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# Mesquite Christian Academy Newsletter

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*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."*

*Proverbs 9:10*

## What is LOVE?



### WELCOME!

We are blessed to have three new students at our school.

Elle, Katelyn and Karoline are sisters who come from Overton every day. We are so glad you are here!

### PARENTS

Please contact the school when your child will be absent or when you will take them out early for an appointment.

Attendance is important and too many missed days can affect your child's grade.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**February 20** - Presidents Day  
NO SCHOOL

### SPRING BREAK

March 13-17

Love is patient, love is kind.  
It does not envy, it does not boast,  
it is not proud.  
It is not rude, it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth.  
It always protects, always trusts,  
always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a



## A longer note from the principal...

As love is the focus of this issue of our newsletter, it brings to mind what a compelling word *love* is.

We use the word love to describe our feelings for people, pets and things. But is love just a feeling? Feelings can be fleeting and are apt to change with circumstances. Though we feel love, it is much more than a feeling or an emotion.

Pure, unselfish love is an action word. It is a choice of the will, acting with no expectations, no payback. It is unconditional and sacrificial. It is committed, regardless of the circumstances. It cannot be earned, it is gracious. It esteems the unlovable, the lowly, others before self. It is love that finds joy in another and is in the best interest of another. This is *agape* love, most often used to describe the love that is of, and from God. God IS love itself and everything He does flows from His love. This kind of love does not come naturally for us, but it comes from God through us.

The Bible is rich in verses that tell us what love is. Here are a few. John 3:16 says, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

Romans 5:8 says, *"But God demonstrated His own love for us, in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

Think about *this sacrifice*, the ultimate sacrifice. God's love cannot be measured.

How are we to love God? God's command is to love Him first, above all people, above all things.

*"Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength."*

Deuteronomy 6:5

Loving God first, above all, centers our lives in His will and leads us on the path of righteousness.

Jesus said in John 14:15, *"If you love me, you will obey what I command."*

God's children, demonstrate their love for Him, by obeying what He commands.

When His children are disobedient, God disciplines them, because He loves them.

*"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son."*

Hebrews 12:5b-6

In the same way, we as parents, discipline our children because we love them. Just as God wants His best for us, we want what is best for our children.

-Sue Ells



# Love

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

***And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love.***

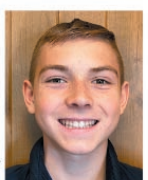
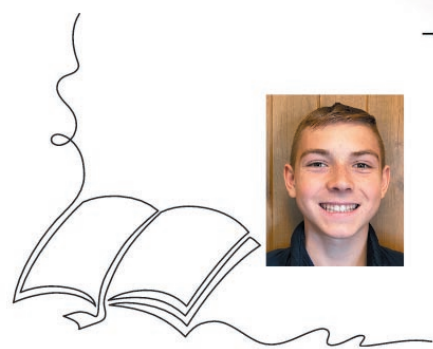
God is so loving and kind  
That He gave us His Holy Word  
It's the only thing that fills my mind  
The only truth I've ever heard.

*faith*

For He so loved the world  
He gave us His only Son  
Many wonderful blessings unfurled  
Put your trust in God because of what He has done.

When the world has ended  
No Need to be discouraged  
Heaven will be splendid  
Love will be encouraged.

-Gavin and Caiden  
High School



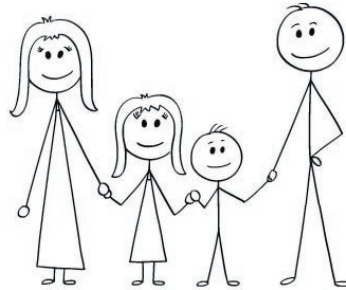
# What does love mean to me...

from our K-2 grade students.



I love my dog. - Sinjin

Love is caring about my family. -Sebastian



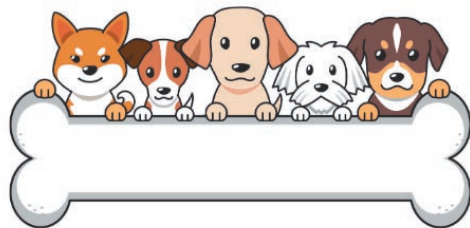
To love family, my sister, I love you Jesus, my teacher, hair. - Amelia

Loving my kittycat. - Karoline.



I love my dog brother, Clay. Clay loves his family. - Carson

Family, friends, pets, God, sisters, brothers, dance teacher, teachers, Mom, Dad, clothes, hair, food, water, earth. - Katelyn



I love my dog. - Harper



# The Thankful Tree



**Left to right: Katelyn, Carson, Harper, Karoline, Amelia, Sinjin and Sebastian.**

The students are given scriptures about God's love to look up. They choose the references they want to write on the paper heart, then hang them on the tree each day.



## Even When

by Mrs. Keller's Creative Writing Class

Love is patient - even when you're waiting for them to fill your water,  
or use the restroom. -Calie



Love is kind - even if no one is kind towards you. -Yaeli

Love is not proud - even if what you did is better. -Mailo

...or when they don't want to play with you. -Katelyn



Love is not rude - even if you're mad at someone. -Fiona

Love is not self-seeking - even when another friend is hurt and needs  
you. -Zayda

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth - even when it's  
difficult to tell the truth. -Zayda

Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres -  
even when they punch you. -Carson

Love never fails - even when I'm tired and hungry. -Mrs. Keller

## WHAT LOVE REALLY IS...

We should show our love to God, the One who  
loves us no matter what we do. - Mailo

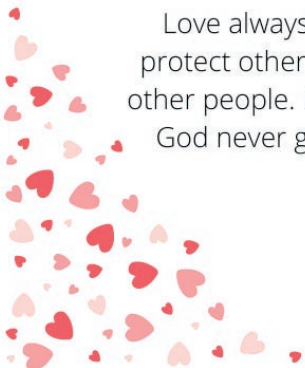
Love is not proud, it is humble, something  
that is so hard to find in people. - Zayda

Love is not self-seeking. Be happy with someone's successes that  
happen in their life. Putting others needs before your own, shows a  
lot. Think about the change that could happen in someone's day if  
you put their needs first. It shows that you care and love them. - Yaeli

Love always protects by trying to  
protect other people and by helping  
other people. Love never gives up and  
God never gives up either. - Fiona

Love is patient, it gives you time and  
understands you for who you are. - Calie

What is love? Well, love does not envy. That means it is not  
jealous, it does not want something it does not have. - Elle





# My New Year's Resolution

# 2023

What would a new year be without a few resolutions?

- two from the High School in poetry form -

My New Year's Resolution

Won't be odd

It will be my solution

To get Closer to God

I will read the Bible

And also pray more

I will be liable

To do these chores

I'll keep my mind clean

Protect my soul

I won't be mean

I'm on a roll

God will Protect me

Through this new year

He'll be the key

To make everything clear

People will tempt me

But I won't listen to their lies

And won't become less than I can be

I will make myself acceptable in God's eyes.

by Gavin



## ***Resolutions from the elementary school .....***

**Carson** wants to get better at being good to his mom and dad, being nice to them and when they tell him to do something, to do it. When he was asked, "How do you think God would feel about that?" He said, "God going to be grateful for that."

**Elle** wants to be kind. The reason is because sometimes I can be a little mean. Who do I want to be kind to? My sister Katelynn! I know I've got it in me, I just have to ask God for help. Katelynn is so nice, so I want to be nice back.

Thankfully, God can help me.



My New Year's Resolution

Won't be an illusion

For my resolution

I'm the one with the solution

I shall get closer to God

He is my staff, He is my rod

For He is my only God

I know worshipping false gods is odd

I'm going to be kinder.

I might need a reminder.

I need to find

The strength to be kind.

To those I've done wrong

I just want us to say so long

To the old me.

This is just how it's gonna be.

To all my friends

Our fun will never end.

We must be together

Then we'll all be better.

by Caiden

**Calie** - I hope that I get some patience from God because I just need it so I can be calm in stressful situations and to be less angry. Who do I usually get mad at? My brother. I can get frustrated with him a lot so that is why I want to have better patience. The other thing is for me to read my Bible more often, so I can be more connected. Faithfully, I hope God gives me patience, though it might not be today or tomorrow, but God will provide.

**Harper** wants to work harder in handwriting class to write and draw better and to have a better attitude about it..She agrees that God would want her to have a good attitude!

# What's happening...?



**The high school students are getting serious** about pickleball. They are learning the rules, strategies, and etiquette of the game. Mr. Fleming, the high school P.E. teacher, is a serious pickleball player himself, and he has introduced the high schoolers to many of his peers on the pickleball court who are of the same mind. The older, experienced players have taken to working with our high school students, teaching and mentoring them as they play pickleball together.



Caiden



Matthew & Mr. Fleming



Matthew

**Word of mouth is powerful, tell the people you talk to about our school!**



Fiona



Yaeli



Elle

**The 4 - 6 grades** have been working on an art projects with Miss Janson, using watercolor pencils. The three pictures in this issue are each represented by one 4th, 5th and 6th grade piece of work..

**The kindergarten** students are learning to read as they sound out words through being taught phonics. The **early elementary students** are becoming better readers as they practice reading aloud with teachers and volunteers.



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March Birthdays  
Mr. Bird - March 7  
Mr. Fleming - March 29

