Principal’s Message

Give Relationship...Not Religion

I was dumbfounded when I saw one of my junior high students running out of church crying one Sabbath morning. Later, after I learned of the conversation she had with a church elder, I nearly exploded. Apparently, this young lady was coming out of Sabbath School when this elder approached her, and said: “You know you would be so much prettier if you didn’t have those earrings on. Do you know what the Bible says about jewelry?” Please note that my anger was not in the message being delivered but the messenger delivering this message. This elder was missing the key ingredient... He had no clue who this girl was, had never had a conversation with her, and knew nothing of the circumstances of her life. He just saw her outward appearance. What right did this elder have in making such a statement to a young lady (who was not Adventist by the way, but had come to church hoping to find answers to some of the difficult issues in her life)?

As I listened to this young lady communicate this story to me, my heart ached for her. She expressed to me how harsh religious rules and regulations were. She said, “Mr. O, all I want right now is learn more about Jesus and not about all the “rules”. I wished that the person who approached her had remembered to show love like Jesus before he tried to tell her how he thought she should live. 1 Peter 3:8 says: “Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.” I want to follow this in my relationship with others, and I hope you will as well. Especially as we work with those who are young in Christ, we need to be gentle.

In the book of John chapter 3, verse 3, it reads; “Jesus replied, “Verily I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” We all must be born again. Giving our hearts to Jesus every day is the key ingredient. Do you have that relationship with Jesus? This was the direction of this young lady that one Sabbath morning. Her intention that one Sabbath morning was to seek more understanding about Jesus. I want to do this myself and to be an instrument in helping others who are seeking Him, too.
Harry the Hawk teaches “ball in goal” this past week. He is currently in his first year supervising the Red Tail Fowl league.

Thanks, Harry for watching over our campus.

Last week there was a bulletin board set up in the Commons where the kids could write down prayer requests. There was also a basket for private prayer requests if there was something you didn’t feel like writing on the bulletin board. At the end of the week, the Christian Leadership class took and prayed over each of the requests.

“I want us to take up the challenge to seek God in prayer and have our minds set on Him as we go about our day so that we, as a school family, have the opportunity to witness the power of prayer together. If you have been looking for an opportunity to renew or further build your relationship with God, then I hope you took part in this, as we looked to see God’s Spirit poured out on this campus through answered prayer. “

Nolan Williams, Christian Leadership Class teacher.
This week we have had some changes here at the academy. As many of you know Mrs Quinty had her baby, Lilly in March. Nolan Williams who is one of our contract teachers has been filling in until we were able to solidify her replacement and we thank him for all of his help. This week we welcomed Mr Ray Spoon as the new Facilities Manager. He comes to us from the AU Plant Services department. He is also the father of one of our students Michelle Spoon. Thanks Ms Lynette for all that you have done to help our school run so smoothly these past few years. We wish you well in your new job as Mommy.

**Did you know?**

Did you know that there is a $100 “application fee” for **ALL** students registering next year? To make things easier financially, if you register your child before June 1st (Application completed) the **application fee will be reduced to $50**. Please take advantage of this 50% discount and get your child registered for the 2012-2013 school year.

-Mr.. Overstreet

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**Pizza Fundraiser**

Sunday April 29th
4:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m.
AA Commons
Home Made 16” pizza
Order—take out
Dine In
andrewspizzeria@gmail.com
Or 269-313-6904
This past Tuesday evening Andrews Academy held it’s first annual “Concerto Night”. What a tremendous amount of talent the students from Andrews Academy. Praise God!
Thank you to so many who purchased tickets to help support the freshmen class. A big thank you to many parents of the freshmen class for volunteering your time in helping run this fundraiser, lending waffle irons, and I’m sure somewhere helping their child sell the tickets. A big thank you to so many of the class who got involved with the fundraiser by selling tickets, setting up, cleaning up and serving the food. It seemed like you were enjoying the event as you worked hard for one common goal raising $1000. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. Gonzalez for organizing and running this fundraiser for the freshmen class.