



DESERT HAPPENINGS

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February 28	March 12	March 12	March 20	March 23-27
Walk-a-thon	Minimum Day-Teacher curriculum Planning	Literacy Family Night	3rd Quarter Ends	Spring Break

Last Week to Collect Walk-A-Thon Pledges

You have one week left to collect your pledges and money for this year's Walk-a-Thon! More students received their t-shirts today and our amount of pledges are getting higher and higher each day. As you collect your additional monies, start preparing for the big event! Wear comfortable shoes for walking & running and if you have your new white Walk-a-Thon t-shirt, be sure to wear them! Uniform pants are not required, in place

of more comfortable or athletic -like shorts or pants.

Please turn in your money by next Friday and if you already turned in your envelopes with \$50, be sure to pick them up at the office so you can collect more pledges!

Families are welcome to attend the festivities as volunteers are needed to help count laps and pass out incentives. We also need help with set-up and clean-up. In addition, you are welcome to come and

cheer!

Please remember to provide the following items by Wednesday, February 26:

TK/K-1st—Box of Fruit Snacks

2nd-4th Grade—Yogurt Tubes or drinkable yogurts

5th-6th Grade—Granola Bars

7th & 8th Grade—Fresh Fruit (bananas, "Cuties", or apples).

We also need donations of bottled water!!!!



Step on the red carpet and journey with us through a night of reading. Last year, we put on an exciting evening full of science experiments and projects. Yet, science is not the only subject we teach at DAA, so we wanted to change it up a bit. We are so excited to announce that this year we are doing a Literacy Night on March 12 at 6:30. There will be two parts to this awesome program. We all will begin this award winning night in the

Lights, Camera, Action

church, where we will meet and build a little community and talk about the night's events. Then there will be fun family-orientated activities in each classroom where we will give you strategies to make reading fun for your kids. In the gym, we will have two activities. On one side of the gym there will be a book exchange, and on the other we will display some reading report projects from each of the classes.



Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Feb 24-27	Pizza	Burritos	Spaghetti	Vegetarian Tacos

Reading Buddies Make Valentine Cards for Outreach Project

On Friday, February 7, all students in grades Tk-8 met together with their reading buddies to do a community outreach project. With colorful paper, stickers, & doilies, students made an abundant amount of valentine cards. These cards had well wishes and the message of Jesus' love. All cards were then delivered to the local hospice care center down the street, *Manor Care*. We hope these cards brightened their day.



Reading Buddies making Valentine Cards for Manor Care residents

Bible Text of the Week

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34-35 NIV



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: 7th & 8th Grade Learns About the Tabernacle

In our 7/8 Bible class we have been studying, for the past 4 weeks, all about the tabernacle and the amazing instructions God set out for the Israelites. He was very specific with the measurements and material needed to make it exactly how God intended. He wanted to have a Holy place where priests could go and spend time with Him. Today, He still wants us to spend time with Him, just in a different way. We learned that, instead of having to sacrifice an animal that represents our sins, we now can simply ask God to forgive us. He came down to this earth and died on the cross for us to save us from our sins and that is a promise

that is mentioned over and over again in the scriptures. It is amazing to think that He sacrificed Himself so we all can have eternal life.

We spent two days building a model of the Tabernacle which gave the kids time to think of how difficult it must have been for the Israelites to tear down and build back up every post and every piece of furniture every time they moved. And even though the Israelites had a tough time keeping their faith, they went through several kings that kept everything Holy. My prayer is that each and every one of these children won't take for granted what God has done for them. Not only the fact

that they all get to worship Him in School but the fact that He died on the cross to save them all!

- Mr. Emery

