

# CRUSADER CORNER

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## Principal's News

Christmas is coming! Christmas is coming! A savior is born. His name is called Emmanuel - God with us! A Savior. We have been invited to spend all eternity with him in heaven if we repent of our sins and turn to Jesus Christ to be our Lord and master.

That will last a lot longer than the Evil Kneivel stunt cycle I got when I was 9. I remember that because it was one of the first gifts my parents actually gave me some input on about what I would like. I knew that it would make me as happy as the boys on TV. It didn't last more than the second jump down the concrete steps at my parent's home. Instead of somersaulting and then continuing to run, it just sort of made a crack sound and stopped. Gone was the whirring sound of the gears as they went faster and faster; replaced was a noise similar to a spoon in the kitchen sink disposer. Lasting joy shattered by the impact of Mattel plastic against concrete.

Lasting joy only comes from a personal relationship with the God of the universe. Eternal joy that is beyond our comprehension. God loved us so much, that the greatest gift ever given to mankind was in the form of his son Jesus. If you would like to hear more about this wonderful gift, give me a call or stop by and we'll chat about it.

To God, and God alone, belongs the glory!  
Daniel Kuka - CCS



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

- \* December 7, 2009 - CCS BOD Meeting. 4:00 P.M.
- \* December 10, 2009 - CCS Christmas Program. 7:00 P.M. Jerome High School Auditorium.
- \* December 18, 2009 - End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester - No School. EXCEL is available.
- \* December 21, 2009 - Jan 1, 2010 - Christmas Break.
- \* January 4, 2010 - School Resumes.

**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

November has been a fun month of learning in K-3! We have been talking about Indians, Pilgrims and turkeys. In alphabet we have learned letters A thru K, and are reviewing numbers 0-6. The class is really becoming great friends and one big happy family in K-3! Thank you to all of our parents who volunteer their time to help with events and provide supplies for our projects.

## K-4 News

Mrs. Myers - K4 has been busy learning about families of all kinds. Our coloring and writing are making tremendous strides! We have recently learned the letters G, H, I, J and K. We have been talking about the reason for Thanksgiving and how much we have to be thankful for. We attended a school wide feast in which the children wore their Indian head bands and necklaces. They made a great tribe! Thank you to the parents who continually help out and support K-4.

Mrs. Vonna - We are gearing up for the festivities of the holidays. We are preparing for the feast as we learn about the first Thanksgiving and what it means to be thankful. On our alphabet adventure we have explored letters G, H, I, and J. We are practicing songs for our Christmas program. I am so thankful to be a part of Canyonside, and thank you for your faithfulness to CCS.

## Kindergarten News

### K-5 News - Mrs. VandenBosch

Our class is thankful: for my parents; all my food I get; my blanket; my puppy; my uncle and Tanta; Jesus; my loader; Valentine's Day; my nightlight; my Heavenly Father; my friend Alondo and sharing. I am thankful for all you parents who invest such precious time in your child, our classroom and our school.

### First Grade News

We are working hard on blending two letters together to make one sound. Our Bible studies have been about The Ten Commandments. In math we are working on addition to 18 and subtraction by 1. In science we have learned about pumpkins and their seeds. We visited the nursing home and sang 2 songs and decorated the doors with turkeys. Thank you to our parent volunteers who so willingly give their time.

### Second Grade News

This month second graders have been busy learning about bears; black, grizzly, and polar bears. The students learned that bears need four things to survive; food, shelter, space, and water. They also made a mural of each bear's habitat. Thank you to all of our parents who are always volunteering and supporting CCS.

### Third Grade News

We continue to read to gain fluency and comprehension. Our Unit on "City Wildlife" has been very interesting, and we get a chance to study science as we go. In language arts we are still working on the process of writing complete sentences and paragraphs. Math is going along greatly. I am so thankful for every one of my students and their parents. God has blessed us richly!

### K-5 News - Mrs. Nolan

Another busy month in K5 has kept us hopping, and now we are getting ready for the holiday season! We have learned about the Pilgrims and Indians, Thanksgiving traditions and what it means to be "thankful". When I asked one of my students the other day what they were thankful for they replied "there is so much, can I tell you everything"! Thank you parents for your continued support and contributions you give daily to K5 and CCS. We couldn't do it without your support!

## Fourth Grade News

We are beginning the unit on Native Americans of Idaho. In writing, we have started learning writing techniques. Our Math lessons have been on fractions and multiplication. In Science we have been studying animals. God is at work in our classroom and it is seen daily. Our students are thankful for food, water, shelter, and clothing.

## Fifth Grade News

We have been spending a lot of time getting ready for the Direct Writing Assessment. These students can whip out a great 5 paragraph essay with no problem. We had a great time going to the Redemption Center. We helped by cleaning, dusting, and washing the windows there. One of our favorite things is being buddies with the K3 class. Those little ones are so much fun. We are looking forward to the Christmas program and making Christmas projects for our parents.

**Afterschool Care - Miss Chelsea.** Afterschool has been having a blast! We love the nice weather and spend as much time as possible outside. Inside we have been busy with arts and crafts. And, of course working on our homework! Thank you for sending your children, we have so much fun every day. Afterschool care is in need of old T-shirts to use as paint shirts for the kids.

### Operation Christmas Child Collection of Shoeboxes.

Once again, students from CCS gathered old shoeboxes, and new plastic shoeboxes, and filled them with toys, school supplies, candy, stuffed animals, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. This was all part of Operation Christmas Child which is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. CCS students and staff collected 71 shoeboxes. The boxes were taken to a receiving area in Twin Falls, and from there to a distribution center and finally head to places all over the world with a gospel tract in the language of the country. This is a wonderful way of explaining God's gift of his son Jesus, to those who have never heard. We are hoping to hear back from a child who received one of our boxes. Last year, a letter from a child in Africa came and encouraged us all.



**CCS Annual Thanksgiving Feast** - On November 19, 2009, the student body and staff of CCS sat down and had a school wide Thanksgiving Feast. The menu featured turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, Mac and cheese and rolls. The meal was followed up by dessert that consisted of pumpkin, cherry and apple pie. CCS would like to extend a huge Thank You to all the volunteers who set up tables, served lunch and helped with clean up. We look forward to next years' feast. Sandy Pittock and friends did an amazing job with this feast!



## Volunteers - WE NEED YOU - School Needs



- 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.
- First Grade is always looking for readers to join their classroom from 11:00 A.M. - 11:50 A.M, Monday thru Thursday.
- We need to install a small water heater in the 5th grade classroom. This will require sweating copper pipe or being able to install flex tubing.
- 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.



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### **Give Thanks!**

## **Fundraising Updates**

With the ending of the school year, CCS will hold its Believing in Miracles III Fund drive again this year. Started 4 years ago by principal Bruce Murray, the Believing in Miracles is how CCS makes it through the winter months to pay for essentials like power, lighting, heat, and the building payment. As the end of the year approaches, please consider giving a tax deductible gift to CCS and help us maintain our school success.

## **BOD Notes**

As your CCS Board, we are honored to be among the leaders of a school that has been so graciously blessed by God's awesome grace, by amazing teachers who pour their hearts into shaping young lives and by parents who so generously give of their time and resources. Our staff and Administration is outstanding and we are thankful for each of them. Each Board member has seen firsthand the learning and growth that occurs on a daily basis here at CCS. Your children are amazing gifts and we feel so lucky to have them here. This holiday season, we truly have so much to be thankful for! We hope the holidays are a wonderful time of celebration and Thanksgiving for you and yours!

--Jamie Shetler & Your CCS Board of Directors

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