



From the Principal's Desk...

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Parenting Tip

4 Enemies of Closeness to Avoid with Your Kids

Some of the ways parents relate to their children work against emotional closeness. Be careful not to undermine your own efforts with actions that close your child's heart. Here are a few examples of things to avoid:

- 1. Using anger as discipline.** Angry responses, sarcasm, and mean words may seem justified at the moment, but they do more harm than good. Anger builds walls in family life. Firmness is important with children, but harshness hinders closeness.
- 2. Focusing on problem-solving instead of empathy.** When children begin to open up emotionally, they reveal problems so obvious that you may have trouble resisting the urge to fix them. Be careful that, in your desire to solve problems, you don't lose the emotional connectedness that comes through vulnerability.
- 3. Lecturing is another common pitfall that prevents emotional growth.** Just because you have an important truth to communicate doesn't mean your child is ready to learn. Some children shut down and just tolerate a lecture, missing much of the content. Teaching is valuable, but kids need parents to be creative and sensitive for them to learn life lessons.
- 4. Too much criticism also hinders emotional connectedness.** It may seem that the fastest way to change children is to point out when they miss the mark, but efficiency may miss effectiveness. Children often perceive parents as critical, so be careful how you share negative information. Parents who use children's mistakes as examples of what not to do often give the impression that the child can't measure up—which, of course, decreases the child's willingness to open up.

As you work with your child, remember that a soft heart is an open heart. We need to look for ways to connect before we can impact the heart.

This parenting tip comes from the book [*Parenting is Heart Work*](#) by Dr. Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller, RN, BSN.



~November Events~



Little Caesar's Pizza Orders Pick up will be on Wednesday, Nov. 2 after school. We do not have freezer space to store items that are not picked up. Thank you for your support of our school marketing fund!

Fall Frolics Talent Show Children in grades K through 8th will be having a talent show on Thursday, November 3 at 6:30pm. A free-will donation will be collected to benefit the music department. The 8th grade class will have an ice cream social after the show to raise money for their trip to Tennessee.

End of 1st Quarter will be on Friday, Nov. 4. Report cards will be sent home on Monday, Nov. 14.

Big T Night Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 5-9pm. Come join us at Big T's for dinner! Thank you for supporting our scholarship fund.

"Servant Hearts Serving Others" Craft Bazaar is the weekend of Friday, Nov. 11 thru Sunday, Nov. 13. Parent help is needed on Thursday, Nov. 10 to help set up. Donations are needed (baked goods, crafts, rummage, etc) and you can drop off completed projects in the school office. Please tell all of your family and friends to come and check out all the handcrafted items, attic treasures, and baked goods.

Thanksgiving Break School will not be in session beginning Thursday, November 24 through Friday, November 25. Enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family! School will resume on Monday, Nov. 28.

Picture Retakes will be on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Please let Jodi know if you would like retakes and make sure to bring your old packet with you that day.

Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the gym during the week of December 5-9. We are looking for volunteers to help with the book fair. This is a great time to do some early Christmas shopping!



"Servant Hearts, Serving Others" Craft Bazaar

Donations of completed projects are being collected in the school office. Bake sale items are needed. Parent volunteers would be appreciated to help set up for the bazaar on Thursday, November 10.

The bazaar hours are:

Friday, Nov. 11 from 8:30am-6pm

Saturday, Nov. 12 from 8am-1pm

Sunday, Nov. 13 between church services

Thank you so much for all of your wonderful donations!





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



**Isabella Britton
Laurel Burke
Grant Hasse
Dade Warden**



Bell Ringers Needed!

Our church is looking for Salvation Army Bell Ringers this holiday season. There will be buckets located at Family Fare and Paw Paw Village Drug. They are looking for volunteers (1 adult and 1 youth) to ring for a couple of hours. If you would like to help please contact Eleanor at 657-4802.

FEELING EXTRA GENEROUS?:
Donations of these items are always welcome and much appreciated!

Paper towels
Dish detergent
Color copy paper
Napkins
Plastic wrap (kitchen)
Aluminum foil
5 or 9 oz. Wax coated cups
Kitchen towels/dishcloths



↑ Please Help!! ↑

Volunteers are needed to help set up and run the school's Craft Sale!

Please sign up on the sheet outside of the school office.

Thank you!

Little Caesars Pizza!

*Delivery on **Wednesday, Nov. 2** after school

*Please note: Freezer storage is not available for unclaimed orders!

Thank you for all your orders. We raised **\$955** for our school's marketing fund!





Grades K-8 Advent Service
"Lessons and Carols"
Wednesday, December 14 at
7:00pm

The concert band will be performing at 6:15 pm in the fellowship hall.

**Preschool & Kindergarten
Readiness Christmas Program**
Friday, December 9 at 7pm