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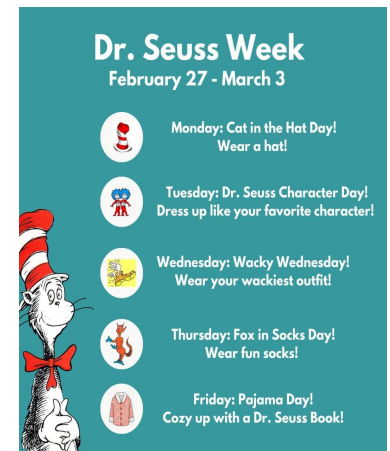
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## Dr. Seuss

By: Holden Boone

**The amazing Seuss!!** According to History.Com, Dr. Seuss was born Theodor Geisel in Springfield, Massachusetts, on Wednesday, March 2nd, 1904. After attending Dartmouth College and Oxford University, he began a career in advertising. His advertising cartoons, featuring Quick, Henry, the Flit!, appeared in several leading American magazines. Dr. Seuss's first children's book, titled "And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street", hit the market in 1937, changing the face of children's literature forever. It was rejected 27 times before it was finally published by Vanguard Press in 1937. Following World War 2, Geisel and his first wife Helen moved to La Jolla, California, where he wrote and published several children's books in the coming years,

including *If I Ran the Zoo* and *Horton Hears a Who!* A major turning point in Geisel's career came when, in response to a 1954 Life magazine article that criticized children's reading levels, Houghton Mifflin and Random House asked him to write a children's primer using 220 vocabulary words. The resulting book, *The Cat in the Hat*, was published in 1957 and was described by one critic as a "tour de force." The success of *The Cat in the Hat* cemented Geisel's place in children's literature.



## Preschool and Elementary Dr. Seuss

By Rayden Thompson, Holden Boone, Selena Shaw and Jackson Brannock



**The cutest week ever!** This week was Dr. Seuss week here at Grace. It was amazing and cute. Preschool had cute hats on Monday and they had special readers come in and read to them. PK-4 had special readers come in and read a great movie. Mr. Bowman read to PK-3. This week was an amazing week. On Wednesday the kids looked so wacky! On Thursday they had some long socks on and had funky looking socks! On Friday all the kids had on pajamas and they looked so comfortable. This week kids surely made Dr. Seuss happy. These kids really love Dr. Seuss!

**Dr. Seuss week in elementary school !** Dr. Seuss week is a big deal at Grace, so let me tell you all about it. During this spirit week, on Monday we had a hat day, Tuesday, we had dressed as your favorite Dr.Seuss character, Wednesday was wacky tacky day, Thursday was sock day and Friday was pajama day. The newspaper staff got pictures everyday of the children. On Tuesday, there were so many Thing 1's and 2's. Everyone had some form of blue on their head. On Wednesday, the elementary classes really went all out for wacky tacky day. They wore two different shoes, mohawks in their hair, and some crazy hairstyles. Some of the older kids got to read Dr.Seuss

stories to some of the younger classes. Including one of our newspaper staff. On Thursday, the children wore their wacky socks, and some even dressed up completely, and took all the attention away from their socks. Ending the week with a bang, we had pajama day!



## High School Dr. Seuss

By: Emma Lugo and Makenzy Ward

**This special week at Grace, the High School students partake in a memorable author's spirit week with funky outfits!** A multitude of students went all out on Wacky tacky day! On hat day, Monday, a few students wore their favorite baseball caps. On character day, Tuesday, many students dressed up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character. The most popular characters were Thing 1 and 2. On wacky tacky day, Wednesday, many students walked around campus with colorfully patterned outfits. Caleb Cox even wore his hair in a bun! On sock day, Thursday, everyone wore their most unique socks. Holden Wilson wore lobster socks! On pajama day, Friday, students closed out the week by wearing their most cozy clothes. This spirit week was very memorable and fun to participate in. Some of the high school teachers said that the high school students that participate receive extra credit. This spirit week was fun for all ages and high school got to let loose.





## Middle School Dr. Seuss

By: Holden Wilson and Gabby Jenkins

This week was Dr. Seuss week. The middle school students participated in the fun activities celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday.. The first day of the week was hat day. There were lots of kids wearing "Cat in the Hat" hats. Many students wore baseball hats. Even the teachers had on headwear! The next day was to dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character. There were many "Thing 1's" and "Thing 2's" and some Grinches and Cat in the Hat's! The third day of the week was Wacky Wednesday. Kids wore some really wacky outfits on this day. There was a pirate, kids wearing mismatched shoes and socks. Someone even wore a dinosaur head! Kids really had fun on this day. Thursday was a crazy sock day. There were crazy socks of all kinds of colors and patterns in middle school. The final day of Dr. Seuss week, Friday, was pajama day! Everyone looked very comfy. Some wore pajama pants and shirts or some wore just a onesie. This week was a very fun week in middle school!



# Spirit Night

By: Holden Boone and Makenzy Ward

**The unforgettable hot dogs!** Tuesday night (February 28th) was the GCA spirit night at Zack's hot dogs. It was so fun and tons of families showed up. Mr. Bowman was there eating with his family, talking to all the families, and just having fun. Holden Boone had an interview with Phil, the owner of Zack's. He asked some important questions like "Why did you choose to expand the menu?" These questions were answered really well. Phil said that they do 12 thousand hot dogs a week! That's insane, Phil said their most sold item is hot dogs and will always be hot dogs. The number one headache when opening a new restaurant is finding people to fully staff the new restaurant. Lets all pray for Phil as he is opening a new location at the Mebane Blue Ribbon. Lets pray and hope that God sends Phil in good spirits about the new restaurant. The quality service and the support of the community really makes Zack's a Burlington landmark. The spirit night was a fundraiser for the new playground! At the downtown Burlington location, many students with their families ate and supported the school. Thank you PTT for organizing this fundraiser and helping GCA raise \$1,268.23 for the playground!



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## Making Him Famous Field Trip

By: Makenzy Ward

**5th-9th graders went on a field trip to the Carousel Cinema to see the movie *Making Him Famous!*** Cornellius Muller, the gentleman who spoke at chapel last week, was the executive producer. The movie has a very powerful message. Here is a little synopsis of the movie "Inspirational speaker Mario King pursues fame, but temptation leads him down a path of destruction. When forced to take community service work at a homeless shelter, Mario finds his faith and his calling"(Google.com). Mrs. Jones stated,"It was very relatable

and I really enjoyed the movie." Mr.G. said that he enjoyed it and he wondered who the movie was based off of,since it was a true story.

Students also expressed that they were moved by the movie. 8th and 9th graders wrote a reflection about the movie when they returned to school. They also reflected on the verse that was mentioned in the movie Proverbs 11:2 "When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom". Overall, I recommend this movie. Everyone should see it at least once!



# Chapel

By: Selena Shaw

**Who is it? It's Corn!** This last chapel had a wonderful guest speaker, Cornelius Muller came to speak in an interview like set-up with Billy Gillispee. Mr. Bowman opened the chapel as always. He told the students how appreciative they should be about the fact that not only do we get to sing about Jesus, but we also get to speak the name of Jesus freely, and that is something truly worth celebrating. He prays over us, finishing with the mention of Romans 12:1-2 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Then he lets our worship begin".

We started off singing *Get Up Out of That Grave*, all the students and teachers were clapping along, we sang the chorus twice and moved on. Next was *I Thank God*, we only sang the ending of the song, but it was quite powerful. The energy in the room was amazing. Daniel Howell got some 6th grade boys and all of the 9th graders up on the stage to sing along and dance. He told the crowd that worshiping is all about getting out of your comfort zone. He moved on to *Rest On Us*, which is a semi-slow song. So the crowd swayed to the song while all the teachers within my sight line had their hands up and surrendered to God. Next was *I Speak Jesus*, and the worship team harmonizing never ceases to amaze me. After one more song or two, we ended our worship with prayer. Cornelius made his way to the stage with Billy as a big round of applause followed him. Billy opened by just talking with the audience. "Did you guys know that your life is a story that is being written right now by God?" This was one of the first things he said to us. The interview began with questions like, "How did you end up making these films?" Cornelius replied with, "I played basketball and baseball, I got a basketball scholarship from Elon, and even set some records there. I wanted to be a famous basketball player. but as you can see, that never happened. So here I am, making films for those who are not saved."



Next question, "How did you go from all the big cities of New York to Burlington NC?" He then explained that many people from New York want to move down south for warmer weather. But when it gets too hot in places like Florida they end up moving but not all the way back, and end up in NC. After it didn't work out he realized he wanted to make his wonderful films and use them to spread God's name.

He ended up getting saved around 12-13. He said that the best gift his parents ever gave him was the gift of knowing Jesus. The first film he made was called 'Brother's Keeper'. Which was a true and tragic story. Cornelius' brother killed Billy's girlfriend and then himself, the whole film is about how their friendship continues to prosper. His films are all about turning tragedy into a way to bring the community together. He released *Find A Way* a few years later and most recently *Making Him Famous*, which is the movie middle and high school went to see on 2/27/23. He made his most recent movie because at the end of the day Jesus is all that really matters. "So let's make a movement about how famous Jesus is, not just in Alamance county but across the globe." It first got released on 2/24/23, and the theaters filled up quickly. "Serving and giving back is what life is all about. So what could you do or say to help someone today? Look for the little opportunities... not only does it help someone else, it makes you feel good... If you see anything that will make someone's day just a little bit easier, you should do it." All of his films started at Lamb's Chapel. He told us a story of the first time he had to go to the hospital. It was 6 years ago that he was there waiting and he saw Bob and Betty Dier (two people that attended Lamb's) and they comforted him. He said they never really knew him but it helped him so much.

Finishing up the interview, Billy asked, "Any parting words?" "Final thought after we leave here today, when you go back to your classrooms, just think, how can I help serve others today? And ask yourself that everyday. It will become something



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you wake up wanting to do, it will make you feel amazing... It would revolutionize Alamance county and change the world.”

Billy ended the interview with, “Thanks so much for coming out today, I know these guys definitely benefited from your visit today...Give him a hand!”

Mr.Bowman came back on the stage and said, “We just got to listen to a man of God follow his dream with God. That’s amazing...God is everywhere, don’t mistake that. He will use you no matter where or who you are.” He finished up in prayer, ending another wonderful service.

# Student Spotlight

By: Holden Boone

**The best basketball girls!** Camryn Hunt and Emma Adam’s are two girls in 5th grade who both play basketball for an all girls team. The team is called Avalanche and it is within the Mebane Parks and Recreation, their coach is John Davis and Kris Kloepping. The most recent game they won was when they played the team Venom and beat them 21-18. Camryn is number 02 and Emma is number 04. They have 8 other girls that are on their team. Emma and Camryn are both very smart and make good grades. Mrs Fenton teaches them well!



Camryn Hunt and Emma Adams Basketball team.

# Upcoming Events At Grace!

By: Makenzy Ward

**New fun and exciting things that are coming up in the next few months!**

- March 10th, (Friday) Mother/ Son Nerf Wars
- March 15th, (Wednesday) PSAT for 8th and 9th grade. Good luck High School!
- April 21st, (Friday) GCA Movie Night at Airport Campus
- April 22nd, ( Saturday) Middle/High School Dance! Make sure you dress sharp!
- May 6th, (Saturday) Mother’s Day 5K! We, GCA, are looking for one official sponsor. Contact Mr.Bowman for more information.
- May 18th, (Thursday) Field Day Preschool-4th grade and Early Dismissal
- May 18th, (Thursday) 5th-9th grade to Bowling Alley and Early Dismissal.

March 2023

School Lunch Price - \$3.00. Retain this lunch calendar for your records. Teacher's take lunch receipts each morning. If your student is not eating school lunch please make sure they have one from home. All students should bring their water bottle each day.

**Grace Christian Academy**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		01 Green Eggs and Ham Tater Tots Fruit	02 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	03 Pizza Vegetable Fruit
Dr. Seuss Week begins today!		04 Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!		
06 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit	07 Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit	08 Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	09 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	10 Hotdog Vegetable Fruit
13 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit	14 Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit	15 Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	16 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	17 Pizza Vegetable Fruit
20 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit	21 Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit	22 Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	23 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	24 Corn Dog Vegetable Fruit
27 Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit	28 Cheeseburger Vegetable Fruit	29 Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	30 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Fruit	31 Pizza Vegetable Fruit

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# Middle School High School Worship

By: Rayden Thompson

**On Thursday, February 24th, the middle and high school had an emotional encounter!** After our Thursday's chapel, the middle and high school staff decided that the kids did not have enough energy during the chapel, so they redid it. Daniel Howell led the worship service and the kids sang along. This time the kids brought energy! After high school joined went to pray. The around to prayed with each prayer time. Thomas Qualls led a large group of boys and he taught about love. He explained how God shows His love towards us and that we need to show that same kind of love to each other. It was very touching to many of the boys and towards the end all the boys prayed. The girls were in prayer groups too and prayed specifically for each other. It was beautiful to see and feel God's presence in the room. The 8th graders grouped together and shared what was on their hearts. It got really emotional, it was very touching to many. All of them got some things off of their chests. The overall worship lasted an hour and a half, the students wanted it to last all day. It was definitely something that needed to happen, and we are so glad it did!



*Students praying and sharing with each other.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:11*

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing".*

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# GCA Pledges

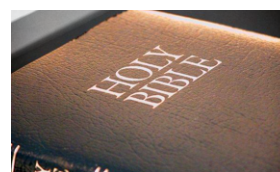
By: Holden Wilson

Every day before class, every student recites the three pledges that they have memorized while here at GCA. We say these three pledges to help us remember what this school is about.

**Pledge of Allegiance-** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**Christian Pledge-** I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

**Bible Pledge-** I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path and I will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.



# March Habit of Grace: Courage

By: Rayden Thompson

The Habits of Grace are a thing we do here at Grace Christian Academy. It explains the character traits that we want the kids to show. They are monthly habits we challenge the kids to show. Whether this excellence, responsibility, or friendship, they show how the kids of Grace truly are. The habit for March is Courage. The definition from Oxford languages dictionary of courage is “the ability to do something that frightens you.” Don't forget to show courage this month by telling others about Jesus and loving on them!



Joshua 1:9

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go”.

## Additional Fundraiser Photos



## Additional Dr. Seuss Photos



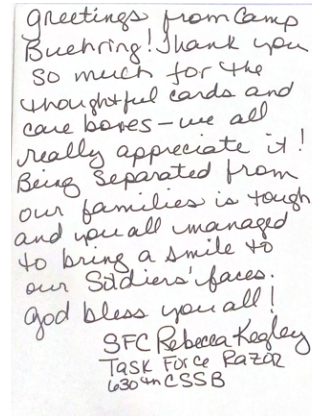
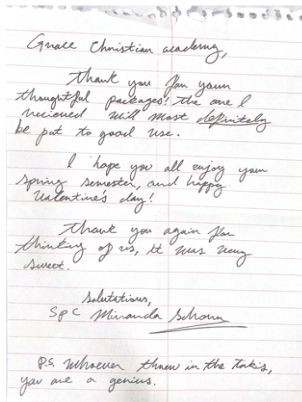


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# Thank You Letters from Our Troops

By Gabby Jenkins

**Our Troops sent us some more thank you letters!** They thanked us for the amazing boxes created by our GCA students and families during the GCA Veterans Day celebration! Thank you to all the troops and what they do for our country! We are so happy that we were able to bring joy to your time away from your family. Here are some of the thank you letters.



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## Mind Blowing Thoughts

By: Holden Wilson

- Nothing is ever really on fire, but rather fire is on things.
- If life is unfair to everyone, does that mean life is actually fair?
- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- Why aren't iPhone chargers just called "Apple Juice"?
- If you work as security at a Samsung store, does that make you a Guardian of the Galaxy?
- If your shirt isn't tucked into your pants, are your pants tucked into your shirt?

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## Jesus Jokes

By: Gabby Jenkins

- What was Jesus' favorite type of ham?
- Why do we color Easter eggs?
- What direction did Jesus go when he rose?

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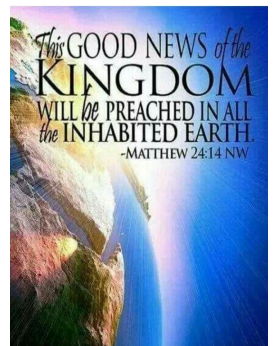


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