



## **Grace Covenant Academy**

*Developing eagerness and love for learning*

Dear GCA Families,

Have you ever noticed how Thanksgiving is getting overlooked more each year? Christmas music and decorations are already filling the aisles of stores today! While I would challenge you to find someone who loves Christmas more than I do, I must admit Thanksgiving ranks pretty high in my book. A special day we set aside to stop work, get together with our families, eat some great food, focus on the thousands of things we have to be thankful for, watch some football, and rest. What a great day! Although Thanksgiving doesn't get nearly as much commercial hype as many other holidays, hopefully, as Christians we are living grateful lives each and every day.

Maybe it is because we just finished our parent teacher conferences, or maybe because many of you chose to support our kids at Friday night's talent show, or maybe because of the upcoming holiday, or maybe because my personal life right now is woven with others who challenge me to not ever take anything for granted, but for whatever reason this November, I don't want to wait until the end of the month to say thank you. My heart is overflowing with thankfulness of the many, many things God has blessed us with. We can sincerely say, "give thanks to the Lord, for HE IS GOOD"!

One of the greatest blessings to me is the love and supportive families we have at GCA. There are so many things that make GCA special and I don't ever want to take these for granted. I just want to take this opportunity to say to you, GCA families, THANK YOU. Thank you for investing in your children by allowing them to be part of our school, thank you for whatever sacrifices you are making so that they can learn from God's Word every single day, thank you for taking time to come and meet with teachers to reflect on the growth of your child/children over the first quarter, thank you for respecting the leadership at our school enough to not challenge every decision that is made, thank you for encouraging our fabulous teachers by taking time to write a simple note or bring in a cup of coffee or create a "pumpkin wonderland" in our work room, thank you for patiently waiting in car line each day (without using your cell phone) in order to maintain safety at all times so that our kids stay safe, thank you for modeling responsibility as we teach our kids the importance of being on time to school each day (I honestly want to stand in car line and cheer for you all b/c I now realize what a challenge morning times can be), thank you for helping us plan special events to make GCA life as fun as possible, thank you for praying boldly for our staff and students daily, thank you for helping these kids to learn what generosity looks like as we continue to support the African Children's Project, thank you for reaching out to help families in our own school who are going through difficult times, thank you for your honest feedback (it is important for us to hear from you), thank you for joining us this year at GCA. I believe you are a big part of the reason we have such a wonderful school community!

Gratefully,  
Kim Goodwin,  
Director