

CCS Mane Events

P.O. Box 924, 3418 15th Street
Columbus, NE 68602-0924
www.columbuschristian.org



Kathy Wolfe, Administrator
(402) 562-6470
info@columbuschristian.org

Volume 12

May 2007 Issue

Number 11



As Administrator

By Kathy Wolfe

Today, I am enjoying a nice and dry office, listening to the rain dancing on the roof. And my mind is wandering to my backyard, waiting for things to dry out so that I can get my first flowers in the ground. There is just something therapeutic about planting things and watching them grow.

It is the same for a school as well. The teachers spend the entire year planting seeds of knowledge and wisdom, practicing skills, watching their students grow in amazing ways and counting it a blessing to be a part of that process. Sometimes measuring a student's progress is not an easy thing to do. We do annual standardize testing, weekly quizzes and tests in all the content areas but how do you measure the spiritual, emotional, relational growth of a child? What assessment tools do you use? One of the best ways to assess growth in these areas is through observation. Teachers are experts at this, watching their students closely, seeing how they respond to a variety of situations and looking for teachable moments. By observing a child's behavior, one can have a fairly accurate picture of what is going on in their hearts, for the scripture says in Luke 6:45, ***"The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks."***

It has been exciting to see the spiritual growth in our student body this past year!! I hear frequent reports from our staff about our students and how

God is at work in their lives. This is not only an encouragement to the staff but to parents as well. There is a deep sense of satisfaction and joy to know that what you are giving your life to, on a daily basis, is making an impact of people's lives.

So as the year winds down, we want to thank the Lord for the privilege of teaching children not only academics but truths from His Word. Also, thank you, parents for the entrusting your children into our care each day. We appreciate your encouraging words, prayers and support as we end the school year and make plans for next year.

Meet Our New Preschool Teacher!



Robbin Chin has been hired as our preschool teacher at Columbus Christian School. She taught 5 years of Kindergarten in our building when it was a part of the Columbus Public Schools. She has been a stay at home mom for the past 22 years and taught private piano lessons for the last 10 years. Robbin earned her BS degree in Early Childhood Education / Human Development and the Family from UNL.

Robbin grew up in Lincoln NE. She loves to crochet, quilt, write letters and play the piano. Her family includes husband Joe and 4 children, Elizabeth, Rachel, Amy and Aaron.

America, Unite In Prayer

Please join us on Thursday, May 3rd beginning at 8:30 a.m. as we gather together at our school to pray for our Nation.





From the School Board

By Mike Dornish

Happy New Year! Well that might not sound quite right to you since it is the middle of April. It may not be the beginning of a new calendar year or even the start of a new school year but it is the beginning of a new year for the CCS school board. We had two very seasoned members leave the board at the end of their term in March. Thankfully both Ken Paul and Jim Bates are still available to us for advice and encouragement. Ken will also continue to help in the maintenance of our school. Thank you Ken and Jim for your dedicated service on the board and to the school!

I am very happy to let you know Kevin Bennett has agreed to serve as the newest member on the board. Kevin is the Business Manager for Highland Park Evangelical Free Church. He brings a wealth of leadership and enthusiasm to the board. I would like to say a big thank you to Erik Weinmeister for his two years of leadership as the President of the school board. Erik served the school well. Under his leadership the board sought to make decisions that were in the best interest of the students, parents, and staff. More importantly he desired that Jesus Christ would be glorified. Thanks Erik! Erik will continue on as a member of the board. I am very happy to say that Bob Becker has agreed to remain as Treasurer and Dave Taylor will continue as Secretary. Les Griess will be the new Vice President and I will be the new President.

We had our first meeting in April. Some of the challenges/opportunities we expect to face in the next year are the addition of preschool, the use of the new modular classroom, and the hiring of two new teachers. Please be in pray with us about these matters. We are also optimistic that this next year will bring an increase in the number of students attending CCS. This can only happen if we are willing to promote the school to others who like us want to have their children learn in a Christ centered environment. The next school board meeting will be Tuesday, May 8. We will be using part of the time to

begin shaping the vision for CCS over the next year and beyond. We solicit your prayers. Thanks!

Kindergarten News

By Jan Wieberdink

It looks like spring is finally here! Our penguins, snow flakes and snow men are long gone and now our room is full of flowers, bees, butterflies and ladybugs. We have been on several spring walks to find out the many ways God is showing us spring is coming. We watched the tiny buds come on the trees, the tiny little purple flowers peek out of the ground and we even watch a bird build his nest right on our school! We are sure there will be some eggs in the nest soon. We can see that when God sends rain, the grass gets much greener and the leaves start popping out on the trees. If you were to visit our room, you just might even see a mud puddle or two!

We have had the privilege of having some visitors in our class. Susan Littlefield from KLIR came and taught us about the farm using a pizza. She taught us that the crust, sauce, meat and the cheese are all made by farmers. We learned how each part is brought together to make the yummy pizza we eat. We also had Lisa Kaslon from the 4-H enrichment program come. She taught us about manners and why they are so important to use no matter where we are.

In February we learned about our President. We learned about where he lives and what his job is. We also sent him a letter along with some pictures telling him how we often pray for him. Just a few weeks ago he wrote us back! He told us to work hard in school. We were also excited to get a picture of President and Mrs. Bush.



We are coming to the end of the school year so quickly! One of the main things we have learned this year is that God is always with us wherever we go. Like David, we need to always keep trusting Him. He is our strength and shield. We've learned so much the last couple of months and now we are almost ready to move on to first grade. Our graduates this year are Mark Cooley, Olivia Engel, Rachel Feagin, Cody Griess and Katelin Neely. Congratulations!



Hy-Vee Cash For Kids

We will be accepting Hy-Vee receipts through May 15th. Receipts may be dropped off at the school office. Thanks for your support!



ALL PRO DAD'S

By Dan Poppe

All Pro Dad's finished our year up with a record 31 dads and their kids in attendance. After a full breakfast of egg casserole, hash browns, and sausage we were treated to a terrific presentation from Bob Becker regarding how God has worked in his life. After handing out some candy bars to the kids, we are already looking forward to next year and how we can expand our outreach to the community in general. There is strong interest in starting another chapter of All Pro Dad's at one of the public schools, so I encourage everyone to be an All Pro Dad's ambassador and spread our message throughout the summer. Thanks to everyone for their support of our group! Have a great summer!

7th & 8th Grade News

By Cathy Weinmeister

"I Am a Reflection of my Creator!" That's been our theme in the 7th and 8th grade room this past eight weeks. What a joy and a privilege it is to realize who we are in Christ! Our findings would simply amaze you (teacher included)! We've been incredibly busy discovering things we're good at, as well as areas in which we struggle. What we DO know is that God designed us each with strengths and weaknesses so that we would function well, not as individuals, but as the Body of Christ!



Our travels have taken us to the Stuhr Museum to a Civil War presentation. Enlisting, marching, and shooting were things we were able to enjoy. It was fascinating to learn that the majority of the casualties of war were due to unsanitary conditions.

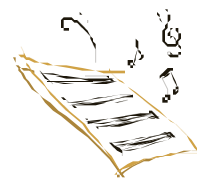
Our classroom time has taken us in many different directions. Besides all of the normal "paper-pencil" tasks required of us throughout our curriculum, we've also ventured into areas that will prove to be important throughout our high school years. In

science and our studies of heat, we've increased the use of our research skills by conducting some fun experiments, and also by working cooperatively in groups. In the end, our realization pointed us right back to the strengths God has given us: some of us are information gatherers, some artists, some writers, and some organizers. We came away from it praising God that we're not all alike, and understanding the importance of communicating our thoughts to others around us, ESPECIALLY when we're frustrated!

One of our greatest joys is reading together. We just finished a cool story, Miss Hinch, written by Harry Sydnor Harrison. It was just awesome, and most of us didn't have the mystery solved until the very last paragraph of the story!! Now THAT'S a good mystery!! Through the use of the literature, we've also been able to brush up on our composition skills, by evaluating some of what we've read! It's fun to see how all of our learning comes together to propel us further in our knowledge.

Above all, we've been focusing on growing closer to our Lord and Savior, and to each other. Our classroom rules are few, but meaningful to each of us: Love God, and Love Others. It has been my extreme privilege to teach each of these young adults as I watch them run their decision-making through our two rules. We're getting used to saying, "How does what I'm about to do show that I love God and/or love others?" I have learned as much if not more than the kids!

Please pray for us as we finish out the year. We have so much to accomplish before we bid Ben and Ally farewell! Have a fun summer full of reading and friends! ☺



CCS Students Participate in Music Events

CCS music students of Lori Stecker were presented in recital at Highland Park Evangelical Free Church on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Audrey Cooley played her guitar. Jocilynn Behlen, Nicole Wieberdink, Jasey Christensen, and Dana Poppe performed memorized solos on the piano. Their beautiful music was enjoyed by all.

On Saturday, April 14, 2007, auditions were held by the National Guild of Piano Teachers in Columbus. Dana Poppe completed her District Audition, playing






five memorized selections. National programs consisting of ten memorized pieces were played by Jocilynn Behlen, Nathan Griess, and Jasey Christensen. Congratulations to these students for a job well done. May they continue to use the gift of music to the glory of the Lord!

Enrollment is beginning for new students who are interested in taking music lessons next fall at CCS. The lessons are offered through the music studio of Lori Stecker. Piano lessons are available for students in grades 1-8. Students in grades 5-8 may take lessons in piano, voice, violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion, and beginning guitar. The private lessons are held during the school day. Opportunities for ensemble and band participation are available.

Enrollment forms for new students are available at the school office. For more information, please contact Lori Stecker at 563-2043, or contact Mrs. Wolfe at the school office.



MAY WISH LIST ITEMS

-  Kindergarten - None
-  1st & 2nd Grade - Drawing paper (we will take scrap paper as long as it is clean on one side)
-  3rd & 4th Grade - Glue Sticks
-  5th & 6th Grade - Facial Tissues
-  7th & 8th Grade - Fat and fine tipped markers

If you have any questions regarding the items requested, please contact the classroom teacher. Thanks for your generous support of CCS!

NEW PICTURE COMPANY



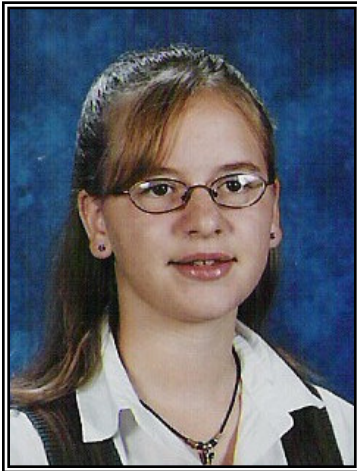
We have contracted a new picture company. Interstate Studio, for our school pictures. They are scheduled for August 30th beginning at 8:30 a.m. There will be different options and packages available. Please watch for more information at Parent Orientation Night.

**You Are Cordially Invited
to join the Kindergarten and 8th Grade Classes
as they commence into the next school year.**

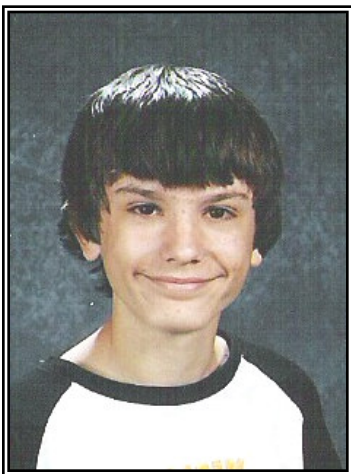
**The Ceremony will be held on May 22nd, 2007,
beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Columbus Christian
School Gym, 3418 15th St. Columbus, NE**

**There will be an Ice Cream Social Immediately after
the ceremony.**

Columbus Christian School's



Allison Faith Bates - Allison is 13 years old. She is the daughter of Jim and Mindy Bates and has an older sister, Abby. Allison's hobbies include softball and crafts but she especially enjoys music. Allison has attended CCS since Kindergarten and will continue her studies as Columbus High School. One of her favorite memories of CCS was at the Spring Banquet during her 6th grade year. The 6th through 8th grade girls choreographed and performed a dance as part of the entertainment. They all had a great time!



Benjamin Arthur Jones - Benjamin is the son of Michael and Beth Jones. He is 14 years old and has two younger brothers, Steven and David. Ben enjoys Airsoft, hunting and reading. He has attended CCS since Kindergarten and will attend Columbus High School in the fall. Ben has always enjoyed the field trips and proved to be great fun. He especially liked the Henry Doorly Zoo last year and the Civil War Re-enactment this year at Stuhr Museum.

Congratulations Allison and Ben!

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2007 - 2008!

Columbus Christian School is now taking applications for grades Kindergarten through 8th. Registration and Book Fees are as follows:

	Registration Fees	Book Fee	Total Due at Enrollment
Before April 1	\$75.00 +	\$175.00	\$250.00
April 1 – May 31	\$125.00 +	\$175.00	\$300.00
June 1 and Later	\$175.00 +	\$175.00	\$350.00

Columbus Christian School offers a convenient 10-month or 12-month tuition plan. Examples of the payment plans are as follows:

		10-Month Plan	12-Month Plan
Kindergarten	\$1,750.00/year	\$175.00/month	\$145.83/month
Family Plan (Grades 1-8)			
1 st Student	\$2,500.00/year	\$250.00/month	\$208.33/month
2 nd Student	\$2,150.00/year	\$215.00/month	\$179.17/month
3 rd Student	\$1,950.00/year	\$195.00/month	\$162.50/month
4 th Student	Free		

Columbus Christian School automatically given a 5% discount to tuition accounts which are paid in full for the year by July 31, 2007 is. Examples of the savings are as follows:

		Total
Kindergarten	\$1,750.00 - \$87.50 (5% discount) =	\$1,662.50
1 st Student	\$2,500.00 - \$125.00 (5% discount) =	\$2,375.00
2 nd Student	\$2,150.00 - \$107.50 (5% discount) =	\$2,042.50
3 rd Student	\$1,950.00 - \$97.50 (5% discount) =	\$1,852.50

NEW STUDENT DISCOUNT NOW AVAILABLE!!

In order to help introduce new families to the school, Columbus Christian is offering a \$650.00 tuition discount to new students K-8 (limit one per family). In addition, the student registration fee for one student is being waived.

COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Columbus Christian Preschool is now taking applications for 2 day and 3 day sessions for children ages 4 or 5 by the first day of school.

- Registration Fees:** (Non-refundable) \$30 at time of registration
- Time of Classes:** 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Class Options and Tuition:** 2 day (MW) - \$600/year (\$60 per month)
 3 day (MWF) - \$800/year (\$80 per month)



Columbus Christian Preschool

Columbus Christian Preschool offers a convenient 10 month payment plan. The tuition for the school year has been divided into ten equal payments. Tuition is due by the first of the month beginning August 1 and ending May 1.

Columbus Christian School and Preschool is Bible-based, Christ-centered, and student-focused. While parents are ultimately responsible for teaching their children, we want to assist families and churches in the process of educating young people to follow Christ and to mature spiritually, socially, physically, and emotionally. (Luke 2:52) We are nondenominational by choice because we exist solely as a ministry for the glory of Jesus Christ.

If you would like more information, please call us as 402-562-6470, email at info@columbuschristian.org, or visit us 3418 15th St., Columbus, NE.



MAY 2007 BULLETIN BOARD



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

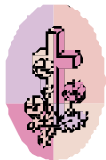
1 st	Tuition Due
3 rd	National Day of Prayer, 8:30 a.m.
10 th	Volunteer Tea, 2:00 p.m.
15 th	3 rd & 4 th Grade Field Trip
15 th	Hy-Vee Tapes Due
18 th	1 st & 2 nd Grade Field Trip
22 nd	K & 8 th Grade Graduation
23 rd	Last Day of School; 11:30 Dismissal

Prayer Requests:

1. PLT for the hiring of our preschool teacher!
2. Pray for the hiring of a new 7th & 8th grade teacher.
3. Enrollment for pre-school and K – 8th Grades.
4. God's faithful provision for our financial needs.
5. Resources to furnish the preschool.
6. Completion of the modular.
7. Pray for Martha & Alistair Parlane as they are both battling cancer.
8. PTL for our faithful families and friends of CCS!
9. Pray that our alumni and current student body and staff will be a positive and loving witness to those around us.
10. Pray for all of the upcoming graduates.
11. Pray for our new Board of Directors for wisdom in leadership.

Columbus Christian School would like to thank the following people for their memorial gifts:

<u>From</u>	<u>For</u>
Michelle Norgaard	Connie Steger
Sharyn Konn, Brenda Wolf, Luann Menke, Gay Lund, Louise Kasik, & Marty Griess	Connie Steger
Kevin & Joan Bennett	Connie Steger
Kevin & Joan Bennett	Duane Thomas
Beth Knudson	Connie Steger
Beth Knudson	Duane Thomas
Beth Knudson	Violet Danhauer
Connections Bible Study	Connie Steger
Ken & Geri Paul	Connie Steger
Ken & Geri Paul	Duane Thomas
Ken & Geri Paul	Jessica Loomans
Matt & Cindy Stoeckle	Connie Steger
Ken & Geri Paul	George Behlen
Lenora Kallweit	George Behlen
Rodney & Miriam Flodman	George Behlen
Mrs. George Behlen	George Behlen
Myron & Linda Behlen	George Behlen
Beth Knudson	Jessica Loomans
Kathy Christensen	Connie Steger
Kathy Christensen	Duane Thomas
Kathy Christensen	Violet Danhauer



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 11 - Taylor Weinmeister (4)
- 14 - Jon MacArthur (6)
- 16 - Mrs. Wolfe
- 23 - Alonso Torres (3)
- 26 - Mrs. Brummer



Budget Status

From March 1 - 31

Total Income: \$20,300
Total Expenses: \$15,852



OUR PURPOSE

The primary objective and purpose of CCS is to provide an educational process for our children that puts the Bible at the center and causes students to learn to use the Bible to evaluate all of life through the eyes of God...(John 14:6). While parents are ultimately responsible for teaching their children, we are here to assist families and churches in the process of training all students to mature spiritually, socially, physically and emotionally (Luke 2:52).



MAY

PRST STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
Columbus, NE
Permit No. 924

Columbus Christian School
P.O. Box 924
Columbus, NE 68602-0924



Please Come!

Because you have sacrificed your time and talents in the service of CCS, we want to honor you at a **Volunteer Tea, Thursday, May 10th at 2:00 p.m.** For those who have checked papers, chaperoned field trips, served hot lunch, supervised recess, maintained the library, tutored students, etc., we are grateful!

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- As Administrator
- Meet Our Preschool Teacher
- National Day of Prayer
- From the School Board
- Kindergarten News
- Hy-Vee Cash For Kids
- All Pro Dads
- 7th & 8th Grade News
- Music At CCS
- May Wish List
- School Photographs
- Graduation/Ice Cream Social
- Meet Our 8th Grade Graduates
- 2007-2008 Enrollment Information
- May Bulletin Board
- Volunteer Tea