

“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my strong right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)

Happy New Year 2012!

Our new year on campus has begun with the students returning to engage in the second semester of the school year. Anticipation for basketball season, choir trips, and other special activities lend excitement to the regular routine of classroom and study. New electives have been added to include lessons and practice in caring for the horses and chickens. Sheep will be added to that soon, when our four new sheep get acquainted with their new home.

So many cautions and predictions have come with this New Year to make us aware and thoughtful of God’s provision. He has provided the animals and their food by donation. We continue to fast financially, purchasing only those things we must have to operate. Other needs we have like vehicle parts, machine parts, and supplies, we advertise by putting a list online and in the SVIS **NEWS** (See *Special Needs List on our website*). We are learning to wait upon the Lord to supply such things. God’s faithfulness has brought us many items on those lists and we are thankful. We thank you for your prayers and support.

For 2012 God’s reminder in Isaiah 41:10 encourages us all.

Mardell Knowles, Administrator

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Greetings from the Chaplain

Wow, it is difficult to believe that the school year is half over! We have had exciting and meaningful times during chapel and discipleship times so far this year. During one Kids’ Club earlier this year, an invitation to invite Jesus Christ into their hearts prompted twelve students to pray that invitation. (See *SUPER-BOOK OLYMPICS on Page 3.*)

The Christmas program based on Luke’s gospel brought more than fifty family and friends—one of the largest crowds in recent years being touched by the Christmas story. The students enjoyed reaching out to the community during the Christmas season by being involved at a local homeless shelter bringing Christmas cheer through decorating; giving Christmas cards and sharing cookies.

Thank you for your continued support, especially your prayers.

In Christ, Rev. David Embrey



SUN VALLEY "RANCH"

By Tammie Johns



So after all, what is God doing to bring together the children and animals at Sun Valley? God's Word clearly and beautifully expresses that God's power, beauty, and character are revealed through the natural world. Just try for a few days to scan through almost any book of the Bible and you will find countless poems, parables, prophecies, and so forth that use nature as an expression or example. Why would God choose so often to express himself through the natural world? I challenge you to begin to ask him!

We desire to raise up a generation of children who see the natural world through God's eyes. The Navajo culture has a strong heritage connected both physically and spiritually with the natural world. Horses, sheep and chickens — all of which we have — are a normal part of the Navajo culture. How can we integrate into the lives of our students an understanding of caretaking and stewardship from a Biblical worldview that can influence their culture? This is our pursuit.

Proverbs gives us insight when it tells us that "A righteous man cares for the needs of his animals." (Prov. 12:10). It is just that clear and simple! In the spring, as I began taking students down to the coop to care for the chickens, it was such a delight to see their eagerness to interact and learn about these creatures. This is the verse I shared with them and hope to continue to impress on them.

I hope you, too, can come alongside us as we begin to implement an animal husbandry program and invest into the lives of the children in a whole new way. (See **Animal Sponsorship** on our website—www.indianschool.org.)

**"Be sure to know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds."
Proverbs 27:23**



SVIS Captures the Desert Pines Sports League Volleyball Championship again— making it two years in a row!

by Coach Steve Lesko

On December 9, 2011, SVIS repeated as the Desert Pines Sports League volleyball champions. Entering the 5-team tournament as the second seed, the Warriors earned a spot in the championship match with a straight set victory over Payson Community Christian School. In the championship match, SVIS avenged a regular season loss to Tonto Basic Elementary School by winning a tough 3-set match (25-21, 15-25, 17-15) against the Wranglers. The championship squad includes (front row, left to right) Miquela Honie, Jaron Greyeyes, Jeremiah Jones, (middle row) Loki Embrey, Brianna Chee, Ashley Ross, Courtney Ross, (back row) Coach Steve Lesko, Desirae Begay, Krisdale Spencer, Johnathan Jones, Shawn Maxson, Hailey Goodman, Tasha John and Coach Kelly Glisson.

Faithful 5000

You are greatly appreciated — for your faithfulness in giving consistently through **Faithful 5000**.

Thank you to all who signed up for the 2011-12 year. **Faithful 5000** giving enables us to plan ahead, knowing that the monies will be there. It's a fact of life that it costs a great deal to live, and SVIS is no different — costs for fuel, food, gasoline and oil for vehicles, plus much more, are always upon us. So, thank you, and God bless you every one!!



SVIS staff and full-time volunteers: (back row from left) Suzie Sizemore, Benjamin Knowles, Mardell Knowles, Richard Aunkst, Brandi Janka, Sandy Spare, Bethany Nupen, Bud Spare, Bruce Johnson, Matthew Mahan, Tammy Johns, Rodney Nikkel, Raymond Kishen, (middle row) Randy Sizemore, Malachi and Brandy McBride, Jacob McBride, Delinda Jeronimo, Alan Stephan, Vanessa Yoder, Janna Matheny, Tina Cairelli, Leonita Cline, Sadie Garrison, Sandra Anderson, (front row) August Ketterling, David Embrey, Sharon Embrey, Jeanette Garrison, Linda Stephan, Rosalyn McRoy, Kelly Glisson, Steve Lesko, Elizabeth Mahan, Letitia Hale. (Missing from picture: Fred and Vera Turner)

SUPERBOOK OLYMPICS



Kids' Club

By Jeanette Garrison

Naaman had a problem! A huge problem! He had leprosy — and there wasn't a thing he could do about it! But God could — and **God did!** (II Kings 5) Naaman dipped seven times in the Jordan and came up cured! (*All the kids cheered!*) And who healed Naaman? "**God did!**" (*shouted the kids.*)

And boys and girls, you have a great big problem too! That problem is sin. Everyone of us was born with sin in our heart — and there's absolutely nothing we can do about it. But God can! And **God did!**

After a bit more explanation regarding the plan of salvation, everyone bowed their head and prayed for Jesus to forgive our sins and come abide in our heart. Later that evening the Kids' Club "Coaches" asked their "teams" if they really meant what they prayed about earlier. And, praise God — 12 children declared that, yes, they really meant it! Some of those had already asked Jesus into their heart, but several asked Him for the first time. We reminded all the kids that God loves them, in fact He's madly in love with each one, and that they can talk to Him any time, and He will hear them!!

Every Wednesday evening several of the staff meet with the children for **SUPERBOOK OLYMPICS Kids' Club**, our version of a discipleship program for the 1st-5th grade. Our goal is to reach each of the children with the good news of salvation and then to disciple them so they will grow and mature as Christians. What an amazing opportunity we have to teach and lead these precious Native American children in their walk with Christ.

The big problem Naaman couldn't fix was solved by the hand of God. Pray for our students that every one of them will realize they also have a big problem they can't fix — but **GOD CAN!!**

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I would like to help:

Faithful 5,000
\$10 or \$20/month

Regular Donation
any amount

Child Sponsorship
\$50/month

Work and Witness:
(contact Fred and Vera
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Special Needs: Many of you have assisted us with our exhibit at conventions around the country, using one of our display units. For this year's convention season, we are in need of an additional display. If you would like to help with this need, please contact Jeanette Garrison at the school number for more information.

See the **Special Needs List** on our web site for more opportunities to help.

Thank you for your support!

Students Serving

Elementary students sang Christmas carols for residents of a homeless mission. They gave the residents Christmas cards and cookies. Everyone had a good time as the students learned the joy of giving.



Giving Through Matching Funds and Volunteer Hours

Since our announcement in last spring's NEWS, many of you have taken advantage of giving through matching funds

and volunteer hours. Thank you for taking advantage of this opportunity to support SVIS.

Many employers have programs for giving to non-profit organizations or socially disadvantaged groups, such as matching funds and reimbursable volunteer hours. Since the IRS has determined we are a 501(c)(3) organization, we qualify for charitable giving.

Giving—July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

Sponsorship	\$ 40,529	(\$45,000 needed)
Donations	\$195,430	As we approach 5000 donors, the amount of \$50,000 would cover all operating costs (utilities, insurance, maintenance) so that donations could be used for other needs such as curriculum, equipment, etc.
Faithful 5000	\$ 19,680	
Total Income	\$256,708	(includes lunch program, tuition, building use etc.)
Total expenses	\$300,107	



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