



# LOG On

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## From the Principal

### *Igniting Faith*

*Spring 2010*

Is it audacity or a holy boldness that led us to choose "Igniting Faith" as part of our tag line? We know only God can ignite a heart. Yet our desire to see children mature spiritually has only grown over these thirty years. Young people are no different than adults in their ability to connect with God. Some people are more attuned and others need to grow in awareness, listening and responding.

So how do we hope to accomplish "Igniting Faith?" In our own strength, we cannot create an environment filled with love and grace. However, God has drawn to us teachers, staff and families who desire to seek God first in their lives. Many times, I have heard people remark that they sensed God's presence when they entered our building. Once, the three-year-old son of a former teacher visited us for the first time. As he stood in the lobby, he said, "Mommy, God is here!" This recognition of God's presence, I can only guess, is the result of seeking the Lord and humbly trying

to follow His leading each day.

The initial faith deposits in our students were planted before they ever entered our building. Our partnership with parents is to cultivate this faith. Morning prayer, weekly Chapels, seeing God in our studies, walking with our students in joys and sorrows is the scaffolding that supports faith. Reading the Bible and realizing together that this message is for me, now is what ignites the heart. We have also noticed that some of our students have developed relationships that last into high school and college. Through our school, God has provided a community of believers to walk with into adulthood. Alumni often return and tell us what God is doing with them and give thanks for the role the school has played.

Our boldness to claim "Igniting Faith" is not based on what we are doing but on watching what the Holy Spirit is doing and doing our best to cooperate with Him.

*Eileen Clark*



*4th graders John Skora and Jacob Walter*



*Mackenzie Scott, Aliya Mooney and Mrs. Belinda Chen do Girl Scout flag duty.*



*P.M. Kindergarteners showing their 100th day crowns.*

## Alumni Spotlights

**Mark Perez** ('05) is studying engineering and robotics at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Penn. Mark was the valedictorian at Mount St. Joseph High School's graduation last spring.

"He found his competitor's drive at The Lamb of God School," said his mother Maria Perez. "It's a special place. His teachers nurtured a lot of his qualities, not only academically, but spiritually. He integrated his Bible class into his life."

Mrs. Perez attributes The Lamb of God for helping build Mark's character. "He's a good, kind person, and that was reinforced at LOG."

**David Lucas**, ('07) **Peter Russell**, ('07) and **Aaron Russell**, ('08) have excelled in academics as well as sports at Centennial High School in Howard County. They were voted co-captains of the CHS Varsity Soccer Team by their peers. They enjoyed four years of soccer (three for Aaron) and had a great fall season, but their real love is volleyball. The three dominate the game and David and Peter will play college volleyball in the fall.

Next fall, David will attend George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, on a full scholarship. He will play Libero, a defense specialist position for the Division I volleyball team. "It will be fun for him to play volleyball with his older brother Eric, who will be a senior," said mom Linda Lucas. Eric ('03) also received a full academic scholarship to GMU and is studying Computer Science.

Peter and Aaron are volleyball superstars! They, along with David, play together on a club volleyball team. Their Team competed in a tournament in Los Angeles, CA recently and they placed 13th out of

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David Lucas, Aaron Russell, Peter Russell

# The Art o

By the time The Lamb of God students finish 5th grade, Judy Kersse wants them to love art.

"I really want them to come away with a love and a joy of art," Mrs. Kersse explains. "I want them to want to continue in some degree."

Judy Kersse, a mother of three LOG graduates, has been teaching art at The Lamb of God School for 15 years. An artist with a degree in education, she was the first paid art teacher we've had. Before she came along, art was taught by parent volunteers.

"I absolutely love it," Kersse explains. "My favorite part is actually seeing what they produce. Every class will be different than the class before in the interpretation of what I taught them."

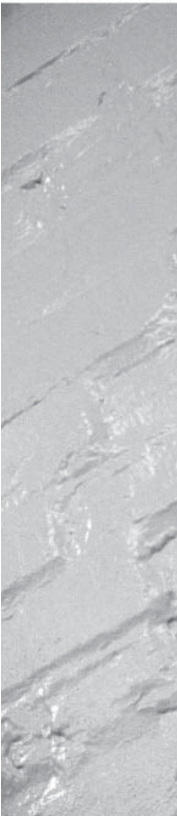
Over the years, Mrs. Kersse has established a curriculum that covers much of the aspects of art -- integrating form and function -- and introduces the masters.

"I give a little dabble of everything," she says.

Her favorite projects include the Fall Leaves Mobile done in 1st grade, the O'Keeffe's done in 4th grade, and the Aboriginal art also done in 4th grade.

"I like the things that give them a little creative license and seeing what they come up with."

*Betsy Stein*



*clockwise: 3rd grade  
Flakes by Andrew  
1st grade Dragon by  
Kurek  
3rd grade Snow by  
Weisgerber  
4th grade Aboriginal  
Julie Nau*



# of Teaching

## Are you raising Believers or Disciples?

What's the difference between being a believer or a disciple? Aren't these two words really interchangeable? Not exactly.

A believer is someone who believes what the "teacher" has taught them. That's important, however when it comes to our faith is "believing" all we have to do? Not exactly, scripture tells us that even the devil believes that Jesus IS who he said he IS . . . The Son of God! So what is it that we are called to be?

Jesus was all about making disciples, not merely believers!

So what is a disciple? The word is a derivative from Latin, meaning pupil.

Disciples listen, pay rapt attention to, and come to believe what the teacher has taught them but takes this "believing" one step further . . .

They ponder what has been taught, and they make a decision to change their lives by putting into action what they have come to believe.

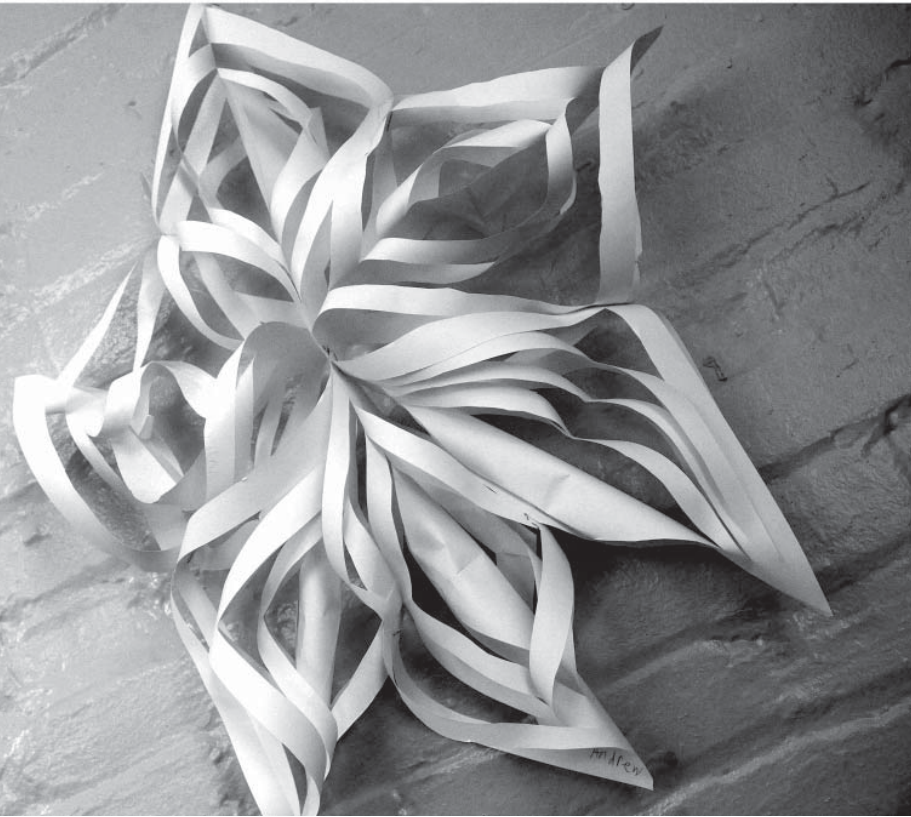
At the great commission, Jesus did not command the disciples to go and make believers of all nations. NO, He commanded them to "go and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." And He promised to help us accomplish this "and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matt 28:19)

That is what we want our children to become. Not just believers, but so much more . . . disciples! We want them to not just believe the truths of our faith but rather to LIVE them! We ultimately want them to show by their actions that they're incorporating Christ's "way" into their lives, thereby building up the Kingdom of God.

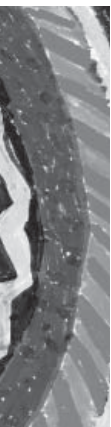
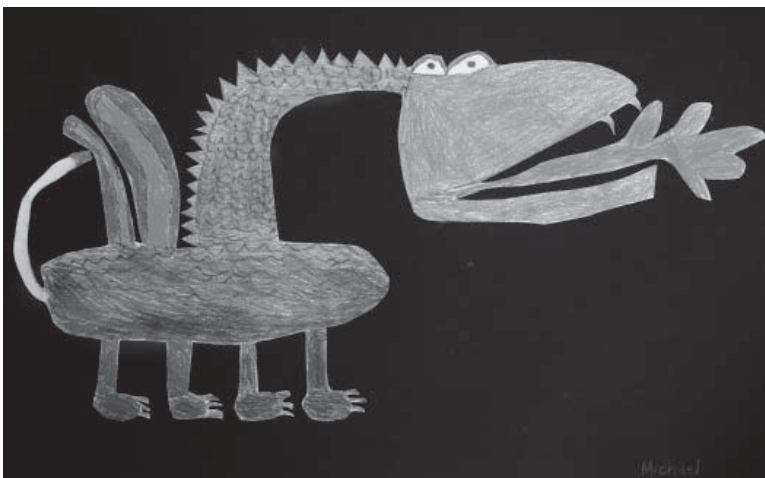
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### Attention Alumni:

We'd love to include you in future Alumni Spotlights. Please write and tell us what you are up to. Recently married? An exciting trip or job? This is a great way to keep up with fellow alums. E-mail Betsy Stein at [bstein@patuxent.com](mailto:bstein@patuxent.com)



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## Are you raising Believers or Disciples? *cont.*

The best way for us to impart our mes (cont. on back pg.) sage to our own “little disciples” is to live out what we believe and to be godly examples to them! Jesus said, “Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart.” (Matt 11:29) May God’s grace give us the courage and humility to live what we believe as His disciples.

*Peggy Gahagan*

## Alumni Spotlights *cont.*

80 teams. They also played at the Penn State Nittany Invitational, where they finished third qualifying them for the open level of the National Tournament in Austin, Texas in July. Peter received a partial athletic scholarship to Penn State University where he plans to study math education.

Aaron was voted Honorable Mention, All State for soccer as a goalie. He has earned a spot on the top level “High Performance” Youth Volleyball team which is a pipeline for the USA National team. He will play in the Continental Championships in Guadalajara, Mexico, in April (in hopes of qualifying for the first ever Youth Olympics in Singapore in August).

## Wish List 2010

- 1) Replace old wooden windows in basement of the old building.
- 2) Replace old and inefficient 220v air conditioners in 6 old building classrooms.
- 3) Paint or cover with aluminum the white decorative band around top of old building.
- 4) Ceiling-mounted computer projectors with sound systems in more classrooms @ \$1700.
- 5) Install motion detectors to turn off lights in unused areas.
- 6) Replace all florescent tubes in new building (they are at the end of their life expectancy).
- 7) Upgrade computers.
- 8) Upgrade to energy efficient flat screens for all computers.
- 9) Landscaping, especially on Woodside.
- 10) Science and history DVD series for the lower school.

## Donated from last year’s list

New sound system for upper room, 6 stand-alone air conditioners for new building, one ceiling computer projector and sound system, new KCA software and books, KCA Excel and PowerPoint books, maps for third grade, new geography curriculum for middle school, replaced 5 defective faucets in new building, new instant hot in faculty room, replaced cracked windows in old building.

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