

# CRUSADER CORNER

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## Principal's News

This week in our weekly Openings and Chapel, we will dig into the statement Jesus made when he said, "If you want to be great in God's kingdom, learn to be the servant of all." As we should all know, this task is impossible without the help of the Holy Spirit; and we don't have the Holy Spirit's help without first allowing Jesus to enter our hearts and give us new life. This is one of the reasons why Christian education is so important. This teaching will not be given in a public school.

The Bible book of First Corinthians is such a bedrock listing of what being a Christian is about. It gives us a laundry list of the benefits of salvation and being reborn in Christ. God gives every person special gifts when we are born. Then when we are born again through the Holy Spirit, God gives us even more gifts.

Chapter 12 tells us that each gift is given to benefit others and bring glory to God. It also tells us that we are to work together as one body to perform the task God requires. Then, Chapter 13 says to do all things with love in our heart; because if we don't work with love in our heart, we will simply be going through the motions of the task and miss out on the opportunity for God to infuse our efforts with his power. God is love and love is the opposite of greed, envy, impatience, etc. Let us continue to work together, in love, for the glory of God.

So, I would like to thank all of our parents, volunteers, Board members, teachers, students and past students for your prayers and support of CCS. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue the work of Christian education in the Magic Valley.

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



The theme for CCS this year is Give Thanks! We have given thanks for God's provision, our family, our freedom, our churches, our spiritual heritage, God's love, and for the gift of his son Jesus Christ. Join with us as we give thanks to God in the good times and in the difficult times.

## Upcoming Events

- \* February 1, 2010 - Board of Directors Meeting. 4:00 P.M. Parents are welcome to attend.
- \* February 8 - 12, 2010 - Spirit Week.
- \* February 15, 2010 - President's Day - School Closed.
- \* February 16, 2010 - International Pancake Day. Pancake Day at CCS.
- \* February 16, 2010 - CCS Open House. 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.

**Be True to Your School** – When you purchase any drink at regular price from Valley Country Stores Coffee Shack, \$.25 cents will be donated back to CCS. Be sure to tell the Barista you are with Canyonside Christian School when ordering. Offer ends January 31, 2010.

*Canyonside Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origins to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in admissions policies, scholarship or other school-administered programs.*

## K-3 Preschool

The class loves talking about snow and pretending to ice skate, make snow angels and having a snow ball fight (with marshmallows of course!) We just finished Teddy Bear Week. The children were able to bring their favorite bear to school and those silly bears got out of bed and made a mess in our classroom...ask any K-3 student and they will tell you all about it. Thank you parents for continuing to give your support to CCS.

## K-4 News

**Mrs. Myers** - We are having fun discovering all types of winter themes. These include mittens, snowmen, snowflakes and penguins. We have also been talking about All Kinds of Friends. The children have learned that everyone can be a friend, even your parents! It was recently Bear Week and each child got to spend the week with their favorite Teddy Bear. Thank you to the parents for all of your support.

**Mrs. Vonna** -It is hard to believe that we are already over half way on our alphabet adventure. Teddy Bear week was so much fun for the students. We danced, played, sang, and even had a picnic with our furry friends. Thank- you so much for the block set and "Thomas" trains that were given to our classroom for Christmas. They are the perfect addition to our classroom.



## Kindergarten News

### K-5 News - Mrs. VandenBosch

We are back in the swing of things since winter break and are ready and willing to learn. We are counting by 1's, 5's, and 10's all the way to 100 and learning about pennies, dimes and time. In our phonics we are up to 32 sight words memorized. WOW! Thank you parents for all the time and extras you give to our classroom.

### First Grade News

We have been working hard on unit 5, which is about the weather. The first graders have been enjoying learning about the weather. We had special guests from the fifth grade come talk to us about hurricanes, tornado's, clouds, and the water cycle. This month, we have also learned the Ten Commandments. Thank you to the parents who drove to our service project, and for the wonderful Christmas gifts.

### Second Grade News

We started the New Year strong and enthusiastic. In December we visited and read with the residents at St. Ben's Nursing Home and have been invited back. We are excited to begin researching for the book that we will be writing and publishing. Thank you to all the parents for your kindness and generosity at Christmas.

### Third Grade News

We are finishing up our reading unit on imagination. We read about Picasso and have seen some of his art. We have begun our service learning project again, of reading with people at Creekside. We are learning about Jacob & Esau, and how Esau gave his birthright away for some lentil stew and a piece of bread. Imagine that! Pray for the devastation in Haiti.

Left: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students pose with Mr. Adam Colpack, evening Meteorologist with KMVT, during a recent field trip to the KMVT studios in Twin Falls, ID.

### K-5 News - Mrs. Nolan

We just finished up Teddy Bear week last week and had a wonderful time! The week was spent learning about different species of bears, hibernation and some new bear songs and stories. The children were amazed to learn that bears have very poor eyesight and that their tongues are so long they can lick themselves between their eyes. One of the children asked if their teddy bear could spend the rest of the year in K5 learning how to read and count to 100. Sounds like a great idea!

### Fourth Grade News

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning about Lewis and Clark, food webs, nouns, and percents. We have also been learning map skills and double digit multiplication. We just celebrated Red Ribbon week and had fun learning about the bad effects of drugs on your body and mind. Thank you Heather Dugan for driving us to Head Start! The 4<sup>th</sup> grade needs old magazines to use. If you have any that you could donate, we would appreciate it!

### Fifth Grade News

We are learning about Heritage. It has been fun reading about different cultures in America, and hearing the student's views about people who seem to be different from us. This ties into our Bible studies of treating others with kindness and respect. We are also learning how America was born as a nation, and all the men and women who made it so. In science we have been learning about severe weather and will begin to learn about weather patterns and climate.



## Spotlight

### *The Students in the spotlight this month are:*

Evan is in Mrs. Vonna's K-4 Class. This is Evan's first year at CCS. He enjoys learning the ABC's. Evan's favorite time of year is summer. He enjoys playing outside and going to the mountains where he can ride 4-wheelers and see animals. Welcome to Canyonside Christian School Evan!

Alexis is in Mrs. Skaug's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class. This is Alexis' first year at CCS. Her favorite subject in school is writing. Alexis loves to visit her Grandmothers farm in Nevada. She enjoys playing soccer and basketball, and with her dog, Raina. Welcome to Canyonside Christian School Alexis!

### *The Staff Member in the spotlight this month is Mrs. Kami Wright.*

Mrs. Wright is our 5th grade teacher at Canyonside Christian School. Mrs. Wright has been married to her husband, Dave, for ten years. She has been employed at Canyonside Christian School for five 1/2 years, but this is her first year teaching upon receiving her teaching certificate from Lewis-Clark State College this year. Mrs. Wright is so excited to be back and acknowledges that it was our Lord's will for her to be back with such a great staff and students we have here at CCS.



Evan



Alexis



Mrs. Wright

## Volunteers - WE NEED YOU - School Needs



- First Grade is always looking for readers to join their classroom from 11:00 A.M. - 11:50 A.M, Monday thru Thursday.
- Library helpers are needed on Thursdays. See the signup sheet on the desk.
- We also have some lavatory faucets that need to be replaced because they are leaking. We will supply the faucets.
- The rain gutter in the back of the school needs some help. The building is expanding and contracting with the weather and temperature changes and the gutters need some maintenance. French drains have been installed to control the water runoff but we are looking for end caps to make sections of gutters. These are commercial grade gutters so we need materials that are not found in the home and garden centers.
- Our supply of copy paper is running low. 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.

CCS is starting a new Prayer Outreach. Please join us on Thursdays, 2:45 - 3:15 P.M. in the library, to pray for the things weighing on your heart. As we hear more and more about Haiti, we are so thankful for the health and safety of family. We are so blessed to live in a country where we can openly praise the Lord! God is Good... Let's come together as one body of Christ and spend a few minutes together in prayer.

## Fundraising Updates

Fundraising update: Last month we kicked off our Believing In Miracles III campaign. We would like to thank all those who have given. Our goal again this year is \$40,000. This gives us the operating budget to get through about 3 months of fixed costs. Currently, \$4,600 has been raised. As you consider giving, we also ask that you pray for God to multiply the funds. Throughout the Old Testament, the children of God were told to "Cry out to the Lord." Please "cry out" on our behalf. We will be sure to tell you the good news of what God does.

## BOD Notes

It's that time of year again when we start to prepare for our annual Spring Auction. This is a time of fun and fellowship here at CCS. As many of you know, our fundraisers are crucial to CCS. We are hoping to change the auction a bit this year so that it's not so financially burdening on the families here at the school. This, of course, takes everyone's cooperation to make it successful. There are many ways to contribute to the auction, one of the most being donated time! There are two things in this world we never have enough of, Time and Money! I would highly encourage anyone interested to step in on an auction committee meeting to see what needs to be done. Just making a few phone calls or running an errand is more helpful than you know! If you are interested, please call Susie Millenkamp at 731-3518 or any member of the BOD.

A big thank you to our wonderful staff here at CCS! We love you!  
God Bless,  
Susie Millenkamp and Your CCS Board of Directors

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## Give Thanks!

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16*

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