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On a recent visit to the health club (really), a school parent came up to me and said, "You're the golden triangle guy, aren't you?" With a broad smile, I replied, "Yes, I am." How cool is it that the Golden Triangle sticks more than my name?! Very cool.

Now, let's get to business.

Mission Effectiveness

Thank you for a strong response to our **mission-effectiveness survey**. 47% (347) of our school families took the time to give us feedback on life at LRCA. I am analyzing the data with my leadership team and the school's board of trust. When I am satisfied with the thoroughness of our data analysis, I will share trends and observations with you all. The board and I will use the data as fuel for our strategic planning retreat in June as we prayerfully map out goals and initiatives for the next three years. [Blessed, we essentially fulfilled our 2007-2010 strategic map one year early.]

Surprise. Biblical worldview was a big theme of our mission-effectiveness assessment survey. With a community as diverse as LRCA, it is energizing and (mostly) edifying to hear commendations and recommendations from various points of view. I invite you to join me on Thursday, April 23 @ 7pm to capture an overview of our unique, distinctive and core biblical worldview program. In 2007, BWV spanned grades 9-12; it now spans 6-12. In 2011, BWV will span K-12. In other words, the topic is relevant to all. We'll meet in the band room of the Fine Arts Center. Come and interact.

Academic Excellence

Someone commented that in our effort to not boast in the flesh, we are missing opportunities to celebrate our academic accomplishments as a Christian college preparatory school. If that is true, I urge you to **revisit my leadership post, "Rare"** (see February 28 Warrior Round Table). Kudos to the Class of 2009. When we announce our 2009 college placements and scholarships, you will be pleased. Perhaps, even, impressed.

LRCA Learner Services cleave to the adage that **difference is a gift**. Via an individualized applicant screening process, we seek to serve whole families acknowledging the creative act of God in the life of your children. Listen to the affirmation of the Word of God. . . *"The Kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property . . . to each according to his ability."* (Matthew 25:14, 15)

In February, when Dr. Turner and I announced our intentions for learner services, a prospective family was in attendance to research our point of view. In March I received a kind letter from the inquiring parent who was blessed by the evening's presentation. More than that he urged me to read a book entitled, Teaching Redemptively. Dr. Turner and I refer to the book for shaping our learner services and the professional development of our teachers. It is what we want to do. Teach redemptively. Every day.

Transformation & Improvements

Every day we are working towards **transformation and continuous improvement** - in our lives, in the classroom and on our campus.

- Regarding our **lives**, see "[... but only God ...](#)" (see March 25 Warrior Round Table)
- Regarding our **classrooms**, a very industrious LRCA Science Task Force presented me with a clear set of strategic recommendations in order for us to be ready for a **new science lab in the elementary school and new science labs in the middle and high school buildings**.
- Regarding our campus, we are weeks away from occupying a virtually new middle school, an expanded elementary school and a new high school. **You will reap a direct benefit. Have you made a direct contribution?** Please accept our invitation.
- God's sense of humor: four acres of our campus frontage have been vastly improved with free dirt from the Taylor Loop government school project.

Community Impact

Spring accelerates like no other season. It won't be long before hundreds of grandparents will grace our God-given campus to witness His hand at work among us. **Grandparents' Day**. Pray for our day when three generations give God glory. **April 24**. Thanks to ALL who make this meaningful event so powerful.

Dr. Fitz Hill (President, Arkansas Baptist College) keynotes our **2009 Commencement** on Friday evening, May 22nd at Geyer Springs First Baptist Church. Come and share in our harvest of fruit as our graduates prepare to take Christ to the university.

Final Word

First, let it be known: we have the best traffic staff in the region. Every day, rain or shine, our traffic team is on duty to make arrival and dismissal work for you like a Swiss watch. I encourage you to roll down your car window and bless them as they bless us!

The Scriptures tell us that in Him we are "[joined together, built together.](#)" In the midst of our expansion and construction efforts, I urge you to keep those words, "joined together, built together," on the tip of your tongue. (Ephesians 2 - [see March 12 Warrior Roundtable](#))

Faithfully, yours,



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