

# CRUSADER CORNER

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Here at CCS we would like to give praise to God and recognize all of the volunteers who have taken time to drive on different field trips, watched students, helped with parties, checked in books, graded papers, bought supplies, made copies, set up book fairs, arranged field trips, purchased paper and basically made this such a successful year at CCS.

## Principal's News

This is the time of year that I like to look around the yard and pick projects that will help restore things to how they were last summer. The grass seems to grow uneven, weeds are racing to establish themselves, remains of tumble weeds are caught in various roses, bushes or fences, and the windows need a good washing. Walls, garages, and sheds beg for paint as flowers are making a beautiful impact on their surroundings.

I also like to ask myself if there are things that I need to let the "Master Gardener" (God) have control of in my life. Have I let the concerns of my life influence the way I treat others? Do I judge others too harshly? What happens if I disappoint others? Am I letting the fruit of God's Spirit grow and produce in me? God said that the fruit of His Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (Gal 5: 22-23) Galatians 6:4 states, "Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else". So while you're outside in the yard this spring, ask God if you need a little cleaning on the inside; that way the fruit of God's Spirit will flourish in you.

To God, and God alone, belongs the Glory.

Daniel Kuka

## Upcoming Events

- May 3, 2010 - CCS Board of Directors Meeting, 12:00 P.M.
- May 3-6, 2010 - Buck-A-Roo Week for K3, K4 and K5.
- May 3-6, 2010 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 3-7, 2010 - ISAT Testing - Grades 3, 4, & 5
- May 6, 2010 - Early Release at 12:30 P.M. Excel Available.
- May 10, 2010 - No School. - EXCEL available.
- May 11, 2010 - CCS Open House - 7-8:00 P.M.
- May 13, 2010 - CCS Hosts Jerome Chamber of Commerce After Hours Event- 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
- May 13, 2010 - Last day of School for K3, K4, and K5
- May 12-14, 2010 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Camp Perkins
- May 20, 2010 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation - 6:00 P.M.
- May 21, 2010 - Last day of School for Elementary- 12:00 P.M. EXCEL will be available May 17 - May 28<sup>th</sup>!
- June 1, 2010 - Summer Program Begins

## CCS Summer Program Begins June 1, 2010.

### Summer Program

-Hours are 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

-Activities such as Gardening, Swimming, P.E. and/or Open Gym, and Movie Day are scheduled weekly.

-Structured Academic and Reading time

-Fun Crafts

**In many cases, CCS is more affordable than daycare.**

## K-3 Preschool

Wow it's hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end already! Our themes this month were Easter fun. The class had a blast finding eggs on our Easter egg hunt! We also finished our alphabet and had a fun review week with our letters. This week we have been talking all about farms. The kids love learning about animals and acting out what sounds they make. They can't wait to go on our farm field trip next week! Also coming up soon we will be doing our Buck-A-Roo week with the whole preschool end. The kids are very excited to be a cow boy/girl. Thanks again CCS

## K-4 News

**Mrs. Myers** - We have officially finished all of the letters in the alphabet! The children have had a great time making volcanoes, and using a little bit of Science to make them erupt! They have learned about whales, Babe the blue ox, yaks and of course zebras! We are finished with numbers 0-20. Learning about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus was a wonderful learning experience for the children; along with all of the fun Easter themes and activities. Thank you to all of the Grandparents that came to visit our school on Grandparent's day. April has turned out to be another great month!

**Mrs. Vonna** - There is so much excitement in our classroom with so many fun things planned for May. We will be celebrating the completion of our alphabet adventure with a dress up party, bubble day, kite day, picnic and more! We will be going on a field trip to a farm, and Buck-a-Roo week is planned for the first week in May. This is a really fun week where we dress in our cowboy/girl getup and ride into the multi-purpose room each day on our stick horses and listen to stories by our own Ma VandenBosch!

## Kindergarten News

**Mrs. VandenBosch** - We have been fine tuning our blending skills and our reading has taken off! In math we are counting pennies, dimes, nickels, and now a quarter. Bible time has been spent on the Easter story, In our class we are celebrating "Special Person of the Week". Each student gets to share with us all about them and what they like; the pictures you are bringing in are great. We are so ready for first grade! Thank you to the wonderful parents who helped out with our Easter celebration and Grandparents Day! Thank you to all our Grandparents who came to our class! This has been a wonderful year for all of us in Kindergarten.

**Mrs. Hinojos** - It's hard to believe we are in our last few weeks of school and our Kindergarten class will be moving on to first grade! We have spent the last month celebrating the holiday of Easter and the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Our theme unit for this month is planting and seeds. We will be planting flowers, beans and making grass heads during the next few days and taking a field trip to Moss Greenhouse. We are also wrapping up our year by "celebrating" each child in our classroom. Each student will have a chance to be the "special person of the week." It is so much fun having each child bring in special things and sharing information about them! Thank you parents for helping your child select those special items and your continued support throughout the school year.

## First Grade News

In math we have been working on graphs. We learned how to measure our feet using different methods (cubes, inches, pennies, pencils, and centimeters.) We have been learning about the life cycles of butterflies, lady bugs, frogs, plants, and bird. During Grandparents' Day the students had a chance to read two stories to their Grandparents. Most students chose to read the story "*The Itsy Bitsy Spider*". The Grandparents were amazed at the students reading abilities as well as how many steps the spider went through to get to the top of the water spout.

## Second Grade News

We have had a lot of fun with a project call DOGSTAILS. This is where the student creates a map containing seven different components; legend key, compass rose, ocean, a river, food, a city, and a road. Thank you to Ann-Pell Rongen for making our Service Learning Project at St. Benedict's possible.

## Third Grade News

We traveled to Immanuel Lutheran School for the Academic Fair. The students had a good time of learning and won 3rd place in the Geography Bowl. Presently we are reading a Native American expository text about the carving of totem poles. In math we are having fun creating coordinate planes and identifying the location of a point on a coordinate plane. In Bible we are learning about the ten plagues of Egypt. Amazing!

## Fourth Grade News

Fourth grade earned a \$100.00 grant from Idaho Power by studying the importance of conserving energy. We competed in the Academic Fair at Immanuel Lutheran School and all students did a great job! Our class had a great time doing a skit for Chapel about the consequences of greed and what it can do to others. We also enjoyed building our own kites for Fun Friday. Thanks to Diana Schilz for helping our class at Immanuel Lutheran and also to Laurie Day for the awesome Easter treats.

## Fifth Grade News

This past month has been full of activities. Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders competed in an academic fair at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls. Every student participated in the Science Fair. Fifth grade took home 2<sup>nd</sup> place in almost every competition (Spelling, Math, and Geography). We just celebrated Grandparent's Day at CCS. The students created tessellations to decorate our class and wrote poems/letters to their Grandparents. I think that every Grandparent was touched by their grandchild's thoughtfulness. At the moment, we are preparing for graduation and we are getting very excited for upcoming field trips such as Craters of the Moon, Boise, and Camp Perkins. We are also preparing for the ISATs, which are only a few weeks away.



## Spotlight

*The Students in the spotlight this month are:*

**Ashton** - Ashton is in Ms. Adams 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class. He enjoys playing with science kits and wants to be a scientist when he grows up. Ashton's favorite subject in school is history. He enjoys watching and playing basketball. Ashton's favorite place to go is California. Ashton has been attending Canyonside Christian School since K-5.

**Presley** - Presley is in Mrs. Henderson's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class. Her favorite subject in school is Bible. She enjoys going to Chuckie Cheese and likes to play tennis. Presley's favorite season of the year is spring. Presley has been attending Canyonside Christian School since 1<sup>st</sup> Grade.

*The Staff Member in the spotlight this month is Mrs. Jennifer Mora.*

My name is Jennifer Mora. I am married to a Costa Rican whom I met while on a summer mission trip there during my junior year in High School. We have 4 children. We are currently doing Hispanic ministry as my husband is a pastor. I count it a blessing to be back here at CCS. I taught here two years before the Lord blessed CCS with their own building (Current building). I am currently subbing and running the Friday EXCEL program. I look forward to coordinating the summer program this year.



Ashton



Presley



Mrs. Mora

## Volunteers - WE NEED YOU - School Needs

- Help with weeding the flower areas in front of the school - There are three pots in front of the school that need some beautiful flowers put in them.
- Our sign out by the road needs some TLC.
- Have electrical skills? There are a couple of ballasts that need to be replaced. Outside windows need washing after a winter with big winds.
- The birds have found some nesting places around the school and we need them removed.

**CCS Ski Day** - On April 1, 2010 the elementary students went on a Field Trip for our Annual Ski Day at Pomerelle Mountain. The students had a great time and were able to work on their skiing skills and/or try skiing for the first time.



Riding the Lift



Coming down the Mountain



Lunch time break

**Chemistry Magic Show** – On April 23, 2010 CCS enjoyed the CSI Chemistry Magic Show – Presented by Dr. Gardner of CSI.



## BOD Notes

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Wow, what an amazing year it has been! As your CCS Board of Directors, we have had the awesome opportunity of being among a wonderful group of families. Throughout the year, we have watched so many volunteers who have given their time, energy and resources to ensure that our students receive an exceptional Christian education. We want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you who have given so much to our school. We are looking forward to an exceptional 2010-2011 school year and do hope to see each of your children back here at CCS next fall. We have been blessed by their presence this school year. Thank you again for your support!

--Your CCS Board of Directors

Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) results are in. Eighty-eight percent (88%) of CCS students scored proficient or advanced on the Spring 2010 IRI. Well done teachers and students. All, 100%, of our K5 and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students were proficient or advanced. From everyone in the preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, well done!

**Give Thanks!**

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