



Gehmans Mennonite School

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More Than A Day

As Thanksgiving Day rolls around,
It brings up some facts, quite profound.
We may think that we're poor,
Feel like bums, insecure,
But in truth, our riches astound.
We have friends and family we love;
We have guidance from heaven above.
We have so much more
Than they sell in a store,
We're wealthy, when push comes to shove.
So add up your blessings, I say;
Make Thanksgiving last more than a day.
Enjoy what you've got;
Realize it's a lot,
And you'll make all your cares go away.

By Karl Fuchs



Serve-A-Thon

Today, Wednesday, November 8th, we kicked off our annual Serve-A-Thon fundraiser. This fundraising event starts today runs through Thursday, November 30th. We are again excited about this fundraiser and hope that it is an enjoyable activity for all. Thank-you in advance for your participation in this event, and most of all, please remember it in prayer.

Matching Fund

In May, we were given a \$75,000 matching fund! All donations given to the school from the end of May till Dec. 1 will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$75,000. This is a wonderful opportunity to give to the needs of the school and have it *doubled*. To date, we have received \$53,400 in donations, leaving **\$21,600 needed to reach the \$75,000 goal by December 1.** This is a great fund to promote along with our Serve-A-Thon Fundraiser.

Height, Weight, and Vision Screening

Our annual Height, Weight, and Vision screening that we are required to do is scheduled for Thursday, November 9. Please note this date as any student who misses this screening will need to be screened on a make-up date, or taken to Brecknock Elementary to be screened there.

Financial Info

Please take a careful look at the financial information on the opposite side. Please remember the school in your giving and also promote the needs of the school to others. But most of all, remember to school and it finances in prayer. Thank-you!

	Income to Date	Annual Budget	Still Needed
Church Offerings	\$2,189	\$17,500	\$15,311
Donations-Business	\$2,000	\$12,000	\$10,000
Donations-Patrons	\$4,354	\$41,000	\$36,646
Donations-Grandparents	\$4,650	\$13,000	\$8,350
Fundraisers	\$893	\$54,000	\$53,107
Foundation Donations	\$0	\$7,000	\$7,000
Other Donations	\$800	\$7,000	\$6,200
Special Education Fund	\$11,120	\$22,000	\$10,880
TOTALS	\$26,006	\$173,500	\$147,494



Thanksgiving Feast

Our annual Thanksgiving feast is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 22, at New Covenant Mennonite Church. Once again, we are looking forward to an enjoyable event. We plan leave GMS on the buses at 11:15AM and begin eating at approximately noontime. **Parents are invited to join us for the program at 12:45pm. Thank you** to the Thanksgiving Feast committee for planning it and all those who will be helping make this an enjoyable day!

Special Note: We will be dismissing for the Thanksgiving Break at 1:45 or 2 P.M. from New Covenant Mennonite Church AND bus service is not available that afternoon. If you do not plan to attend the afternoon program, please arrange for your child(ren) to be picked up at New Covenant Mennonite Church.

Inclement Weather Announcements

For announcements concerning school closings or delays, we will continue to use the web-based program, DialMyCalls.com. I believe all of you have submitted phone numbers that have been put into the system. This system will be used to inform you of cancellations and changes due to weather or other circumstances. When you receive a message from this system, the caller ID will display the school phone number - 717.484.4222.

We will still have closings and delay announcements made on WDAC and WJTL. They will also post the information on their respective websites.

Position Opening

Lisa Martin, our secretary who is in her 11th year of doing a great job, has informed us that she plans not to return at the ending of this school year. We are very grateful for the years of service that Lisa has invested here!

While it is 'early', we are receiving applications for consideration for this position. This is a full-time position with 'office' duties, including payroll, ordering, record-keeping, etc.

An Update from Ms. Valerie

Dear Gehmans School Family: 2 years ago, I received a phone call informing me that I had breast cancer. Since then, I have been on a journey of treatments, but my last treatment was in February of this year! I saw 3 doctors this fall, and all appears to be well. The only concern is the Tamoxifen that I take daily is decreasing my bone density. So, I am taking calcium twice a day to counteract the side effect of the Tamoxifen.

You might have noticed that my hair is growing back, and that it is curly! My energy level is starting to return, for which I am very grateful. I am enjoying being more active with the children at recess and in P.E.

Thank-you for your support, as that has helped me through the rough days. I don't need to see any cancer doctors till the end of February. Thank-you for your continued prayers,

Ms. Valerie