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As Administrator

By Kathy Wolfe



Last week, the teaching staff completed the second part of a 2 day in-service entitled "Shepherding a

Child's Heart in the Classroom". Many of you may be familiar with author and pastor, Tedd Tripp who also wrote the great parenting resource, "Shepherding a Child's Heart" (which our staff worked through over 2 years ago). But what we appreciated about this updated material was its direct application to the classroom setting. In this month's article, I will be sharing excerpts from the course notebook.

In a majority of schools and yes, even in Christian schools, behaviorism is the rule of the day. *"We threaten, promise, bribe, issue demerits, set up classroom courts and juries, award points, create economic enterprise zones so children can receive perks for good behavior, give stickers, deny privileges - all in an effort to make the classroom a place where teaching and learning can occur. Behaviorism is the crowd control method of choice because it works. It is possible to maintain and constrain behavior. But, everything that works is not necessarily right."*

We were challenged to go the heart of the matter with our students, as the Bible provides us a paradigm for understanding issues of correction and discipline. In Luke 6:43-45, it says *"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from*

briers. 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."

Ungodly behavior begins in attitudes of heart. Godly behavior begins in attitudes of heart. The behavior we see in our student is a reflection of the overflow of their hearts. Lasting change in behavior is heart driven, therefore our correction and discipline must be directed to the heart." Our desire in correction, discipline and motivation is to help our students understand the overflow of their hearts. We want to encourage them that God sent His Son to change hearts. This God can be known. They must repent of their sins and trust in Christ - which is the only way to bring about lasting change.

We can talk with our students without an adversarial atmosphere and children can trade in the issues of the heart, the gospel and its message of grace, forgiveness and hope, can freshen every encounter." Also, we, as educators, are challenged to examine our own hearts in the midst of distractions, interruptions - these circumstances showing the desires of our hearts.

As you can see, these principles are biblically sound and warrant closer examination. Over the next weeks and months, our staff will be implementing what we have learned into the classroom and in our personal lives, as well. Please be in prayer that the Lord will give us wisdom, insight, discernment and teachable spirits as we strive to honor Him in the educating and training of young children.

If you are interested in learning more about this material, we are going to make the parenting video series, "Shepherding a Child's Heart" available for

check out to interested families. This is an excellent resource for parents, no matter what stage of parenting you are currently in. There are 6 video tapes containing 15 sessions plus a student guide for note taking. Please stop by the school office for more information.

("Shepherding a Child's Heart in the Classroom - Course Notebook", produced by SDG Communications, Inc.)

Donations are presently being taken for the purchase of folding chairs as well as for improving our security system. We would like to install surveillance cameras as well as a buzzer system on the front door.



DONORS: Does your employer have a Matching Gift Program?



CCS has received almost \$3500 over the last 18 months from businesses that have matched their employees' contributions to our school. So be sure to ask your employer if they have a Matching Gift Program!

ALL PRO DAD'S

By Dan Poppe

WOW! What an awesome All Pro Dad's Breakfast we had! We had a record crowd of 30 fathers and children, representing 12 families - 6 for the first time. In addition, we were treated to great breakfast pizza from Hy-Vee and a terrific presentation by Jeff Anderson of Youth For Christ. Jeff presented a message centered around the difference dad's make in the lives of their kids, and discussed 10 ways that dad's can impact their children.



We always have room for more dads, so mark your calendars for Friday, November 10th. I do have two requests:

1. The kids always like an opportunity for prizes, and we have a prize budget of \$0. If anyone has something or can line up something with a merchant for the kids or the dads, it is always appreciated.
2. I am always looking for speaker ideas. If you know of anyone that would make a good All Pro Dad's speaker, please let me know.

Thank you to Columbus Christian School and Hy-Vee for their support. If you want any more information on All Pro Dad's, please visit our website at: <http://www.allprodad.com/columbus.asp>.

1st & 2nd Grade News

By Sandy Scheffler



It's always fun to learn more about God's wonderful world! In 1st and 2nd grades we have just completed a unit on God plan for the seasons. I, too, enjoy being reminded that God has been faithful to provide summer and winter, springtime and harvest ever since the flood. (Gen. 8:22) During our unit we did a few projects and experiments: we found air in water and soil discovering why animals can hibernate under the ground and water during the long winter months. We made a bird feeder to take home so students could attract and view birds that stay during the winter. Right now we are still finishing up our "Leaf Books" in which students collected autumn leaves and leaf rubbings. We are moving on to "Plants" in our next unit in Science.

Ask and you shall receive! No kidding! I asked for pumpkins so my students could do some "pumpkin" studies as well as artwork. By the middle of the week, we had received more than enough pumpkins - each child will have their own - as well as several boxes of gourds and squash! Thank you to the parents and friends of our school who contributed these to our educational edification!! They are decorating the room beautifully as well.

Something new in our classroom is an ongoing seasonal display area. We did a little shifting of the furniture and we were able to find more "surfaces" on which to create some centers. One center that is still being developed is the Art Center. The Lord has so abundantly and generously provided funds so that

we now have ink pads for rubber stamping, colored pencils, markers, decorative scissors, art paper, and more to come.

Our library area is being renovated as well, using boxes to store the books by category. I'm so thankful for this because the students will be able to FIND books much quicker, and not lose time when they could be reading.

It's hard to believe that our 1st quarter is over already! It's almost shocking that time can fly that fast!! My students are pretty adjusted to school now, and I am so thankful for them! I want to say a great big "thanks" to my parents for their support and help in getting this school year off to a good start!



Kindergarten News

By Mrs. Wieberdink

Hello from the kindergarten class!! We have five eager little kindergarteners this year. They come each morning ready to

learn and play. In Bible class we were surprised that Abraham and Sarah had baby Isaac when they were old. We also learned that God gave Elkanah and Hannah baby Samuel after many years of waiting. What we learned from these stories is that God can do anything! Nothing is impossible for him. God is also with us wherever we go and we can pray to him at anytime; even in the middle of handwriting!

We had a great time on our community helper day. Each of the students dressed up as their favorite community helper.



Katelin - Doctor
Cody - football player
Mark - fireman
Olivia - Mother
Rachel - veterinarian

Everyone was given the opportunity to tell about their helper. After that we were able to try out other community helper outfits and act out their jobs. What a great day we had.

This past week we had the great opportunity to have the 3rd graders come and read to us during our story time. We are so thankful for these new friends we have made. We look forward to having them come



each week and can't wait to see what story they have prepared for us next.

We also took a trip to Columbus High School to see Goldilocks. We had read Goldilocks

before we left so we were excited to see real people act out the story. We were a little apprehensive about the bears though. Seeing a life size bear is a bit scary even if it is just a person acting like one! We learned that we shouldn't go in someone's house without asking and we also should always clean up the messes we make. We enjoyed being able to ask questions of the actors and now enjoy acting out our stories at school.

We thank God for the many ways He is working in our class. We are making new friends and learning how to be a good friend. If you would like to visit our class, we would love to have you join us.

There are many easy ways to raise money for our school!

- \$ Scrip Rebate Program
- \$ Campbell's Soup Labels
- \$ Saving Hy-Vee Receipts
- \$ Saving Super Saver Receipts
- \$ Saving Box Tops for Education
- \$ Recycling Ink Cartridges & Cell Phones through the ReThink Ink Program
- \$ SchoolPop internet shopping program
- \$ Employer Gift Matching Program

For more information on any of these programs, contact the school office.

NOVEMBER WISH LIST ITEMS

- Kindergarten - Paper Plates
- Gr. 1-2 - Our classroom "Store" is in need of clean, empty boxes or containers (cereal, milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.). We would also like some fake eggs.
- Gr. 3-4 - none
- Gr. 5-6 - None
- Gr. 7-8 - none





From the Board

By Eric Weinmeister

Where has the time gone? It seems like the kids just started school and then soccer. Midterm reports are out, we have completed the first nine weeks, soccer is over until spring and I am in a different house. Some of you may not know but we bought a house big enough for my in-laws to live with us. Please say hello to our parents and grandparents, Stan and Jan Custer, when you see them at all the kids' activities. Thanks for all the offers to help move! It's been a huge blessing to our family to have them near us, and we look forward to what God has ahead for them and for us!

If you attended the open house you had a chance to see the modular, the remodeled class room, and after much anticipation, the new tables. We were able to purchase the tables with donations raised last year. The new tables are lighter, easier to move and put away, and most of all they come down safely! An important feature of the tables is that they lock whether they are up or down. One unexpected bonus that many of us older folk have discovered is that adults can get in and out of the seats much easier than with our old tables! The open house went well! Thanks for the extra work of the teachers and Mrs. Wolfe in preparing the rooms, the volunteers for the goodies, and Joan Campbell for the awesome punch!

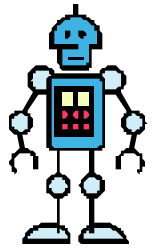


One of my projects this fall is learning Greek in an effort to better understand the Bible. I now have an even greater appreciation for my kids' ability to learn new concepts! One concept I have learned is the importance of word placement. A word placed in the front of a sentence can be used to show emphasis. A sentence such as, "My child receives a Christian education" could be said, "A Christian education my child gets." The most important word is Christian. An education may be obtained in a variety of places, but at CCS we provide a Christian education. That doesn't mean we only teach about God. It means we teach in a Christian way, with Christian teachers, Christian administrators and with the support of Christian volunteers. When the focus is on Christ, and bringing glory to God, we can perform mighty things! Praise God!

Creative Writing

By Rebecca Feagin (3rd Grade)

One day I created a robot. It looked exactly like me! I told it to go to school for me and my teacher didn't even notice! It was very smart. Even smarter than me! When it came home (I had a language test that day), I got a A+ on my language test! I was very proud of my robot. My robot was so smart that it created a robot that looked like me! Now I had two robots! I was very happy. The second robot was very smart. He read my mind and got me coffee without me asking. One day both of my robots blew up. My mom said I couldn't make any more robots.



See you at the Pole

By Adam Wieberdink and Ryan Bennett (7th Grade Students)

See you at the pole this year had a great turn out! Our theme was "Be still and Know I Am God" taken from Psalm 46:10. Although we had a few minor setbacks (our flag had been stolen), but God provided us with a new flag. With music and prayer as a way to worship and thank Him, we expressed our thanks for a Christian school. A special thanks goes to Ally Bates, Adam Wieberdink, Marc Menchaca, Matt Awtry, Ryan Bennett, and Shannon Feagin for planning the event.

"I think it was cool that we could get together and pray in a group," said 7th grader Marc Menchaca. Nicole Wieberdink (4th Grade) said "It was really, really fun!"



NOVEMBER 2006



Prayer Requests:

1. PTL that our adopted soldier, Sgt. Anthony Schiessl, is returning from a tour in Iraq.
2. PTL for a successful Bam Candle Sale.
3. Pray for preparations for the upcoming Thanksgiving Meal. Bless the hands preparing the meal.
4. Completion of the Modular.
5. Upcoming pre-school preparations.
6. Production of Promotional Video.
7. Funding for folding chairs and security system equipment.
8. God's faithful provision for our financial needs.
9. PTL for our faithful families and friends of CCS!
10. Pray that our alumni and current student body and staff will be a positive and loving witness to those around us.



Please join the **CCS prayer team** on Thursday mornings, 9 a.m. We welcome you to come pray with us each week as we lift up the needs of the school to our faithful God.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 10th Picture Retakes
- 10th All-Pro Dads, 6:45am
- 22nd Thanksgiving Meal - 11:30 Dismissal
- 23rd-24th Thanksgiving Break - No School

December

- 14th Christmas Program Practice @ Highland Park Church, 11:30 dismissal
- 14th Christmas Program @ Highland Park Church
- 25th - Jan 8th Christmas Break - No School

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

From
Jamey Price

For
Loretta Lonowski



Budget Status

For September, 2006

Total Income: \$11,339
Total Expenses: \$27,675

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 22 - Luke Dornish (7)
- 24 - Adam Wieberdink (7)



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).



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Annual Thanksgiving Meal

You are cordially invited, as our special guests, to come and enjoy a THANKSGIVING FEAST at Columbus Christian Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 11:15 a.m. Mickey Neely will be providing turkey dinner and all the trimmings. There is no cost for the meal, however, donations will be taken and are greatly appreciated. Lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m. and the students will be dismissed for the Thanksgiving Holiday at 11:30am.

Please R.S.V.P. to the school (562-6470) by Monday, November 20th. Hope to see all of you there!!

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