



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

There is a well known ice cream parlor in Piedmont, CA called *Fenton's Creamery*. Every year, after my brother and I performed our private, annual piano recital, family and friends would visit *Fenton's* for a celebration of a job well done.

This was a once a year event, but after all the tedious hours of practice, memorization of each meter and preferred intonations and nuances of each piece elicited by Mrs. Ann C. Mariolle, our French piano instructor, we were thrilled to see the little red leather café chairs at *Fenton's*. We knew something good was about to happen!



Psalms 34:8 –10 states, “*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.*”

David wrote this verse with the instruction of tasting first, then seeing the result of goodness from the Lord.

As Christians, we are to daily taste the Word of the Lord. It offers us the spiritual food needed to strengthen and fortify our lives. Also, on our Christian walk, we will taste many experiences; some that generate joy and others that trigger deep pain and bitterness, but through the act of tasting we are allowing ourselves to live and

experience the life God has given us. By tasting we are not hiding in the dark corners of life or becoming reclusive to the society around us, but we opening our selves up to be blessed by and blessed with the goodness of God.



One of my favorite dishes at *Fenton's* is their sophisticated sundae, the Black & Tan. Every morsel is decadent, sweet and tastes oh so good!! Through all the years, I have yet to see anyone leave *Fenton's Creamery* dissatisfied. There always seems to be such joy when the patrons depart and the unspoken vow from the visitors is to repeat the experience again.

So it is with our heavenly Father, when we truly taste of Him, such joy is gained! Such happiness is experienced and a daily walk with Him, that is entrenched with love and faith, will be assured that Jesus will never leave us discontented. With His goodness and love we will, “*lack no good thing.*”



During the month of November we will be focusing on the fruit of the spirit - **goodness**. It is our hope that our students will learn to experience the sweet goodness of the Lord, everyday in their lives, and be willing to share this same goodness with all they come in contact.



“*Goodness is the only investment that never fails.*”

~Henry D. Thoreau



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## IS YOUR CHILD PREPARED FOR LIFELONG LEARNING?

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LIFELONG IS THE BUZZWORD IN 21ST CENTURY EDUCATION - AND FOR GOOD REASON

“Becoming a seeker of lifelong learning is critical in today’s fast-changing world. Learning is not only a matter of absorbing information but a process of developing many other internal skills, like curiosity, perseverance, and the ability to tackle tough challenges.

Thanks to research in neuroscience and human development, scientists can now explain how learning happens from cradle to grave. It turns out that lifelong learning is a natural part of being alive.

When we think of scholars like Socrates, Einstein, or Aristotle, we are reminded of great learners and their eternal quest for knowledge. But how do we develop the quest for lifelong learning in children and teens – the internal drive that propels them to embrace the practice of learning throughout a lifetime?

The thirst for lifelong learning is natural to the human species. Unfortunately, by fourth grade, education can lessen the desire to learn for many children. Jay Trevaskis, a teacher in Sydney, Australia, provides an illuminating example of how education can diminish enthusiasm and curiosity in his article, *How School Can Kill the Desire to Learn*. While there are no easy answers to this dilemma, we need to find better ways to prepare young people for the lifelong learning process.

All too often, we focus on how well children are taught rather than on how well they learn. Many young people have survived poor educations because they discovered what it meant to learn. They discovered that learning happens on the inside, that grades cannot measure true learning.

As children develop toward adolescence, changes occur in the brain that heightens their abilities to learn. Teens become capable of thinking more critically, solving more complex problems, and weighing difficult decisions. But in order to utilize these new abilities for lifelong learning teens must be internally motivated. They must learn because it feels good, not just because they want to get accepted at a good college. The preparation for

lifelong learning starts at a young age. Below are quotes from people who understood the value and complexity of lifelong learning. Their wisdom has remained relevant through the ages.

## LIFELONG LEARNING QUOTES

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”

– Benjamin Franklin

“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.”

– Socrates

“We learn from failure, not from success!” – Bram Stoker

“Learning is not child’s play; we cannot learn without pain.”

– Aristotle

## THREE WAYS TO PREPARE CHILDREN FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

1. **ASK QUESTIONS** - Learning is facilitated through the kind of questioning described by teacher Jay Trevaskis in the article mentioned above. Rather than giving answers, adults help children become lifelong learners by helping them identify questions that pique their curiosity. When we help young people make associations between what they are studying at school and the world outside of the classroom, they learn that everything in the universe is connected, that lifelong learning is an endless process.

## 2. LET THEM FAIL

Most adults know that learning occurs when we are willing to risk failure. But with today’s focus on high-stakes testing, many parents feel the need to protect their children and teens from setbacks and failure. Middle school teacher Jessica Lahey wrote about the fallacy of this type of thinking in her recent article in *The Atlantic*, *Why Parents Need to Let Their Children Fail*. Her wise words, “This setback will be the best thing that ever happened to your child,” is a concept supported by research over and over again. With caring and encouragement, adults can help young people use mistakes and failures to facilitate lifelong learning. Like Aristotle believed, there is often pain involved. And that’s a good thing. For ten

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parenting guidelines that help kids learn from mistakes, check out my article at Psychology Today, *Mistakes Improve Children's Learning*.

### 3. GIVE THEM LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Learning through experience, not just from books, is one of the best ways to give youth the skills they need for lifelong learning, living, and working in the 21st century. Particularly in the teen years, service-learning provides experiences that nurture critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and the ability to see the world as an interconnected community. We prepare children for positive service-learning experiences in elementary school, through projects that involve them in their communities."

The next time you think about how you can help educate the next generation, your children, ask



yourself a question. How can I help facilitate a child's lifelong learning?

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#### LATE START DAYS AT LA SIERRA ACADEMY

Please remember, instructional time begins at 9:20 am K-12 on Late Start Days. This time has been set aside to allow the teaching staff to meet and discuss professional needs, work together on grade level planning, utilize the time to plan ahead for classroom curriculum needs and much more. These dates have been specified on our school calendar, noted in the *Weekly Wink* and sent as reminders via the RenWeb Parent Alert.

In the event we have Late Start Days, La Sierra Academy - Elementary has been and continues to offer FREE supervision on the morning of the Late Start Day. For your reference, please note the following dates on your personal calendars:

November 11, 2014      **Veteran's Day**  
December 2, 2014  
February 17, 2015  
April 21, 2015

### KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS CELEBRATE VETERAN'S DAY



After World War I, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day when he stated, "*To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...*"

Originally, this day was designed to have parades and public meetings; with a brief suspension of the work day. However, The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and enacted the an Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, which made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday. This day was dedicated, "to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Later, the Act of 1938 was amended and the word "Armistice" was replaced with the word, "Veteran's". "With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars."

Our La Sierra Academy Kindergarten students will continue the tradition of honoring our Veterans with their TK-12 Veteran's Day parade of the Red, the White and the Blue! They remind us that we can never forget the sacrifices and the heroism our men and women have experienced for our freedoms. We are blessed to live in a country, though not perfect, still devoted to the values we cherish and have long espoused. Generations of people still continue to migrate to our country, seeking the benefits so many us take for granted. As we remember our service men and woman on November 11, 2014, remember the words of *My Country Tis of Thee*.

*My country tis of thee,*

*Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died!  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring!*





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## LSAE TEACHER FEATURE

**MRS. MICHELLE BEACH**  
**FIRST GRADE TEACHER**



Mrs. Beach, a graduate of Glendale Adventist Academy, after 13 years, grew up in the La Verne/Claremont area of California. Raised in an Adventist home, Mrs. Beach is a product of Seventh-day Adventist education.

Christian education was embedded in the culture of her home, as her father was the principal of Glendale Adventist Academy for 20 years. She identifies herself as a “faculty brat” and states she has education in her blood. It’s no wonder that she became a teacher, an instructional coach and a educator in a long noted profession.

To insulate her classroom with additional charm and engagement for her students, Mrs. Beach’s father crafted and built the classroom train, that generations of students enjoy! It has become a daily haven for her students as they read and rest.



Michelle Beach attended college at Pacific Union College, where she completed her undergraduate degree in Child Development. In her pursuit of a graduate degree, Mrs. Beach attended La Sierra University, where she graduated with a MA in Curriculum and Instruction.

Feisty and friendly, Mrs. Beach met the love of her life in a Science class. In fact her favorite Science teacher became her best friend and is her husband, Mr. Phil Beach. Today they have two children. Kierstin, their daughter is 19 and she is currently studying at Walla Walla University. She spent one year at Avondale College in Australia to experience a different culture outside of the US. Mrs. Beach’s son, Brad, is 21 and is presently working and pursuing his dreams.

Mrs. Beach and her husband love traveling and last summer visited Fiji, Hawaii and traveled in a four-wheel across the Rubicon. Frequently, they are lured to the beach, as her husband, Mr. Beach (no pun intended) is an avid surfer! Their family activity seems endless! They snowboard as often as possible, traveling to find snow during any season! Snowboarding is a passion of Mrs. Beach

and hitting the slopes just makes her heart soar! When she was a little girl she would dream of becoming a professional snowboarder. Although that dream did not come to fruition, she still takes time to enjoy and share her passion with her family. The Beach family loves exploring and visiting new ski resorts each year.



Outside of participating in the arena of sports activities, Mrs. Beach “runs a private chocolate lab”. Preparing tasty morsels for family and friends is another enjoyable pastime for Michelle. After experimenting in her “chocolate lab” Mrs. Beach visits the gym to keep her noted bouncy and effervescent energy levels at there premium output.

In addition to all of these accomplishments, Mrs. Beach also dabbles in home improvements and delectable cooking experiences.



Mrs. Beach has taught her entire career at La Sierra Academy for the past twenty-four years. She advocates educating students with hands-on experiences and believes that the whole child should be addressed. She has loved the La Sierra Academy - Elementary setting and has found the community replete with awesome students, wonderful colleagues, and delightful parents, many of whom have become very precious to her and are now life-long friends.



It is the desire of Mrs. Beach to dedicate the rest of her career to preparing students for their next tier in their elementary educational experience. But most significantly, Mrs. Beach desires to continue preparing children for the heavenly kingdom of God.



### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 4 - Election Day

November 7 - Chapel: Chaplain Valenzuela

November 11 - Late Start Day!

November 14 - Chapel: Kids for Christ Pastor Bev

November 17-21 Chapel: Week of Prayer w/ Pastor Miguel Mendez

November 24 - 28 *Thanksgiving Vacation!*

