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From the Scripture - *Colossians 3:16* says, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

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Principal's News

The first 9 weeks term is in the grade books. I think it is incredible what the students have accomplished so far. Sometimes the first quarter is considered the "Review quarter". This does not mean that because the students are reviewing that they are not working hard. The opposite is true. The concepts from the previous year have been covered again, and in only 9 weeks. The next two nine-week grading periods are when the bulk of the learning happens. These things are also true about the word of God. It is good for people to hear God's word again and again. Bible teaching and application is such a big part of CCS. It is our desire to teach the children what God's word says and how it applies to every circumstance we encounter.

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

Upcoming Events

- * November 2, 2009 - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox kickoff.
- * November 6, 2009 - CCS Clothing Orders are due.
- * November 11, 2009 - Veteran's Day assembly - 9:00 A.M.
- * November 16, 2009 - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Special Chapel - 9:00 A.M.
- * November 19, 2009 - Thanksgiving Feast - Grades K-3 thru 5th.
- * November 23 - 27, 2009 - Thanksgiving Break - NO School
- * December 10, 2009 - CCS Christmas Program.



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.

Do you know of anyone that would like to receive our monthly newsletter? Send in their name and address with Newsletter at the top and we will add them to our mailing list. You may also visit CCS online at www.canyonsidechristianschool.net and click on Newsletters.

K-3 Preschool News Kindergarten News

Wow, school is already flying by so fast this year in K-3! The class has been busy with a lot of fun activities such as the Jog-A-Thon, Fire Safety and the Wax Museum. All of which were such a great success! We have learned letters A through F so far, a few colors, shapes and recognizing and counting to number 5! Once again thank you to all my K-3 parents. You have been so supportive and helpful this year!

K-4 News

Mrs. Myers - We are beginning to figure each other's personalities out and starting to bond as a classroom family. We have recently learned letters D, E, and F. The children have enjoyed making dragonflies, doughnuts, ducks, elephants and frogs. Don't forget math; they are busy counting and gluing shapes and learning sorting and patterning skills. The Wax Museum went very well. Our classroom book was the Wizard of Oz. The students looked and acted wonderful. Thank you to the parents for all of your support in both materials and participation. I am very grateful and love your children's presence every day.

Mrs. Vonna - Our theme units this month were "Fire Safety", with a special presentation from the fire department. We also looked at "Families Everywhere". The students have brought pictures in of their families to share with their classmates. They are all so proud! The Wax Museum was a "roar" as we presented the book "The Lion King". All of the students gave it their all and I am so proud of them! Thank you again for your continued support to our classroom and to CCS.

K-5 News - Mrs. VandenBosch

We had a great Wax Museum and all our Dalmatians were good puppies! In science we are learning all about spiders and bats. Did you know a spider has 8 pairs of eyes? Wow! Thank you to all who drove for our Pumpkin Patch. Fall is such a wonderful time for our class. We learn so much during this time.

Pictured right - Mrs. Ashley's K-3 class, posed as Cinderella and her working mice, during the 3rd Annual Wax Museum.



First Grade News

First Grade has been working hard on blending sounds together to make new and exciting words. We went on our first visit to the nursing home which went well. The students sang two songs and decorated the doors for autumn. We are learning new ways to sequence numbers every day. Thank you to all the parents who went along on our field trip to the Pumpkin Patch. You are all appreciated.

Second Grade News

Second grade has had a busy October! The students have enjoyed getting ready for the Wax Museum by reading our class book, *Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook* and working individually on his/her costume. The students also greatly anticipated going to Crismor's Pumpkin Patch and finding just the right pumpkin. Even the teacher looked forward to this fieldtrip. Thank you to all the parents who came along to Crismor's and helped cut all the pumpkins stems.

Third Grade News

Students have been enjoying the change of seasons. Falling leaves! Pumpkins! Thanks to moms who supplied our needs, Mrs. Ringling in Sept. and Mrs. Bettencourt for October, including pumpkins for the students. We really want to thank Mrs. Mirkin for bringing in the huge but gorgeous pumpkin. We call her Bella. It adds so much to our autumn decor. The Wax Museum was a big success for our class. Thank you for Moms who helped.

K-5 News - Mrs. Nolan

We are continuing with alphabet recognition/letter formation and letter box show and tell daily. This past week our special emphasis has been on Fire Safety and Columbus. We have been learning about what an "explorer" is and several of the students think this would be a pretty cool "job" to have! The remainder of the month will be spent focusing on alphabet awareness, learning new sight words, counting and patterning and of course several fun fall projects. Thank you to Sandy Pittcock and Amanda Capps for making our Wax Museum day a huge success!

Fourth Grade News

The 4th Grade students have been studying Idaho History and have made a trip to the Herrett Center and to the Shoshone Ice Caves. They are also learning songs about our country. Thank you for the donations and drivers so far this year. You are all a true blessing to us!

Fifth Grade News

The fifth grade is still working diligently on writing skills in every subject. We have just begun our practice for the Direct Writing Assessment (DWA), which we will have to take right after Thanksgiving Break. With guidance, the students are doing very well. As the weeks go on their scaffolding will diminish so they can do an excellent job on their own. I am excited with the progress so far. The fifth grade class would like to extend a special thanks to Mrs. Weg who does an outstanding job, not only for the fifth grade, but also the school.

Pictured below: 4th & 5th Graders on their field trip to the Herrett Center.





Spotlight

Our students in the spotlight this month are Ashlynn and Naomi.

Ashlynn is in Mrs. VandenBosch's K-5 Class. This is Ashlynn's first year at CCS. She likes to help take care of her baby sister and take naps with her Grammy. Ashlynn's favorite time of year is spring and her favorite subject in school is reading in the Library. Welcome to Canyonside Christian School Ashlynn!



Ashlynn

Naomi is in Mrs. Henderson's 4th Grade Class. This is Naomi's first year at CCS. She likes to play soccer; bird watching, and building things. Naomi's favorite movie is *Herbie*, and she loves to eat spaghetti. Naomi's favorite place to go is Florida and her favorite subject in school is Math. Welcome to Canyonside Christian School Naomi!



Naomi

The Staff Member in the spotlight this month is Sherry Stroh.

Ms. Stroh graduated from ISU in December of 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a highlight in math and science. She is in her second year of teaching. She has since taken the Praxis II exam and is now considered highly qualified to teach math through the eighth grade. Ms. Stroh is a mother of five children and the grandmother of 11. She is still raising a teenager who is now 14 years old. Ms. Stroh loves what she does and, God willing, never wants to work at anything else for the rest of her life.



Sherry Stroh

Volunteers - WE NEED YOU - School Needs



- CCS is looking for Substitutes. Please contact Mr. Kuka to be added to our list.
- Do you have an old VHS player or DVD player you are no longer using? CCS could use it as some of ours are wearing out.
- The CCS Auction Committee will be meeting in November. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this very important committee.
- 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.
- The CCS fire/smoke sensors need to be blown out with canned air. Please see or call Mr. Kuka @ 324-3444 if you can help out after school some time.
- If you have 30 minutes at lunch occasionally, your child's teacher would love to have an hour lunch break. Contact your child's teacher and ask when a good day would be.
- First Grade is always looking for readers to join their classroom from 11:00 A.M. - 11:50 A.M, Monday thru Thursday.

What our students are saying:

1st Grader, Sailor - "This worm costume is hot!" (While playing the role of a Worm, depicting a character from *The Diary of a Worm*, during the 3rd Annual Wax Museum.)

4th Grader, Cody - "Math is fun!"

K-5 Student, when asked where they live - "you know, down the road then you turn. By that tree, you know."

Just love their voices!

Fundraising Updates

What a blessing our Jog-A-Thon has been to CCS again this year. As of the 13th of October, \$29,000 had been raised. Our students ran just over 263 miles in their 30 minute time slots. A 4 year old ran far enough to earn a bronze distance medal. (2 ½ miles). The big story was the freezing weather. Temperatures were in the low 30's and a 30 mph wind was blowing. Thank God for the Jerome Recreation District who let CCS use their gym and track. The students did so well as they ran and encouraged each other. The generous gifts raised from the Jog-A-Thon will help CCS maintain our building, keep the lights on, and keep the building warm as we head into the winter months. Thank you for your support of CCS.

BOD Notes

Welcome to CCS's two newest board members, Sandy Pittock and William DeJong.

Sandy is married to her husband Brian and owns and operates a dairy and farm in Jerome. They are the parents of three wonderful sons, Aron, Tylar and Zack and have been involved with Canyonside for over ten years. Sandy obtained an Associate's degree from the College of Southern Idaho. From there, she attended Idaho State University and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education, grades K-8, with components in Humanities and Social Sciences.

William is married to his wife Renee and has three kids, Sabrina, Kaden, and Ella. He and his wife value the excellent education and loving environment they have here at CCS. They are part owners of South View Dairies and stay very busy managing their business. William looks forward to serving God by donating his time and efforts to CCS.



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