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Middle School News

Parents Have Homework, Too.

By Sybil Humphries

One of our middle school teachers shared the following article with me and we thought it would be encouraging for you to read.

"No gift is too costly (or too hard to obtain) for a parent to give his child."

No parent would choose to give his or her child an inferior gift, or a gift that would be harmful in any way. The gift of a good education is a most valuable one. What can parents do to contribute their part to this gift? The teachers (school) have one very important part. The child has a very important part. Parents have an equally important part. Without the parent's part, the education will not measure up.

In short, parents have homework. The home is where it all begins. Parents are the head of the home. The head of the home

provides, teaches, reinforces, and enforces. If the head of the home does not fulfill its obligations, no other agency can fill in the gap. The child carries with him/her everything that is absorbed in the home. First of all, parents must supply the basic needs of the infant, including food, shelter, clothing, love, and security. By the time the child has reached school age, parents have done lots and lots of "homework." However, the assignment is just beginning.

When the child begins school, the parent's role takes on a new dimension, that of enhancing the "formal education." That is, the education that is provided by the school. A parent's role in the education of his child has many dimensions. A parent's "homework" carries with it many responsibilities. These responsibilities include keeping the proper attitude toward education and school, supporting/helping your child, setting healthy priorities, consistency

in discipline, rewards and consequences, open communication, helping with work missed during sickness, being active in school matters, and controlling your child's school attendance.

Attitude. It begins with attitude. If you have a positive attitude toward school in general, your child will also have a positive attitude. If you have concerns about the school or the teacher, be very careful how you voice these concerns in front of your child. Your child will pick up on your attitude, adopt it as his or her own, and take it to school. Negative and apathetic attitudes are at the root of a large portion of discipline problems at school.

Support. Your child cannot go it alone. When he or she has a particular assignment that may require special help or supplies, you are the one s/he turns to for help. Be there with all the support and help possible. There may come a time

2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.

when your child will need extra help on schoolwork. If you cannot provide this help, speak to your child's teacher about it. There may be some remedial materials, or the teacher may be able to help you and your child work through the problem. You may consider outside help, such as a tutor. Arranging the schedule in the home to accommodate quality "homework" time/place is one aspect of support. Your child will need to feel secure in the fact that you will be there helping.

Priorities. In order for education to come out on top, it must be given top priority. This must be a true commitment in light of the many interesting and beneficial activities that are available for the youngsters. These include sports, scouts, music/dance lessons, and other activities. Too many activities will bring down the educational level of your child. This should be closely monitored during the school year.

Consistency. Whatever your methods of discipline, consequences, and household management, consistency is the key. When you promise a consequence, follow through. Be firm. Try not to be influenced by your child's persuasive tactics. Children consistently test authority. Be prepared to follow through each time. Results, while not always immediate, will be forthcoming. Children are just that - children. Although they are learning to accept some responsibility, they are not yet adults, and should not be treated as such. This is their time in life to learn things like consistency and priorities, and it is your "homework" to instill these qualities in your child. Children need to know that their poor choices create consequences.

Rewards and Consequences. Worthwhile rewards may help reinforce responsible actions. However, rewards do not have to be in the form of costly material gifts. Rewards may be in the form of time spent together, a special word of praise, or a chance to skip a chore. Just let your child know how proud you are of him/her. Consequences should fit the misbehavior as much as possible, and should be done immediately, when possible. Try not to become emotional when you discipline your child, and be sure to let the incident go. "Forgive and forget." If you remain hostile toward your child after disciplining him/her, you are distancing yourself from your child. Make sure you are still "available" to your child.

Communication with your child. Talk with your child. Listen to your child. Make casual comments about what he/she is saying to show that you are listening. Do not "put words" in his/her mouth about what went on in class. If your child has an unpleasant story to tell you, do not make it worse for him/her by becoming visibly upset. This will only upset the child even more. Let your child tell the story in his or her own way, in his or her own time. If you resort to an "interrogation", you will likely get the story from a biased point of view. If the problem persists, call or write the teacher.

Communication with your child's teacher. Keep the lines of communication open. Check your child's agenda daily. This is the teacher's best method of communicating with you. Always go to the teacher with any problems before going to the principal. You and the teacher are on the same side - the side of your child. The teacher wants your child to succeed. Make a friend of the teacher.

Missed Work. If your child is absent due to an illness, he or she may need extra attention from you in order to get caught up on assignments missed. Your child most likely has a given number of days to get the work done and turned in. If the illness is prolonged, you may call the school for assignments, but be sure to make every effort to see that the work is actually done. This extra effort on the part of your child's teachers is very time consuming, and the time is taken from their planning or from their classes. This practice is one that is encouraged if you plan to see that your child does the work. If you have an occasion in which your child cannot complete a daily assignment because of a family emergency, write a note to the teacher asking for a one day extension. It is likely that your child will have consequences at school for missing work. "Homework" for the parents is to instill the importance of school assignments in your children.

Be involved. Show your child that you want to be involved in his or her school. Whenever you get notification of a school meeting, or a school need, show that you are interested. Participate in various activities at

Generosity

Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes.

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.”

2 Corinthians 9:6

school. If there is a school event, show up with your child.

Child's Attendance. You, as the parent have the power to control your child's attendance, including being on time. Poor attendance and tardiness directly affect a child's school success in numerous ways, emotionally as well as scholastically. Please understand that signing out is the same as being absent. Your child will miss vital instruction. Instruction continues up until dismissal. When you sign your child out unnecessarily, you are telling your child that school doesn't matter. Restrict sign outs to sickness of the child, or a true family emergency. "Homework" for you as the parent is to keep your child in school.

Yes, parents have "homework". Your homework continues as long as you are responsible for your child. Without your part, your child's school experience will not be all that it can be. Together, let's prepare the "Gift" of education for your child!

This article was taken from the following website: <http://www.middleweb.com/INCASEPrntHmwk.html>

Master's Missions

The middle school will participate in the Master's Mission "JOY" box campaign. Master's Mission supplies "JOY" boxes (J-Jesus, O-Orphans, Y-You) to orphans in the Ukraine who were affected by the Chernobyl Nuclear Incident. The goal is not only to give a

gift to a child who may not receive anything else, but it is also to show them that JESUS loves them! Our goal is to have each student turn in one or more boxes or collect a total of 120. It is an easy and worthwhile project to do. You get a shoebox or small backpack (they can use the backpack after Christmas to carry to school) and fill it with toys (small cars, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoo's, harmonicas, yo-yos, small Etch-A-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise-with extra batteries, slinky, etc.); school supplies (pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, crayons, markers, stamps and ink pads, coloring books, writing pads, paper, solar calculators, etc.); hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, brush, washcloth, etc) or other items (hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, gloves, mittens, toboggans, scarves, t-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches, small picture books, etc.). As you can see, there are many things from which to choose. Please make sure you label the box *boy or girl* and put an age range. They are in need of boxes for teenage children (15-17). If possible, wrap the lid and box separately. They will check the boxes before shipping them. Also, if possible, please include in an envelope \$5.00 (Checks should be made payable to Master's Mission) for shipping the box. It is a blessing knowing we can help an orphan have a great CHRISTmas with our small contribution. Please have your young person

bring his box(es) to the middle school office. You are more than welcome to include a letter and/or pictures in your box. Empty boxes are available in Mrs. Harrison's room.

Helping Others

The Junior Honor Society is collecting loose change to help pay the cost of packaging the joy boxes to send to the orphanages in the Chernobyl region of the Ukraine. There will be a collection box, for your convenience, in Mrs. Harrison's room through October 28th. For more information you may contact Mrs. Bridget Harrison at bharrison@ncaknights.com.

The Big Sweep

Mrs. Williams' small group took part in the state wide Big Sweep 2009 on Saturday, October 3rd. They walked for 2 miles helping clean out the creek at Clark's Greenway. They collected 1 bag of trash. Those students who participated were: **Je'Kolby Worthy, Dorcas Shembo, Levi Whitlow, Mary Kate Stanfield, Isaiah Mason, Noah Smith, and Aziza Vaughn.**

Winter Sports Try-Outs

Basketball: 11/2-11/3

- MSB and MSG 3:15-4:45
- JVB 4:45-6:15
- VG 5:15 - 7:15
- VB 6:00-8:00

**Practice times are the same as above if chosen for the team except for VB who will practice M and Th from 5:45



Upcoming Athletic Events

Date	Time	Team	Opponent	Location
10/27/2009	TBA	Varsity Boys Soccer	NCISAA 2nd Round Higher Seed	TBA
10/29/2009	4:30 PM	Middle School Football	@ First Assembly	Away
10/29/2009	4:30 PM	Middle School Cheerleading	@ First Assembly	Away
10/30/2009	7:30 PM	Varsity Football	vs First Assembly (Senior Night)	Home
10/30/2009	7:30 PM	Varsity Cheerleading	vs First Assembly (Senior Night)	Home
10/30/2009	TBA	Varsity Boys Soccer	NCISAA Semi-Finals	TBA
10/31/2009	TBA	Varsity Boys Soccer	NCISAA Championship	TBA

GO KNIGHTS!!!!!!



-7:30 AM. MS and JV teams do **not** practice on Wednesday. Varsity teams practice on Wednesday from 3:15-5:15.

Middle School and Varsity Cheerleading 10/26, 10/27

- Tryouts 3:15-5:15 Location - Gym

Wrestling 11/2, 11/3

- 3:15-6:00

This will also be the normal practice time for Wrestling except on Wednesday which will be 3:15-5:15.

**Last year's wrestlers - If you have your singlet - please return to Coach Taylor so that we can repair the printing.

Pine Needles

On Saturday, October 17, Mr. Riddell and Mr. Fried both gave opportunities for their small groups to partner with Northside Baptist Church to spread pine needles around the campus. Both groups spent about two hours improving the appearance of the campus as well as taking care of the grounds. Thank you Mr. Riddell, Mr. Fried and to the following students: Hannah-Ashland McCord, Kayla Martin, Caitlyn Nault, Jonica Lockhart, Orayana Owens, Kaylee Mayhew, Hamilton Rothwell, Zachery Alexander, Jordan Dallam, CJ Brighton, Mathieu Agee, Corey Frye, Josh Gammon, and Jerry Harris.

Prayer Meeting

We encourage all students that are able to come to our prayer meeting. It is every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. in Mr. Fried's room (G-103). Also, all teachers are welcome as well as any parent(s) that can stop by and pray for a few minutes each week.

Feel free to email or call in any requests you would like for us to add to our list. I will email the prayer list out each week. I trust many of you will take time to take these re-

quests to our Lord.

Bible Study

The student sponsored Bible Study meets every Monday at 7:30 a.m. in Mr. Fried's room (G-103). We encourage all middle school students to attend.

Sick Policy

In the interest of every child's well-being, parents are requested to keep their child home when he/she is sick. If a child has symptoms such as elevated temperature, rash, vomiting, excessive nasal discharge or diarrhea you must keep your child home. If your child develops symptoms at school, the student will be isolated, and the parents will be notified to pick up the child as soon as possible. The student will not be allowed to return to school until he/she has been free of any symptoms for a minimum of 24 hours. Communicable illnesses include, but are not limited to:

- * Fever
- * Diarrhea
- * Pink Eye
- * Vomiting
- * Lice/Nits (hair must be totally free of nits before a student may return to school)

Parent-Teacher Conference Day

Tuesday, November 3rd, NCA will have a Teacher-Parent Conference Day. School will be out for students so teachers and parents may meet. Please use the information below to schedule a conference with a middle school teacher.

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We love your Child ...

Teacher	Subject	email address	Voicemail Number
Mrs. Brown	Art	cbrown@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2404
Mrs. Cauthen	Computer	rcauthen@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2422
Mrs. Etheridge	History/Creative Writing	setheridge@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2445
Mr. Fisher	Band	cfisher@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2318
Mr. Fried	Bible 7 & 8/PE Boys	andy.fried@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2442
Mrs. Lakey	Choir	mlakey@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2259
Mr. Leeke	Bible 6	jleeke@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2410
Mr. Pauley	Guitar	lpauley@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2431
Mr. Riddell	PE Girls	briddell@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2437
Mr. Stanley	Algebra 1	robertstanley@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2467
Mrs. Stastny	English/Speech	cstastny@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2432
Ms. Webb	Math	jwebb@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2433
Mrs. Williams	Science	bwilliams@ncaknights.com	704.596.4889.2448