

CRUSADER CORNER

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From the Scripture - Matt 22: 37-39. *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

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Principal's News

I thought that it was appropriate that we begin our newsletter with this verse. This verse simply states the "basics, in a nutshell, fundamentals" of living. Imagine what our state, region, or country would be like if this is how each of us acted. Since God knew we cannot do this on our own, he sent his only son Jesus..."that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." It is his life, living in us, that gives us the ability to love God and our neighbors. What a comfort to know that God loved us first, gave us his son so that we could in return love him back and love our neighbors. I, for one, am very thankful that God didn't leave us here with a bunch of rules to follow on our own. He has given us everything we need for a godly life.

To God, and God alone, belongs the glory!
Daniel Kuka, School Administrator

Upcoming Events

- * September 30, 2009 - CCS Annual Walk/Jog-A-Thon. Students will be arriving at Jerome High School track at 8:30 AM. Parents are welcome to join us and are encouraged to participate. Early Release @ 12:30 P.M. After School Care is available.
- * September 24, 2009 - K3 thru K5; Johnny Appleseed Day.
- * October 1-2, 2009 - State Teacher In-Service. No School. EXCEL Program is available.
- * October 8, 2009 - Flu shots will be offered at CCS for \$20.00 @ 2:00 P.M. Those getting shots must be at least 15 years old.
- * October 15, 2009 - Wax Museum
- * October 15, 2009 - Early Release at 12:30 P.M. After School Care is available.



The theme for CCS this year is Give Thanks! We have much for which to thank God. The Lord has given to us, provided for us and is doing many things for us.

K-3 Preschool News Kindergarten News

In K-3 we have had a busy month learning classroom rules and how to treat our classmates. We have started to introduce letters A, B, C and a few colors and shapes. Our themes so far have been "Apple Week," "I am Special," and "Here Comes the Circus!" Thank you so much to all of my parents this year. They have been so appreciative and helpful!

K-4 News

Mrs. Myers - We have had a busy few weeks. The students are doing well and getting to know the classroom routine. They are enjoying learning new things and are participating wonderfully! Our themes so far have been "I Am Special" and "Apples". Thank you to Mrs. Mirkin for all of your classroom donations.

K-4 News

Mrs. Vonna - We are off to a great start and the children have quickly settled in to our busy routine. We have had fun learning our letters A, B and C by making caramel apples, baking a B out of bread, and made cheesy cocoons for letter C. This has been a great experience for the kids. Thank you so much for the support you have shown to our classroom and to the school.

K-5 News - Mrs. VandenBosch

Wow! We have been working hard. We have been learning the right way to form our letters and numbers. We have our first "sight word" and even our very own book that we can read! Thank you parents for your generous donations and also to our room mom for all the help she gives the class.

First Grade News

First grade has just finished with reviewing how to write the alphabet. We are starting on an exciting adventure of learning sounds and blending sounds together to help us learn to read. We will be starting our service project in October 2009. Thank you to all the parents who have filled the needs of First Grade!

Second Grade News

The second grade has been studying about insects. We made a butterfly project and have created grasshoppers. The students have really enjoyed taking the bug boxes out during recess. They have caught grasshoppers, spiders, and ants. Did you know that red ants bite?

Thank you to all the parents who have brought supplies for the classroom.

Third Grade News

We've read a charming story "Angel Child, Dragon Child" about a Vietnamese girl coming to school for the first time. Our story unit is on friendship and we have been connecting qualities such as kindness, communication, thoughtfulness, affection, peer-pressure and sacrifice into our concept. Thank you to all the parents for helping with homework, and to Mrs. Bettencourt and Mrs. Mirkin for all the supplies.

K-5 News - Mrs. Nolan

Our class has been learning new names, routines, and classroom behaviors. We are learning the formation of our letters and what sounds they make. Did you know that some letters have more than one sound? Our K-5 students do! Thank you to all my parents for your generous contributions and support.

Fourth Grade News

We are learning a lot about Idaho. State symbols have been fun. Our class is working on the use of agenda's and the importance of studying! We have had a lot of prayers answered in our class already. We have had fun stumping our teacher with hieroglyphic writings and puzzles from the Canaanite language. Thanks Presley and Katie!

Fifth Grade News

Our theme in the classroom this year is in writing. We are learning to be thorough when answering questions, how to organize our writing work, and how to use writing in math. Native Americans of the United States have been the topic in Social Studies thus far. Thank you to our room mom for all you do for our class.



2nd Graders are leading the songs on the first day of school, opening assembly.



Spotlight

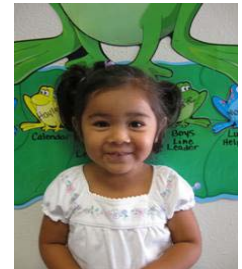
Our students in the spotlight this month are Tanner and Leandra.

Leandra is in Mrs. Ashley's K-3 Class. This is her first year at CCS. Leandra is the youngest of 5 and she is the only girl (besides her mom) in the family. She loves her Daddy very much. Leandra's favorite place to go is anywhere her Mom goes and also to her Grandpa's house. She loves to sing and to color. Leandra is very independent and determined to do things on her own. Welcome to Canyonside Christian School Leandra!



Tanner

Tanner is in Ms. Adams 1st Grade Class. This is Tanner's first year at CCS. He likes riding bicycles, hiking in the mountains, hunting, fishing and riding his four-wheeler. Tanner's favorite place to go is Roaring Springs Water Park and his favorite subject in school is P.E. Welcome to Canyonside Christian School Tanner!



Leandra

The Staff Member in the spotlight this month is RaVonna Scarrow also know as Mrs. Vonna. Mrs. Vonna is so excited and privileged to be back teaching K-4 at CCS. She has been married to her husband Jim for 19 years and has 3 children who have all attended CCS. As a family they love the mountains and especially enjoy camping, rafting and motorcycles. Mrs. Vonna attends Lighthouse Christian Fellowship in Twin Falls where she is one of the preschool Sunday school teachers. She also enjoys designing floral arrangements, home decorating, baking and reading a good novel. Welcome Back to Canyonside Christian School Mrs. Vonna!



Ravonna Scarrow

Volunteers - WE NEED YOU - School Needs



- There is a need to put down sterilizer in the pea gravel in the playground area. It is a pretty big area and we need to be sure the product being used is safe around the children.
- Our fire detectors need to be cleaned of dust that accumulates over the year. We have the ladder. Someone with about an hour after school and a couple of cans of compressed air would be appreciated.
- Volunteers are needed to mark lap cards during the Jog-A-Thon. Please contact Laurie Day if you can help at 208-539-0518.
- 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.

Congratulations to the "Name the Newsletter" Contest winner.....Miss Jessica Lund. She has won a \$25.00 Target Gift Card as well as the pride of knowing that she named the CCS Newsletter. Way to go Jessica and thank you for participating in this contest! Jessica Lund is a 5th Grade Student in Ms. Stroh's Class.

Fundraising Updates

The Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser is going very well. Thank you for sending in your jog forms. Funds have already arrived back at CCS. Praise the Lord! The funds raised will see us through the fall into the winter months.

BOD Notes

On behalf of the CCS Board of Directors, we want to thank our CCS families for their outstanding contributions of time and energy. It has been amazing to watch the many volunteers over the past few weeks, helping to get the school year off to a fabulous start. It is truly an honor to be a part of such an outstanding group of people. Thank you for all that you do for our school!

As your CCS Board, we are diligently working to uphold our commitment of enhancing technology opportunities at CCS. We would like to thank PTF for their \$2000 contribution toward technology upgrades. We will continue to work to provide an excellent technology curriculum for your students.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Chuck Hilt and Sharon Bettencourt for their outstanding service and leadership on the CCS Board of Directors. They have had amazing insight and have made wonderful contributions to our school. Please thank them for their service and commitment to CCS.

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