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The Excellent Cast From *Our Town* (Pictured Left to Right)

Front row: Kathryn Fehme, Parker Thompson, Taryn Smith

Middle row: John Fehme, Kaitlyn Struiksma, Bjorn Leigh, Samantha Schlattmann, Madie Pasmore, Chase Zachry

Back row: Cassandra Christison, Luke Struiksma, Jonathan Hamstra, Stefan Predoi, Josh Ridewood, Zac Brown

The Principal Observes

Ending Events

The school year is almost over, but there are several important events that will transpire before we get to the end. You should be aware of them and plan to take part in all that you are able. Each program supports the school's mission in multiple ways and is well worth the time. While some of these events seem directed toward only a small part of our constituency, they have a surprisingly broad appeal.

There is another possible advantage to these programs. Is there someone you know who is interested in Grace Academy but does not know much about us? Invite them to one of these excellent events.

K-2nd Grade Concert. The little children that perform at this concert are always excited, energetic, and entertaining. May 14.

The Music in May Concert. The Advanced Band, High School Choir, and Junior High Choir delight as they perform a variety of music selections. May 15.

Senior Chapel. These students, who will soon be on their own, look back on their experience so far and forward as they consider their future. May 16.

Pre-K Meet and Greet. Families who have enjoyed our Pre-K program see the benefits in Kindergarten. May 18.

Volunteer Appreciation Day. All those who have volunteered in any capacity are invited to a short program in their honor. There will be yummy treats, of course. May 25.

Awards Chapels. We recognize students for their accomplishments this year in three different chapels on May 30.

Senior Graduation. This is the crown jewel of our spring events. Do everything you can to be a part of this celebration to enjoy some good music, hear from one of the graduates, a faculty member, and our former board chairman. I assure that you will leave inspired. June 1.

Kindergarten Graduation and 8th Grade Celebration. Though you may not have your own kindergartener this year, you will smile through the whole ceremony and probably for the next 24 hours. June 2.

Calendar

Green: Elementary Events

Red: Secondary Events

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate](#) ▾[RSS](#)**Blue: All Other Events**Teacher Appreciation Week, **May 7-11**, [Read more...](#)Senior Tea, **May 11, noon**K-2 Concert, **May 14, 7 p.m.**, [Read more...](#)Secondary Concert, **May 15, 7 p.m.**, [Read more...](#)Senior Chapel, **May 16, 8:45 a.m.**Vision Screening, **May 17**, [Read more...](#)PK Meet & Greet, **May 18, 10 a.m.**, [Read more...](#)Volunteer Reception, **May 25, 8 a.m.**, [Read more...](#)NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day, **May 28**

For the entire calendar, including events for 2017-18, see the Grace Academy Events [calendar](#) and Grace Academy Athletics [calendar](#).

Volunteer of the Month for April

It is our privilege to enjoy the benefit of countless volunteer service hours from those who desire to positively impact our students. Each month a different teacher chooses our Volunteer of the Month. This month our volunteer has been chosen by Mr. Ubben.

Jennifer Boas served the geology class on our rock identification trip to Kayak Point Park. She interacted with the students, assisted with building enthusiasm among them, and made sure those around her were successful in their investigation. It was exciting to see her involved in the activity and encourage others to do the same. The day was a great success because of her attitude and service. Thank you, Mrs. Boas, for serving the Lord and the class.

Volunteer to Bless Our Seniors

We could use additional volunteers in order to make this year's graduation a memorable evening for all our students and their families. Thursday, May 31 and Friday, June 1, are the two days when we need parent helpers. As a gift to the graduating senior class, we are requesting the help of parents from all grades at Grace Academy. Tasks include food preparation, decorating, gathering up and returning plants, helping with the buffet, parking lot patrol, and clean up crew. Those who help have always had a great time together. If you are able to help with this special event, please call Mrs. Lugg at 360.659.8517, extension 322.

Grace Cafe May Online Special

For those warm days in May, treat your child at lunch to a cool treat from the Grace Cafe. Featured online, you may choose from either a mini chocolate chip and vanilla ice cream sandwich or a triple chocolate and mint ice cream sandwich! Both are just the right size at a cost of \$1.95.

Library Books

So we can get all the books turned in before school is out, below is the library schedule for the end of the year.

5/21-5/25: Students 2nd grade and above will be allowed to check out one book if they have no overdue books. Kindergarten and 1st grade students will visit the library to look at books and be read to.

5/25: Kindergarten and senior books are due.

6/1: All books are due to be turned in. The first class with all books turned in receives a bag of candy.

Overdue notices will be sent home. If you have a dispute about a book or have lost a book, please come to the library after school and we will work it out with you. If you have any questions, our librarian, June Eldred, will be available Tuesday-Thursday, also 6/1, 4 & 5, 10:30-3:30 p.m. If books are unaccounted for, report cards will be held.

Senior Finals Schedule

The Senior Finals are [scheduled](#) for May 29, 30, & 31.

Secondary Finals Schedule

Our Secondary Finals are [scheduled](#) over three half days, June 6, 7, & 8. This gives the students opportunity to get ready each afternoon for the next day's finals as well as afford them some rest in preparation for their exams.

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A supervised room will be provided for students desiring to stay on campus to study until 3 p.m.

SAT Prep Course

Grace Academy will be offering an SAT Prep Course. The course is [scheduled](#) for June 13-15 and will be led by Miss Riley and Mr. Goodwin.

This course will help students to:

- Learn to identify test questions by type
- Learn a variety of strategies for different types of questions
- Learn test taking strategies that will elevate their score

Students will participate in a practice test so that the course teachers can evaluate how to best help individuals prepare.

An SAT prep book and practice test will be provided. The course cost is \$100 and you may register in the office.

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