

NEWS FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"IT'S ALL ABOUT S.U.C.C.E.S.S.!"

September 6, 2011



THE QUEST FOR S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

Many speak of the "village" and its responsibilities. However, what we can never afford to do is to forget that there must be an ongoing replenishment of that "village." This provides the shoulders on which the next generation will stand. The

Good Shepherd School Community is about the business of effectively and adequately preparing the next "nwa ora" which means child/children of the community. To successfully do this entails building character and instilling morals and values. Character is important because it is who you are not just how you act or how you look. Character is built through the practice of good habits and an avoidance of bad ones. We must teach our children to be **generous, hard-working, selfless, and to always have manners.**

The values we find important and beneficial for life are the ones that must be instilled in our children. Values such as:

Cleanliness

- ❖ A habit of keeping clean

Compassion

- ❖ Being fully aware of the suffering of another and having a strong desire and wish to relieve that suffering

Courage

- ❖ facing adversity, danger, or fear with confidence

Friendliness

- ❖ being likeable to another person

Honesty

- ❖ the quality of being truthful

Integrity

- ❖ having moral soundness, honesty, and truthfulness

Kindness

- ❖ being warm-hearted, considerate, humane, and sympathetic

Perseverance

- ❖ steadily persist in holding fast to a cc action or a purpose

Promptness

- ❖ being on time, punctual

Responsibility

- ❖ being accountable

We must hold these near and dear to our hearts and pledge to instill them daily in our children and in ourselves as we continue our quest for success.



T.I.P. [The Informed Parent]

What Your Child Will Learn...Grade by Grade

Sixth grade can be considered either the end of elementary school or the beginning of middle school. In either case, emphasis will be placed on increasing your child's proficiency in the basic skills. In sixth grade, your child will learn to:

- ✓ Identify major chronological events in history, as well as find the areas studied in history on maps and globes.
- ✓ Understand our legacy from ancient and early civilizations.
- ✓ Understand and perform all operations for rational numbers.
- ✓ Write, simplify, and manipulate expressions and equations in all areas of problem solving, including ratios, proportions, geometry, statistics, and probability.
- ✓ Use all stages of the writing process (organizing, drafting, revising, and editing).
- ✓ Write essays, reports, letters, stories, and poems.
- ✓ Set up and conduct simple scientific experiments.
- ✓ Understand the concepts of gravity, motion, energy, chemical compounds, the ecosystem, fossils, heredity, weather, and the classification of matter.

"CHANGE THE WORLD" [A GSS Service Group]

A part of our extracurricular program this year includes multi-level groups in which students are involved in producing a school newspaper, creating works of art, publishing creative writings, and service projects. A very enthusiastic group of students, under Mr. Matt's direction, is currently raising funds to help build a well and provide clean water for students at a school in Sudan. Their goal is to raise \$2000 during the year for this project. Anyone wishing to help with this project please let Mr. Matt know. We are very proud of our, "nwa ora."

MONTHLY CALENDAR

- 5 Labor Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- 6 5:00 p.m. Dismissal Begins
- 7 Early dismissal at 1 p.m.
- 10 "Bash on Baronne" 10 – 2p
- 16 Progress Report Two
- 21 Early dismissal at 1p.m.
- 24 Saturday Class (9-12p)

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"It's not who you are that holds you back, it's who you think you're not."



Mrs. Emily M. Paul, Principal