which students, staff and families gather around the flag pole for a time of prayer and worship. As a part of this observance we would like to honor all First Responders (EMS, Police and Fire) and invite them to join us as we pray for them and their safety as they serve our community. Parents are encouraged to come out and join us for this special prayer time. A flyer is also attached. Please pass this along to any first responders that you may know. **Students are asked to step up their dress – no jeans, shorts or t-shirts please. This is another way we show our honor and respect to those who give so much to our community.**

### **NGCA FAMILY DIRECTORY**

Please make the following changes to your directories: Add Braxton Harvel's name to Tracey Robbins family.

### **PICTURE DAY**

Creative Expressions will be here next Wednesday, Oct 5, for school pictures.

### **DISCOUNT CARDS**

Discount cards went home a few weeks ago - 12 per family. The **competition** for discount card sales will go through this **Friday, Sept. 30**. Money must be turned in by 3:15 pm on Friday to count toward the contest. The prizes for top sellers include dinner and bowling for 4, a \$25 Chili's gift card, and a \$15 Chili's gift card.

### **FALL CHILI FUNDRAISER & BOOK FAIR**

Instead of 2 spaghetti dinners this year, we are planning a chili & baked potato dinner with maybe a mac & cheese alternative for kids. (Your input appreciated.) Due to scheduling conflicts the Chili Dinner date has changed. The **NEW DATE** is Saturday, Nov. 5, The Book Fair is still scheduled for Monday, Oct. 10 - Saturday, Oct. 15. Chili tickets will be available soon.

### **A PRINCESS TEA PARTY ~ OCT 8**

The Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church Women of Faith invite you to a Princess Tea Party for girls age 3 years old – 5th grade. The Tea Party will be at 10 am on Oct. 8, in the Family Life Center/cafeteria. Please RSVP to Martha Murray (336-672-6066) by Friday, Sept. 30.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

Today – Progress Reports  
Oct 5 – Picture Day  
Oct. 20, 21 – ACSI Convention, No School  
Oct 25 – Parent Conferences, No School  
Nov 29 – Progress Reports  
24, 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Tomorrow – See You at The Pole  
Oct. 10-15 – Book Fair  
Oct 24 – Teacher Workday  
Nov. 5 – Fall Chili Fundraiser  
Nov 23 – Noon Dismissal, No Lunch Served Nov

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# 5 Things You Should Say to Your Kids Every Day to Build Strong Identity

by Jessica Wolstenholm

We've been back to school for over a month and now that we've found our groove, I've turned my attention away from school supplies and preparation and on to the deeper needs of my children. Is that true for your family, too?

Just about 40 days in and we've already had tough homework, bus stop meltdowns, and recess loneliness. I am thankful for the education my children receive each day. But as much as I'm concerned about the academic achievements they may meet at school, I want to focus on the character-building process at school, too.

Being a part of a learning community is a great privilege and an opportunity for children to grow in character. But it can also be an assault to their identity if they don't have a firm foundation to stand on each day.

In her new book, *Liked*, author Kari Kampakis starts each wisdom-filled chapter with a solid truth that girls can carry with them as they step out into the world. She writes at the beginning of chapter 2: Confidence,

*What people say about you is opinion. What God says about you is fact. The way to know your worth is to focus on the facts.*

She goes on to include many practical nuggets to help girls overcome the lure to be defined by their social media status, let go of expectations, and just be themselves.

My kids are a bit younger than the ages she addresses in her books, but I've been inspired by Kari's words. Because I want my children to grow in a soil of rich truth, even now as they begin to build their identity, I'm committing to plant these seeds in their lives this year.

## 5 Truths to Reinforce to Your Children About Their Identity

### **You are uniquely made for God's perfect purpose.**

Confidence is the most attractive trait and people are drawn to it. Own who you are. God made you beautifully and wonderfully according to His plan... and He doesn't make mistakes.

### **You are loved.**

More than you will ever know... first and foremost, by your Father God and deeply, and unconditionally by your Dad and me. No matter what happens out there, we are your safe haven.

### **You are enough.**

There is no need to be different or more than you already are. As long as you are doing your best, even if you struggle, it is enough.

### **You can do hard things.**

Sometimes it's good to be pushed out of your comfort zone. This doesn't mean you have to be more, but it does mean you can get better when you work hard at something with commitment and discipline. We will always be here cheering you on.

### **You are a light that others need to shine.**

The world is full of darkness and you have the light of Christ. Shine brightly so that others feel the love of Jesus through you. Look for those who need it most. Don't be afraid to reach out; you have something they need.

These are the truths I want planted in my children's hearts now so they will be ready when their self-worth is challenged. These are the beliefs I want to grow out of them to beautify the world in which they live. It may seem like a never-ending process to undo the lies and deceptions our kids encounter daily through friends and social media, but when we prune each misconception and continue to plant truths about their identity in Christ, we'll slowly but surely cultivate beautiful freedom in their lives.

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