



Celebrations of Learning

2026

Our deep hope is to celebrate the ways our learning journey empowers us to influence the world for Christ.

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Elementary Celebration of Learning, March 26, 7:30-9:30 am

7:30 Academic Success Center Open

8:00 Opening in Auditorium with Enrichment Classes Presenting

8:30 Classroom Visits

9:00 Closing in Auditorium with Enrichment Classes Presenting

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Academic Success Center

The morning began with the ASC opening their Learning Labs and NILD Therapy classrooms for students to celebrate their achievements and skills with their families. Students showed projects and work, demonstrated therapy activities, and even challenged visitors to try rhythmic writing and other therapy activities.



Enrichments

Spanish, Art, Music, PE, STEM, and Library took to the stage during our opening and closing of the celebration. Families heard stories across grade levels and celebrated the progression of learning that is evident throughout the Elementary Enrichment programs. Here you can see PE sharing their storyboard, and a pair of fourth grade students speaking in Spanish and translating for each other.



Junior Kindergarten

These young students shared their learning with guidance from their teachers. In the picture, you can see Mrs. Parker leading her students to share the throughlines they have practiced this year. Students were excited to share their learning activities with their families.



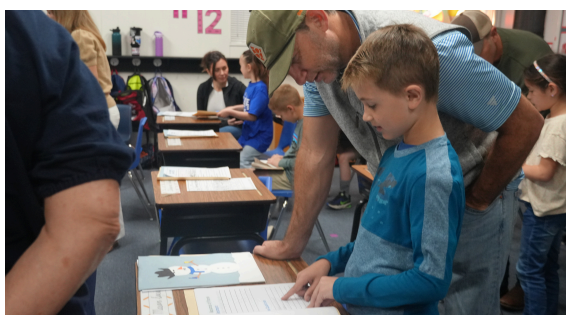
Kindergarten

Students in kindergarten used a roadmap to show their progression of learning this year. Each student had a piece of the journey to share. Students were proud to tell others what they had learned, and brave to stand up and speak in front of visitors.



1st Grade

First graders made a booklet to share their reflections around deep hope and long-term learning targets with their families. This booklet was not only great for celebrating learning with visitors, but also a part of first grade's end of year reflections.



2nd Grade

Reading strategies were celebrated in the second grade classrooms as reading comprehension skills grow a lot during this year of school. These learners were eager to share their progress with their families as they showed visual tools and other pieces of work they have created.



3rd Grade

Third graders shared their learning journey with a booklet they created to show reflections and evidence of work in relation to their long-term learning targets and deep hope. They even invited their families to participate in one of their favorite activities from the year: "Save Fred!"



4th Grade

In fourth grade, students created stations around their classrooms representing different moments to celebrate from the year. They used pictures, work they had done, and posters they made. In pairs or trios, they used their Toast Master skills to share stories from their learning journey.

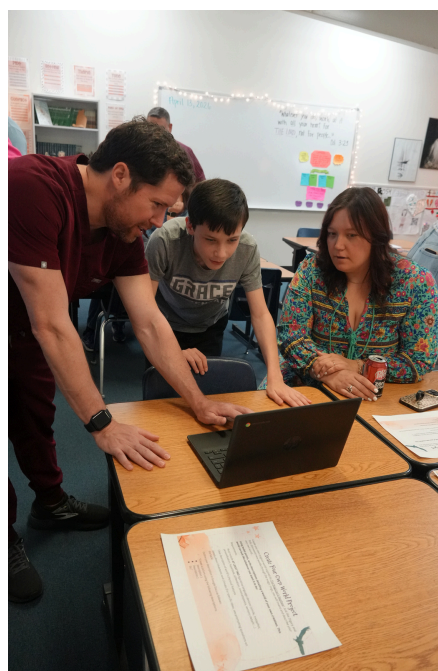
Middle School Celebration of Learning, April 13, 6:00-7:30 pm

- 6:00 7th and 8th Grade Opening in Auditorium while 5th and 6th Visit Classes
- 6:15 All Classrooms Open
- 7:00 5th and 6th Music Event and Closing
- 7:30 Winding Down

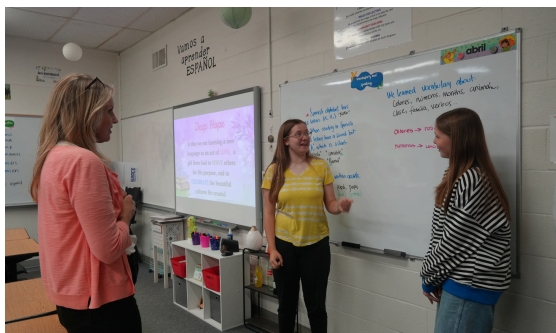
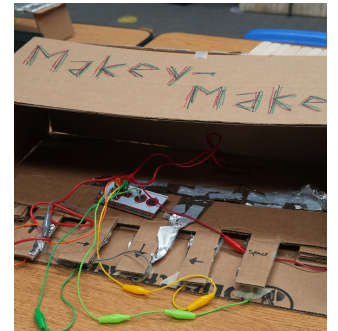
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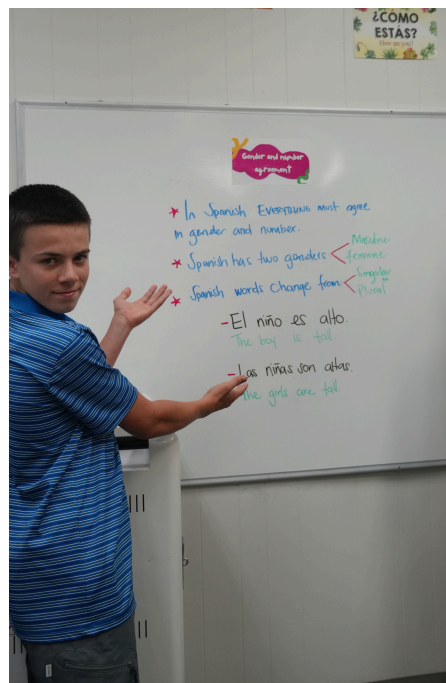
Our 5th and 6th graders were excited to share their learning with families. These pictures show a glimpse of the various activities students and teachers had prepared for the night. Projects were shown, storyboards were explained, and there were many interactive stations for families to experience students' favorite hands-on learning moments from throughout the year. A FLEx was also in progress this evening as students sold books they had written and published. The evening ended on a musical note as 5th graders sang songs they had learned. The 6th grade choir also performed a musical theater number for families.



Middle School



In the 7th and 8th grade building, students and teachers displayed pictures and work from throughout their year. Students engaged visitors by sharing stories and highlighting favorite projects. In these pictures you see a Makey Makey creation from STEM, a celebration board from Spanish, students sharing their learning from different classes, a student-made history age video game, and a science student showing how to use a microscope. Families enjoyed seeing the variety of learning activities, and some sixth graders even came over for a sneak peek of what they have to look forward to.



Grace University Celebration of Learning, April 13, 6:00-7:00 pm

6:00 All Classrooms Open

6:50 Music Event and Closing

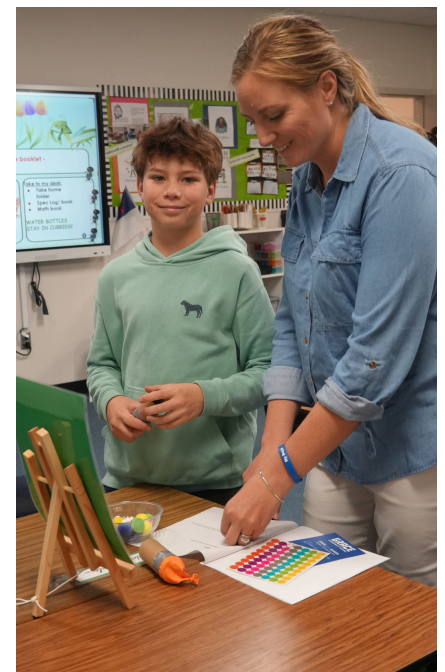
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Grace University is our hybrid model where students in kindergarten through 8th grade are at school two or three days a week and work from home the other days.

For the Celebration of Learning, teachers highlighted aspects of the curriculum that only happen at school. Students were excited to show their families these special learning moments.

In these pictures, you can see students sharing their storyboards, science, and art work with their families. Their evening ended with a musical performance showing what they have been learning in music class.



High School Celebration of Learning, April 20, 6:30-7:30 pm

6:30 Opening

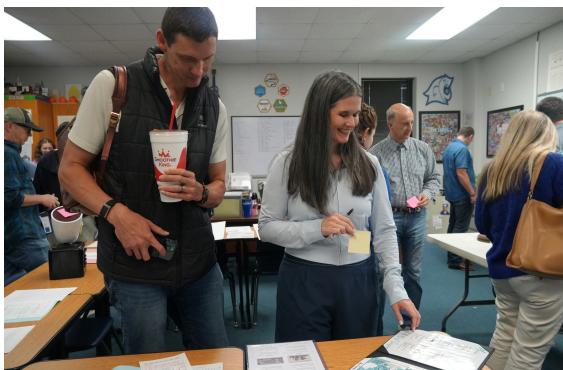
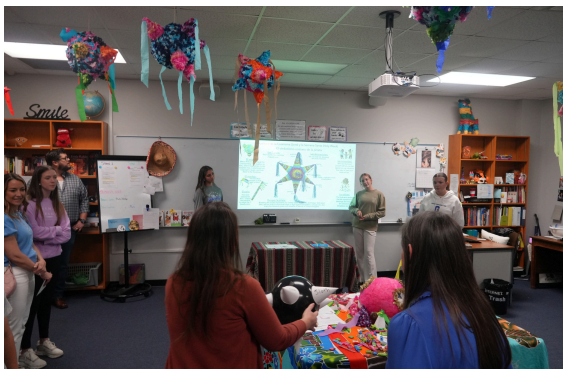
6:45 Humanities Events (History, Bible, English, Spanish)

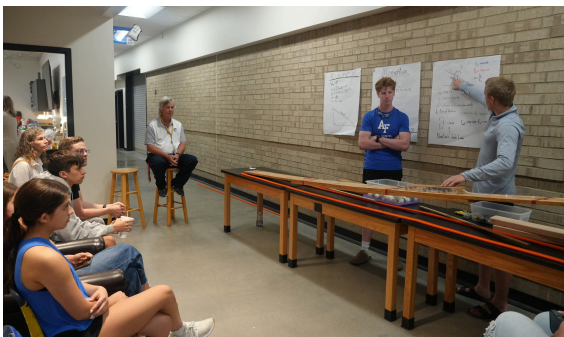
7:00 STEAM Events (Science, Math, Art, Theater) and Electives Exhibits

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The Humanities department hosted various activities across the grade levels. The top two pictures show the freshmen sharing work they have done as part of their Holy Week studies. The sophomores, in the next two pictures, shared a gallery of beautiful work which visitors engaged with through a “notice/wonder” sticky note activity as they explored. The bottom four pictures show the juniors and seniors hosting Harkness discussions. They chose articles that best represented learning themes from the year to use as resources for their thought-provoking discussion. They invited their families to join in sharing their opinions, too.





The Electives Exhibits featured a variety of classes and groups which students chose to participate in. In the pictures above you will see students from the Inspire program, Chapel Practicum, and Human Geography sharing their learning experiences. The next pictures show students from different science classes: Physics using a ramp to demonstrate their learning, Forensics engaging visitors in a "crime scene" lab, Biology students conducting experiments, and Engineering with their trebuchet. Math students showed how they used their math skills to create art, and the Chemistry class had fun showing visitors the different chemical reactions they have learned.





Fine Arts

The high school art class taught Celebration of Learning visitors how to use the pottery wheels, and the Acts of Grace theater class opened the auditorium doors for visitors to get a behind the scenes look at preparations for their upcoming musical. Spring time is full of concerts, theater productions, and art exhibits. Those events will be used as a Celebration of Learning for the Fine Arts department as students showcase their growth since they last performed earlier in the year.

Student Reflections

"The Celebration of Learning revealed to me just how much we learned throughout the year and semester. As I helped with the fingerprinting booth for Forensics, I heard from parents that it was fun and great to participate.... I think it went great, and I enjoyed sharing what I learned."

- 12th grader

"The Celebration of Learning was a cool experience because I was able to see the ways my History, English, and Bible classes connected while showing parents what I have learned through a Harkness, another thing I learned at Grace."

- 11th grader

"Getting to share my experiences with genuinely curious people felt very rewarding for me, and I enjoyed explaining to them everything I got to experience. It made me realize how significant being in Inspire is, and how what I'm doing can even affect others."

- 11th grader

"I loved getting to show our parents what we know in a Harkness! They said they were really impressed and it made me realize how much we truly learn and are capable of at Grace."

- 11th grader

"We did rotations like we do in class. Each rotation showed what we did during the month and also an attribute of God. We showed math problems, spelling words, books we read, and history and science we learned. We saw God's orderliness, His love and faithfulness, plus more."

"I forgot some of the things we did this year until we did the Celebration of Learning. It was fun to look back on what we had done and to see books we had read."

"I loved the celebration! It was fun having our parents do a rotation like we do at school. Each rotation showed what we did that month and the attribute of God that went with it. It was fun to see and remember all of the things we did."

- 4th Grader Reflections

"This year's celebration showed my learning through how we showed our collects for English, our pictures from our Bible field trip, and how to extract DNA from a strawberry for Biology! The celebration went really well because I saw many parents and siblings showing up to see what their family member is learning."

- 9th grader

Teacher Reflections



"The Celebration of Learning gave our students the opportunity to extend an educational kind of hospitality to their parents and peers. Not only did they share their reflections on the insights they've gained, they practiced inviting others into the process of discovery. In some cases they got to experience the way that shared discovery can build a stronger sense of community with others."

- Mr. Jason Cook, High School Bible



"The Celebration of Learning was a sweet way for parents to see some of the things their students have been working on in the Academic Success Center. It was a great way to highlight how much hard work the kids have done throughout the year through pictures of past projects, and therapy demonstrations with their families. The students had a blast being celebrated, and really enjoyed getting to shine!"

- Ms. Julie Gourlay, Elementary ASC



"During our Celebration of Learning, students had the wonderful opportunity to invite their parents into the classroom to participate in hands-on activities that mirrored their study of ancient civilizations throughout this school year. Together, they worked to decode hieroglyphic messages, create sketches of significant historical artifacts, collaborate with their child to build model ziggurats, and test their knowledge of ancient geography and culture. This was a fun way to highlight the depth of the students' learning journey this year!"

- Mrs. Jamey Felton, Middle School History



"For Kindergarten's Celebration of Learning, we and our guests took a journey down our 'kindergarten road', and we made several stops along the way to see how our different units of study and activities helped us meet our long term learning targets. Our targets were simple, but important. First, we would discover God's love in Creation. Then we would discover ways we could show His love as image bearers. Each time we made a stop, students came to the front and reminded us of just how much we've learned about God's love, and were able to then show it to those around us. It was a happy time of reflection and gratitude."

- Mrs. Carley Barton, Kindergarten



This year's Celebration of Learning was a meaningful reminder that our learning journey is about far more than projects, presentations, or displays. It is about shaping hearts and minds to influence the world for Christ. I saw genuine joy in the faces of students at all ages as they eagerly shared what they had been learning, creating, and discovering, and it was equally special to watch parents experience school through the eyes of their children. Moments like these reflect the beauty of a community where learning is not only celebrated but lived with purpose, wonder, and the hope of impacting others for God's glory.

- Mrs. Jessica Huddleston,
Director of Curriculum & Instruction