

# C.S. LEWIS ACADEMY NEWS

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## A Message from Mr. Finch

We at the school are so excited to begin yet another month. The months of January, February, and March are statistically the most influential months for academic growth and the students here at C. S. Lewis Academy are no exception. We are seeing massive gains across the board in all grade levels. After completion of the Scantron assessments, the computer adaptive

assessments in state mandated testing cycle. We have the Mathematics and Writing Direct Assessment (DWA) for Language Arts, a majority of students have made significant gains in their academic achievement. 6<sup>th</sup> grade and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). We take these assessments very seriously at CSLA and we desire every students to achieve their maximum potential. So parents please encourage your child(ren) to always do their best.

Speaking of Assessments, this month is the beginning of the

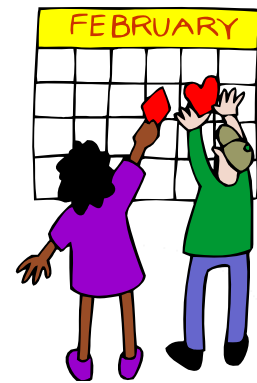
## CSLA Royal Ball

When was the last time you danced with your sweetheart? Come have a ball and dance the night away on Friday, February 13, from 7-9. This exciting night is open to any couple and babysitting will be provided at \$2 per child. Attire is dressy casual. Please plan on attending. The PTO is working very hard to make this a worthwhile event. SO Please save the date on your calendar and get ready to have a special night as a couple.



## Parent Involvement

Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the most important factors in raising student self-esteem and academic achievement. Moreover, most experts agree that parental involvement should go beyond attendance at teacher conferences and open house. We realize, however, that each of our families is unique – with its own priorities, needs, talents, and time constraints -- and so we try to provide as many different kinds of opportunities for parental involvement as possible. Please take an active role by contacting the office, anyone in the PTO, or your child's teacher for ways to be involved or opportunities to volunteer.



## RAZ-Kids.com

The school has purchased with School-Land Trust funds a home reading program called RAZ Kids. We have been utilizing this program at school and the students are really enjoying it. If you have internet access at your home, RAZ-kids.com is a fantastic way to increase reading fluency and comprehension. Using RAZ Kids also count towards the 20 minutes of daily reading each night. So if you are struggling to find material on your child's reading level, RAZ Kids can be a wonderful resource for your family.

Another great resource to reinforce concepts learned is [www.internet4classrooms.com](http://www.internet4classrooms.com). This is an extremely useful tool to increase mathematic skills as well as other curricular areas. Educational games can be a motivating tool to really increase reading and math fluency as well as computation and comprehension.

