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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

Does it seem like spring weather, and winter weather are battling this time of year? Cold, warmish, cold, cold, warmer, cold again, hot, cold. Change is one of those things that keeps us on our toes. "Wish I had my coat behind the seat still." "Look, the tulips are poking through!" "Spring in Jerome County means car heater in the morning and scraping windows, then AC in the afternoon."

Change challenges us, it motivates us, it can freeze us, it causes us to fight against it, and then it makes things easier. Whatever season of change is upon us, God knows each and every step we take, each breath we breathe and thought we think. Knowing God is there, should take the edge off of the changes we go through. He is described as a rock/shelter in the middle of a storm (Safety/protection), a drink of water when we are thirsty (Provision), a friend who is closer than a brother (friendship and love). So as changes come, remember that God is a stability we can count on. Things may be wild and confusing around us, but our heart can be secure in the fact that God knows what is happening and is there with us.

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

Upcoming Events

- April 1, 2010 - CCS Ski Day, 1st - 5th Grades.
- April 1, 2010 - Preschool Easter Celebration
- April 2, 2010 - Good Friday. CCS is closed. EXCEL is closed.
- April 5, 2010 - BOD Meeting, 4:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- April 5, 2010 - Registration opens to the public for 2010/2011 school year.
- April 8, 2010 - Grandparent's Day
- April 9, 2010 - 3rd - 5th Grade Academic Competition
- April 12, 2010 - 16th - CCS Book Fair
- April 13, 2010 - CCS Open House. 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.
- April 23, 2010 - 4th & 5th Grades to Craters of the Moon

Grace – (Noun)" in Christianity, the infinite love, mercy, favor, and goodwill shown to humankind by God."

Another way to describe God's grace to us is:

1. We have been given something that we totally don't deserve and could never earn on our own, because of God's love for us.
2. We can remember the meaning of the word grace with the simple phrase, "God's Riches at Christ's Expense" The cost of those riches was the life of God's son, Jesus.

K-3 Preschool

The class has really grown up and has shown much improvement compared to the first month of school. They are doing so well I couldn't be more proud of all of them! We have just finished up our Dr. Seuss, Lions and Lambs and St. Patrick's Day themes! The class had a blast during St. Patrick's Day finding the leprechaun's gold and following his footprints in the school hallway! In math we are sorting, doing 1:1 correspondence and the whole class is counting up to 10 or beyond. We are up to letter U on our alphabet and have learned all our basic colors and shapes so far!

K-4 News

Mrs. Myers - The children have been busy reviewing their alphabet and all of their different math concepts. As I take a look back to the beginning of the year, I can see that they have made tremendous progress! It is fun to see how much they grow in just a matter of months. St. Patrick's Day traditions were fun for the kids to learn and they are sure that gold can be found at the end of a rainbow! The idea of the Lion and the Lamb seems to be helping the kids understand that spring weather is quite unpredictable. They make sure they mark each day with either a lion or a lamb.

Mrs. Vonna - Just V, W, X, Y and Z to go on our alphabet journey! In science we have been monitoring the weather each day to determine if it is a "lion or lamb" day. Just recently for letter U, we were serenaded by a ukulele and the song "Somewhere over the Rainbow". We were visited by a bare foot little leprechaun on the same day, just before we left for Spring Break. We tried to catch him in our trap, but he escaped! It is my privilege to be a part of each child in my classroom. Thank you for the contributions that were made at the auction. We truly could not exist without you!

Kindergarten News

Mrs. VandenBosch -

Wow! We are learning many great things. We now know 34 sight words, we are blending words, and we are **READING!** We can count, write, and recognize our numbers to 100. We know how to tell time by the hour. We know what a penny, dime, and a nickel is, and how much they are worth. A big Thank You to the Sorensen family for purchasing our class auction quilt, those parents who have brought in items for our classroom and school and for all the extra help you give.

First Grade News

The First Graders are working hard on reading and comprehending stories. We are excited about catching leprechauns in our classroom. We have begun to measure line segments and learn about congruent shapes. In Science we are beginning to learn about "Where plants grow?" Our students enjoy reading with our parent volunteers. If you would like to read with us, please volunteer from 11-12 daily in our classroom.

Second Grade News

We just finished our Fossil Unit in Reading and are starting a new unit on Courage. The students really enjoyed learning about all the different categories of fossils. On February 24, we had a guest speaker from Hagerman Fossil Beds. The students were excited to have the chance to touch real fossils. If you have a chance, come and look at the students' Dinosaur Reports that are hanging on the wall. We want to thank all the parents who helped with our auction item.

Third Grade News

We completed our unit on money in reading. We have learned how money is printed, and we've touched on the difficulties and bonuses that come with sharing and saving money. Saving money and making dreams happen require strong determination and patience. These are qualities we would all like to develop. We have completed our six simple machines projects! What an awesome job the students did! I am amazed at the quality and learning that went on. We had a fabulous Car Show. The students learned so much. Thank you parents for all your support and help you lend.

Mrs. Nolan

The month of March has been filled with science experiments on the weather, counting by 5's and 10's, learning basic addition to ten and of course reading, reading, reading! We are looking forward to the nice spring weather, "lamb days", and beginning our spring *theme units* on planting and bugs. Thank you parents for all your support and contributions to our spring auction and classroom quilt. The evening was a wonderful success and a great time of fellowship as well!

Fourth Grade News

Fourth grade is continuing to learn about the struggles and risks that were taken along the Oregon Trail. They were able to meet 2 mountain men and hear stories of survival skills. Thank you to Ron Corle and Dylan Goertzen for your presentation. We are on our last nine weeks of school. This year has flown by. We are learning long division and some metric units of measure. The students even learned what can happen when a solid mixes with a liquid. YUM! Thanks to Pat Dugan and Paula Sandry for driving us to Head Start! Thanks also to the Day family for creating a beautiful auction item.

Fifth Grade News

This past month in 5th grade we have been learning about the Declaration of Independence and the beginning of the Revolutionary War in social studies. In science we had the opportunity to learn about different minerals, and we are now studying about matter and the properties that make up matter. We finished reading the book, "Holes" and were able to watch the movie. It was fun comparing the book to the movie, as we all know there is always so much more to a book than they have the ability to portray in the movies. We had a great time at our annual school auction, where the 5th grade students had the opportunity to help serve dinner. Thank you to everyone involved with making our auction such a success!

**The 2010 auction raised
approximately \$52,000!
Praise the Lord!**



Spotlight

The Students in the spotlight this month are:

Jack - Jack is in Mrs. Ashlee's K-3 class. His favorite time in class is Centers and he enjoys playing and building things with blocks. Jack's favorite food is spaghetti. He also loves to play soccer and his favorite time of year is summer. This is Jack's first year at CCS. Welcome to Canyonside Christian School Jack.

Jed - Jed is in Mrs. Wright's 5th Grade Class. He enjoys playing football, riding motorcycles and snowboarding. Jed's favorite subject in school is spelling. He also enjoys playing baseball in the summer as a Short Stop. Jed's favorite place he has been to is Knott's Berry Farm in California. Jed has been attending Canyonside Christian School since K-4.

The Staff Member in the spotlight this month is Miss Emily Kuka.

This is Emily's second year working in the EXCEL program at Canyonside. She is a sophomore at Magic Valley Christian School, and absolutely loves coming over to watch the kids after school each day. She has played on the high school volleyball and softball team, and has been a cheerleader for MVCS for four years. Emily's goal is to be accepted on a competitive cheering squad, and she plans to cheer in college.



Jack



Jed



Emily

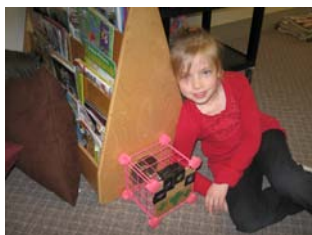
Volunteers - WE NEED YOU - School Needs

- 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?
- We need someone with computer skills to add DOS to some computers, gather the correct equipment, and set them up in the classrooms. Computer Skills? Call Mr. Kuka
- The reader board needs a little TLC. You'll need a cordless drill and bits.
- There are some painting projects. The ceiling in the multi-purpose room as well as the concrete floors in the EXCEL room and MP room.

First Grade Leprechaun Traps - March 12, 2010



Tucker's trap is set.



Anastasia's is ready!



Joe's trap is set.



1st Grade Classroom "After" the Leprechaun's visited in the night.



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Give Thanks!

March 5th, our 3rd graders hosted the first ever *CCS Car Show*. Fifteen classic cars and a very cool chopper motorcycle came out on a pretty windy day. The 3rd graders, under the guidance of Mrs. Skaug, made a banner to welcome the car owners, sold candy, water and sodas. Participation trophies were given to each driver and they were asked to tell about their car. Board member Bryan Slusher helped announce the drivers. Sarah S. and Katy M. were the princesses of the show and the favorite car was the green pickup. They presented the owner with the Princess Prize; a basket of home baked chocolate and peanut butter cookies made by Trudy M. Well done 3rd graders. That was a fantastic job! Thank you Mrs. Skaug for your hard work and helping the students learn so many things.



BOD Notes

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the many supporters of our 2010 *CCS* auction. In these difficult economic times, numerous businesses provided cash donations and/or items for our live and silent auctions. Many *CCS* families and outside supporters attended the crab feed and auction and were extremely supportive in so many ways. A huge thank you to Susie Millenkamp, Sharon Bettencourt and the many auction volunteers, who once again spent numerous hours making this event a huge success. This year's auction raised approximately \$52,000. Praise the Lord! He is Awesome!

In recent days, *CCS* also received an anonymous \$10,000 donation deposited directly into our bank account! Wow, what an amazing gift to our school. Thank you to you, whoever you are! God is glorified here at *CCS*.

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