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The theme for CCS this year is Give Thanks! Here at CCS we would like to give praise to God and Thanks to the many volunteers who serve in so many different ways. It is easy to forget all the blessings that God lavishes upon us. So, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You all are our blessing.

Principal's News

Well it is time for the winter Olympic Games again. I have deep respect for all of those athletes who have trained so diligently for so many years. I would have to pick the athletes of the Biathlon as my hero. These men and women cross-country ski for a couple of miles then shoot a rifle at a target the size of a 50 cent piece, race some more, shoot again, race some more, shoot again etc. Of course since this is the Olympics, the athletes have to go up and down hills and around sharp corners. What impresses me the most is their ability to shoot accurately with their heart pounding from the racing. This is done in the hopes of a medal of gold, silver, or bronze.

What makes me sad is the sight of an Olympic medal, or even a Super Bowl ring, displayed in a pawn shop. Somehow these once precious items lost their desirability. Even after all of their toil and effort, the prize they sought after lost its appeal. God promises us in James 1:12 that, "Blessed [is] the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. The crown of life, presented by God, is something very special. Let us all admire the effort these athletes make for their goals, but let us all keep our eye on the prize that will never fade or loose it's desirability; life in the presence of God for all eternity.

To God, and God alone, belongs the Glory.
Daniel Kuka

Upcoming Events

- * March 4, 2010 - Early Release @ 12:30 P.M.
- * March 5, 2010 - CCS Annual Auction, 5:30 P.M. (See inserted flyer for more details)
- * March 8, 2010 - Spring Pictures w/Ryan Thomas Photography.
- * March 8, 2010 - Silent auction and bake sale begins in the CCS hallway. (See inserted flyer for details)
- * March 9, 2010 - CCS Open House, 7:00-8:00 P.M. Tell anyone you think might be interested in CCS next year.
- * March 11-12, 2010 - Parent Teacher Conferences.
- * March 22, 2010 - Registration for 2010/2011 school year opens for CCS families.

Friday March 5th is the date for our Annual Auction and All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feed. Once again, the event will be at the Magic Valley Portuguese Hall in Wendell. Free child care will be available at the New Life Community Church (800 WEST Main St. - Across the street from the Legion Hall). If you would like to make a donation, that would be appreciated. Live music will be playing during dinner and if you are a person who does not appreciate the delicacies of crab, spaghetti will be available. The doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:30. The auction will begin sometime after 7:15. Tickets are available in the school office.

K-3 Preschool

We finished up some exciting themes this month! For letter P week, we had a blast with our popcorn fight. We have also been practicing using our good manners. The class is doing great with their counting, shapes and colors! Thank you so much CCS parents! You are so amazing; we couldn't do what we do without you.

K-4 News

Mrs. Myers - The class has been working so hard learning their alphabet, numbers and even some sight words! Their progress has been amazing. I am proud to see their hard work pay off. We are right in the middle of rhyming. They are doing well and can rhyme almost any word they are given. They are starting to listen for beginning and ending sounds. Valentine's Day always causes a lot of excitement. The children enjoyed receiving different types of cards and homemade valentines, but they also enjoy giving to others too. The preschool enjoys having the older children read to them; in their pajamas of course!

Mrs. Vonna - The students are doing so well identifying letters and sounds A-S; as well as writing them. We have been learning the placement of sounds in words which is promoting the reading of small three letter words! In math we have learned concepts of weight, patterning, ordinal numbers, capacity, matching and much, more! We are currently working on recognition, writing and 1:1 correspondence for numbers 1-16. Spirit Week was so much fun...Wacky Wednesday was our favorite day! On International Pancake Day we were spoiled with "Dutch" pancakes with Hagel Sla (chocolate sprinkles). Thank you parents for the never-ending support to our classroom.

Kindergarten News

Mrs. VandenBosch

Phil did see his shadow so we are on the countdown for spring to arrive. We learned that the groundhog has several names: groundhog, whistle pig, and woodchuck. The groundhog hibernates and his heart beats only 7 times a minute during hibernation. We are now blending and reading words. Math is going fast also with time and money. National Pancake Day was SO yummy. Thank you to all who brought in lunch items and thank you parents and grandparents for eating lunch with us!!

First Grade News

We have been very busy working on writing complete sentences. We have now made it through all the letter sounds and are using the skills of blending together the sounds in our Open Court stories. We visited the nursing home and hung up hearts and socialized with the clients. We love it when our parents read with us during the week. If you are able to do so, please let me know, and drivers to St. Ben's Nursing Home is always appreciated.

Second Grade News

The second graders finished writing their class book *The World's Amazing Sea Creatures* and sent it off for a Feb. 10th printing date. During Rocket Math one afternoon a student commented on how big another student's foot was. Soon there was a conversation of who had the biggest foot in the class than out of the blue a student announced "If you think your foot is big you should see my dad's big toe!"

Third Grade News

We started a unit on money in our Open Court series, We have been discussing how throughout history, different societies developed different means of establishing monetary system's-creating currency and distributing it. This month's Bible study has been all about love, and what it is according to Corinthians 13:4-8a. We had a fabulous Spirit week and Valentine's Day! Big thanks to Mrs. Wilson who made cupcakes, cookies and punch for us.

Mrs. Nolan

February has been such a busy month! We are progressing with our reading and writing skills and have learned all 33 sight words in K5 now! It's so exciting to watch and listen to "new" readers, and to see how they progress through the school year. I am so proud of our class this year and the advancements they are making in the areas of phonics, writing and math! Our major themes for the month have been Valentines, presidents and Dr. Seuss! We enjoyed making and eating pancakes last week for "Fat Tuesday", and look so forward to Green Eggs and Ham day at the end of the month.

Fourth Grade News

We are beginning our Physical Science chapter in Science. We have studies fur trappers and Mountain men. Our Bible unit of David and Saul is coming to an end. We are reading *Number the Stars* together. Thanks to patty Dugan and Paula Sandry for being my drivers and Thanks to Susie Delcid for awesome Valentine's Day treats.

Fifth Grade News

We have been focusing on the birth of our nation in Social Studies. The students are doing very well with figuring out the timeline and cultures/social aspects of the time. We are now learning about the Virginia House of Burgesses, Stamp Act, Boston Massacre and Tea Party, First Continental Congress, and the Revolutionary War. Exciting times! In Science we have been learning about climates and climate change. They have learned about how much the sun effects the climate (heating/cooling) and about other natural sources that also have greater impacts than humans, such as carbon dioxide emissions from the ocean and nitrogen from decomposing matter. I would like to personally thank all my students' parents for their dedication and service to this school. Thanks for all you do!



Spotlight

The Students in the spotlight this month are:

Collin is in Mrs. Vonna's K-4 Class. This is Collin's first year at CCS. He enjoys working on his Dad's dairy and driving the loader with him. Collin loves to eat Hagel Sla (chocolate sprinkles) and peanut butter on bread. His favorite part of his school day is Centers. Welcome to Canyonside Christian School Collin!

Kase is in Mrs. Ramsey's 2nd Grade Class. This is Kase's first year at CCS. He loves to swim, ride motorcycles and play electric guitar. Kase enjoys playing and watching football, and in school his favorite subject is math. Welcome to Canyonside Christian School Kase!

The Staff Member in the spotlight this month is Miss Leanna Silva.

This is Miss Leanna's third year at Canyonside Christian School. She works in the Before School Program, teaches Technology, and is the Assistant Office secretary. Leanna enjoys spending time with her family and scrapbooking. She feels that she is truly blessed to be a part of the amazing staff at CCS.



Kase



Collin



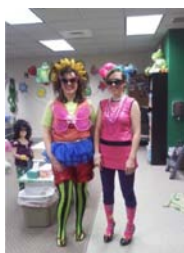
Miss Leanna

Volunteers - WE NEED YOU - School Needs



- Once a week, your child's teacher might like a duty free lunch. Would you be willing to watch a class for 20 min. and/or take a recess duty for a teacher?
- The Sign/Reader Board next to Nez Perce needs some TLC.
- If you are able to purchase a box of copy paper, or just a single ream, it will be a big help to us.
- Pick a "Post-It" from the "See A Need - Fill A Need" board if you so desire! Needed items are posted there for the school and classrooms.
- We have some door stops that need to be attached to the bathroom doors.

Spirit Week at Canyonside Christian School, February 8 -12th, 2010.



Mrs. Kathy & Mrs. Ashlee
Wacky Wednesday



1st Graders on 50's Day!
Joe, Sam, Kaden, Sailor, Kylee and Tanner



The 5th Grade Class on Wacky Wednesday.
Emily, Jessica, Allie, Hunter, Tyler, Jed and Matt



Mrs. Ashlee and Kaitlynn
Sports Day

Fundraising Updates

CCS would give a heartfelt thanks to all of those who helped with the Believing In Miracles III this year. Because of your efforts, CCS has raised \$10,600. This has allowed us to bridge the gap financially until our Crab Feed and Annual Auction. So again, special thanks to the following donors:

Gem State Welders; Triple S Electric; Westec ; Sharon Bettencourt ; Don's Plumbing; Les Schwab Tires; Verti-line Pumps; Joe & Sandra Agueda; Millenkamp Cattle, Inc.; Dana & Annette Hempleman; Todd & Katy Brown; Johnson Chiropractic; Chuck & Monica Hilt; Wells Fargo Bank; GJS Trucking; Don's Irrigation; Greg & Esmeralda Sorensen; Cliff & Marety Jaro; Linda Arrossa; County Line Dairy, LLC.; Daniel & Deaneen Kuka; Dr. A.C. Emery.



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Give Thanks!

BOD Notes

As your CCS Board, we would like to take this opportunity to say once again, how much we appreciate our CCS parents. Your input is extremely valuable and we encourage that you attend any of our Board Meetings. Meetings are typically held the first Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the CCS Library. However, the March Board meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd at 12:00 to be held in the CCS EXCEL Room. We would love to share with you our direction for CCS and the many curricular opportunities that we are in the process of implementing. Your input helps to guide our planning efforts. We also love to hear those things that you think are going well here at CCS, along with areas that we can improve upon. Once again, we extend a heartfelt thank you to so many of you, who give so willingly of your time and resources.

A Sincere Thank You,
Your CCS Board of Directors

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Mark your calendars and plan to attend CCS Annual Auction, March 5, 2010 at the Portuguese Hall in Wendell. Doors open at 5:30 P.M. All you can eat Crab Feed, Live Music, and Free Child Care! Tickets are available at CCS. \$35.00 per person. Call 208-324-3444 for more details. We hope you will come and support Canyonside Christian School!

