



MAY

# NEWSLETTER

## A Note from the Director

Dear Parents,

Mark your calendars for the Spring Program and Graduation scheduled for Thursday, May 16th and Friday, May 17th at 10am each morning.

All classes will perform in the Spring Program and the 4s and Kindergarten classes will participate in Graduation immediately following the Spring Program. After the Spring Program and Graduation, all students will return to their classes for end of year parties.

What a wonderful year we have had at GEM! It has been a joy to watch GEM students grow and learn throughout the school year. Teachers will send progress reports home May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and teachers will be available for scheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please check class emails for information on scheduling a conference.

Registration for 24-25 is underway. Thank you for telling your friends and neighbors about our program. Referrals are greatly appreciated. \$25.00 tuition vouchers are awarded to families who refer a new family to GEM. Tuition vouchers may be applied to monthly tuition. In order to qualify for a tuition voucher, the family you refer must complete the registration process and write your name in the referral section of the registration form. Thanks so much for your support!

GEM went through the ACSI-Association of Christian Schools International-reaccreditation process this school year. It is a rigorous process to ensure we remain committed to a continuous improvement plan and provide excellence in all facets of our program. We will receive the official report and reaccreditation confirmation this summer, but the preliminary report submitted by the ASCI accreditation team was very affirming and encouraging!

A portion of the report states: "GEM fosters a Christ-like culture characterized by a compassionate, caring, and respectful environment that is sensitive to diverse backgrounds and cultures, as well as varying needs, of each student and family. GEM incorporates a variety of challenging, collaborative, motivational, learner-centered, and authentic learning experiences to promote student engagement and independence." I am blessed to work with each person on the GEM staff; they are truly a creative and caring group committed to providing a quality, developmentally appropriate, biblically based, early education experience for our students.

Thank you for entrusting your children to our care! We consider it a blessing and a privilege to partner with you teaching and nurturing your children. We know you have many choices when it comes to early education, and we are honored that you chose GEM Express Preschool & Kindergarten. It is my privilege to lead the GEM team serving families in our community. It takes the whole team working together using their gifts and talents to ensure we provide the best possible early education experience for GEM students. God has richly blessed our efforts and we look forward to serving many more families in the years ahead. Your participation in our program is encouraging and motivational. On behalf of the entire GEM team-THANK YOU!

May 17th is the last day of the school year. Classes will resume Monday, August 26th.

Have a great summer!

In His Service,  
Diana Abbott  
Director



"For it is by grace you are saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God."

Ephesians 2:8



# Spring Program & Graduation

May 16th & 17th at 10am

## Thursday, May 16th

Mrs. Erwin's T/TH 2s  
Mrs. Shivers' 2s  
Mrs. Jones' 3s  
Mrs. Stewart's 3s  
Mrs. Hernandez's 4s  
Mrs. Kaufman's 4s  
Mrs. Tarbox's 4s  
Mrs. Wilaby's Kindergarten  
Mrs. Smotherman's Kindergarten

## Friday, May 17th

Mrs. Erwin's MWF 2s  
Mrs. Palacios' 3s  
Mrs. Stephens' 3s  
Mrs. Taffet's 3s  
Mrs. Carter's 4s  
Mrs. Murthy's 4s  
Mrs. Hedges' Friday Enrichment  
Mrs. Minyard's Friday Enrichment



# THANK YOU!

We earned \$1276.83 in cash  
to go towards classroom  
books and resources.

 **paperpie**  
**learning**



# BOOK FAIR

**Thank you all that  
supported the ASCI  
accreditation process.**

**The visiting team  
recommended  
reaccreditation! We  
will receive the official  
report this summer.**



**Preschool & Kindergarten**



ACSI Association of Christian Schools International

# STAFF BIRTHDAYS

5/3  
Kailyn Palmer

6/9  
Kim Carpenter

6/19  
Katelyn Spencer

6/20  
Mallory Taffet

HAVE  
A GREAT  
SUMMER!

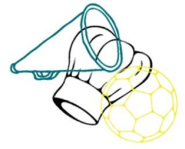


# Grace Kids SUMMER CAMPS

June 24th - 28th & July 15th - 19th



9am - 12pm  
For ages 3-12 years old.  
(must be potty trained)



*Camps highlighting how God made us unique.  
Cost Per Camper is \$120*

**REGISTRATION OPENS March 7th at 8am**

Contact [stephanie@grace-efc.org](mailto:stephanie@grace-efc.org)

A special thank you to the  
**GEM Board**  
for their service and support.

Doug Bostrom  
Gina Duncan  
Craig Hall  
Tedra Johnson

A BIG  
Thank  
YOU



**THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR!  
WE LOVE OUR GEM FAMILIES AND  
APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED  
SUPPORT AND REFERRALS!  
HAVE A FANTASTIC SUMMER!  
LOVE, GEM STAFF**



# Grace Kids CORNER

We have lots of fun things planned for families this summer at Grace Church! From themed Sundays, baseball games, preschool family meet ups, and giving projects. If you are looking to get connected with a church or even just other families in the area, check out [grace-efc.org/children](http://grace-efc.org/children) to see what we have planned.











Summer Sunday service times at 10am only starting May 26th - August 4th.

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# MAY

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<b>STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK</b>						
12	13	14	15	16-17 <b>Spring Program &amp; Graduation</b>		18
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19	20 	21	22	23	24	25
Parent/Teacher Conferences						
26	27	28	29	30	31	