

Mane Events



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Looking Ahead...

The CCS Thanksgiving meal is scheduled for November 21st. Please join our staff, students and families as we celebrate and give thanks for our abundant blessings!

October Birthdays

13 th	Jocilynn Behlen
13 th	Maddisen Schulz
14 th	Nicole Wieberdink
17 th	Shannon Feagin
26 th	Jasey Christensen
31 st	Lucien Engel

Administration of Education Internship

by Karin Schreurs

"Looking away (from all that will distract) to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith (giving the first incentive for our belief)." Wow! What a wonderful promise of God found in Hebrews 12:2. We know that it is the Lord who is the great architect of our lives and has designed a wonderful blueprint of great ideas and plans in our hearts. One desire that the Lord had put into my heart almost ten years ago was to further my education toward a Masters of Arts in Administration of Education Degree. I proceeded to take over 26 class credit course hours.

Over half way finished, I laid down my desires of graduate school for several years. Then the Lord planted me into Columbus Christian School last year and began to work on my heart concerning graduate school once again. This last summer I believe the Lord was prompting me to go back to college and "finish" my Masters degree in Administration Education.

I took two classes this summer at UNK and am now in the process of taking two more classes this year. The one class is a Practicum Internship which involves

working side by side with our Administrator, Kathy Wolfe. Kathy and I have decided to get together every Tuesday at noon to discuss "administration business and ministry functions." It's been a good opportunity for both of us to get to know each other even better! I will take one other class this summer and either a field study or comp testing, and will receive my Masters degree in 2008.

My main intentions are to complete what I have started. I told Kathy that I'm not trying to take over her job! I am very happy and grateful to have the opportunity to teach students in a Christian classroom setting! The passion and vision in my heart is to actively minister and work side by side with fellow Christian school co-workers and daily grow stronger in Christ, along with our students.

"Roll your works upon the Lord, commit and trust them wholly to Him; come agreeable to His will, and so shall your plans be established and succeed!"
Proverbs 16:3 Amen!

As Administrator by Kathy Wolfe

I am excited at the opportunity of coming alongside Mrs. Schreurs and sharing what God has taught me in my administrative position at CCS. Several years ago, Karin had the opportunity to be Head Teacher in a smaller public school district. We have had some great discussion times as we have compared and contrasted school administration in the public and private school settings. In order to complete her

internship, Karin has several required activities to help her log the required 80 hours. Some of those include attending several board meetings, leading a staff meeting, examining our standardized testing, reviewing school policies, etc. Please be in prayer for Karin over the next months as she completes her course work in addition to daily, classroom responsibilities.

From the School Board by Mike Dornish

In September, the members of the preschool board voted to turn over all of the responsibilities to the existing K – 8 school board

Over the past several months the school board has been looking into the reason why there is a separate charter for preschool. We discussed this issue with some of the people who were involved during that time but memories have faded and no one could remember with any certainty the reason this decision was made. At the September school board meeting we invited the last officers holding position on the preschool board to attend. After a time of discussion the members of the preschool board voted to turn over all of the responsibilities for the preschool to the existing K – 8 school board. They also

affirmed the fact that we had been filling this role for the past year. At our next annual meeting we expect to have a vote of the full membership to dissolve the preschool charter and incorporate preschool into the existing charter for K – 8. The reason I am taking the time to write to you about this is because we seek your input. If you are aware of any legal or liability reason why this step should not be taken, we need to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me or any other member of the school board with any relevant information you may have.

5th and 6th Grade News by Mrs. Schreurs

*“Increasing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men”
Luke 2:52*

Luke 2:52 is Columbus Christian School's cornerstone scripture and it is the 5th and 6th grade class' foundational scripture for the year also. As I was praying about the coming school year, I was impressed to take a closer look at this scripture and meditate on the words: wisdom, stature, and favor. In our Bible class the students and I have begun talking about the word wisdom. Our desire is to gain more insight about Godly wisdom, not merely man's wisdom. There is Godly wisdom for each situation of our lives, whether it is a small matter or some gigantic event. Our secondary Bible verse for our class is a prayer from Ephesians 1:17: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. My prayer this year is that our students will not only grow physically stronger in stature and academically, but will also have a heightened revelation knowledge of Him, Jesus Christ.

There is an excitement and uniqueness with the 5th and 6th grade students as we have made our residence this school year in the newly remodeled modular building! The transformation of this building as been remarkable! Last Spring, the students and teachers watched in amazement at the foundational digging and moving stages of the modular home. The new look of the exterior and interior walls, floors, electrical,

and other changes has certainly been truly spectacular! The many labor of love hours has certainly paid off big time!

In the classroom, the routines and expectations are beginning to take shape and blossom also! The daily activities of the various subjects are being taught and learned. In Science we are learning about God's terrific trees and other plants. We have eight microscopes checked out from the ESU (Educational School Unit) in Columbus. In Social Studies we are touring through the 50 states of America. We have begun our journey in the Northeastern States and will be traveling west! The students are also tackling reading, recording weekly minutes to their monthly goals on the football bulletin board. Several players have read over 600 minutes, receiving their touchdowns! Congratulations!! In Language Arts the students in their perspective grades are learning good grammar, Creative writing, reading and poetry. In the Math curriculum the students received new books. Power drills, mental math, and regular assignments are taking place.

A BIG thanks and a heart full of gratitude for all the people who have and will continue to serve CCS in what ever function or role the Lord has gifted them in.

7th and 8th Grade News

by Mrs. Weinmeister and Mrs. Tobiason

From Mrs. Weinmeister...

Question: What do ten 7th and 8th graders and their teacher every Monday through Friday at Columbus Christian School?

Answer: Bible, mathematics, spelling, reading and enjoying each other's company. That's what we've been up to in the morning in the 7th and 8th grade classroom! It's hard to imagine that we've already been in school for four weeks, but the work we've produced thus far is evidence enough!

"To the Ends of the Earth" is the title of the new Bible curriculum we've been enjoying this year. It is a comprehensive study of the book of Acts, but it's literally taken us all over the Bible! We've also realized the benefits of sharing our prayer requests with one another, as well as spending some time in accountability groups with one another. We're realizing the importance and joy of supporting each other in and through the love of Christ. If there is ever a way that we can support you in prayer, drop us an email, and let us know!

We're also enjoying a new Saxon math curriculum this year! The first 30 lessons will allow us to review skills learned in years past, while preparing us for the new concepts that lie ahead. We're thankful that God provided the resources that allowed our school to purchase this new curriculum!

One of the greatest joys of our mornings, besides Bible time is reading time. We've already finished unit one, which highlighted families as the theme, and unit two, which put the spotlight on animals. The stories about animals have been especially fun because of the fun little mice, Rip and Zip, who've taken up residence in our classroom! They are SO much fun to watch and hold, and rumor has it that the teacher is completely enamored by these cute little critters! All of our reading has propelled us toward another skill that goes hand in hand with reading, writing.

During the first nine weeks, the students are discovering how much reading and writing

complement each other! We've already noticed marked improvement in the creativity and thoughts depicted in our writings! Our goal during this first quarter is to simply enjoy the art of creative writing! It's a huge privilege for us to be able to share our creations with one another!

Finally, we have two outside events coming up: The Seven Project and The Plum Creek Literacy Festival. We're very excited to meet some of the authors and illustrators of the very books we enjoy in our library! Thanks in advance for praying for the safe travel and enjoyable time we'll have on these trips.

God has really blessed us during these first few weeks of school! We thank each and every one of you for your continued support of our school, and we look forward to seeing you here at CCS!

From Mrs. Tobiason...

During the first full week of school we had the opportunity to visit a local beekeeper and watch the process of honey extraction. We learned that it takes about 80,000 bees to bring in enough nectar to make one pound of honey. We tried nature's chewing gum, beeswax, and the fresh honey. Yum! This coincided with our insect unit in which the students collected and mounted insects. Their displays were impressive! In Grammar class some have not agreed with the statement that 'the pen is mightier than the sword.' Ha! In World History we are making time lines, which help the visual learner.

On the second day of school two furry critters entered our classroom and endeared us all. Rip and Zip are mice (male & female) that are friendly and easy-going. Thanks, Marc, for sharing. We also have fish and a grapefruit tree. Don't bump into the tree, though, it has thorns!

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Fundraising Opportunities

Once again, Columbus Christian School will be selling Barn Candles as our fall fundraiser. Sales will begin on October 8th and conclude on October 19th. If you are not contacted by one of our students and would like to order merchandise, please contact the school office with your order.

CCS is also involved in various ongoing fundraisers throughout the year.

- Matching Gift Programs; many employers offer matching programs which benefit tax-exempt organizations. Please check with your employer to see if they offer a Matching Gift Program and if you qualify.
- Cash register receipts from Super Saver and Joe & Al's are collected for "Tapes for Education."
- Used cell phones and printer ink cartridges are collected and sold through ReThink Ink.
- General Mill's "Box Tops for Education" are collected.

- Campbell's "Labels for Education" are collected (Please remember to include the entire label; the barcode must be intact).
- Scrip is available for purchase from the following businesses: Arby's, Big Apple Bagels, Bob's U-Save Pharmacy, Hy-Vee, McDonald's Restaurants, Papa Murphy's, Penny's Floral, Super Saver, Tooley Drug & Homecare, and Valentino's Pizza. Please contact the office if you would like more information about how you can purchase scrip.
- We also have various fundraising opportunities such as the upcoming Thanksgiving Meal on November 24th. Please watch the Mane Events and local news for these functions.

Thank you for your support of CCS. Without our patrons, it would not be possible to provide quality Christian education in the Columbus area.

Spread the word beyond CCS to increase the impact our group is having in our community... The next All Pro Dad's meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 12th. Please contact Dan Poppe for reservations

All Pro Dad's by Dan Poppe

Another year of All Pro Dad's has officially started! We had approximately 25 dads and kids at our kickoff meeting, and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast of egg and cheese pizza, juice, and coffee. We also had some great discussions with our kids about where they see themselves in 20 years. We also challenged the dads to consider where they want to be in 20 years. The kids also shared some memorable moments they had with their dads over the summer, and we gave away

a couple of door prizes. So everyone came away with a little something.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 12, again at CCS. I encourage all of you to spread the word beyond CCS to increase the impact our group is having in our community to show the love of Christ through being a father. Reservations may be made by calling me at 564-1481 (work) or e-mail me at dpoppe@fnni.com. See you on the 12th!!

Please invite your family and friends to our Open House on Monday, October 1st, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

CCS Open House

Columbus Christian School would like to invite the public to an open house on Monday, October 1st from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Please join us for a tour our facility which includes our new Preschool, Kindergarten room and 5th & 6th grade classroom. Take a moment to visit with our teaching staff as well as the CCS Board members while enjoying refreshments and fellowship.

Budget Status

August 1 through August 31, 2007

Total Income	\$18,760
Total Expenses	\$16,965

Memorial Gifts

Columbus Christian School would like to thank the following people for gifts in honor of their loved ones.

August 1 through August 31, 2007

✠From	✠For
Ken & Geri Paul	Diane Feldman
Milo & Arlene Kincaid	Paul Gwinner
Tracy or Kim Engel	Lyle D. Keith
Phil & Tammie Awtry	Richard Herbst
Darin & Barb Christensen	Donna Hall

Prayer Requests

- ✠ PTL for the wonderful prayer time during "See You At The Pole."
- ✠ Pray for the school as we continue to be a witness for Jesus Christ in the Columbus Community.
- ✠ Pray for a successful Open House.
- ✠ Pray for upcoming field trips.
- ✠ Pray for our staff and students for a strong finish to the 1st quarter.
- ✠ Productive Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- ✠ Pray for financial provisions.
- ✠ Safety and protection for Nathan Witt and Anthony Schiessl, our adopted soldiers.
- ✠ Pray for Ntokozo Tshabalala, our sponsored child from Johannesburg, South Africa.
- ✠ Pray for somebody to step forward as our "Volunteer Coordinator."
- ✠ Pray for our upcoming Thanksgiving Meal on November 24th.
- ✠ Pray for Mrs. Schreurs as she works toward her goal of completing her Administration of Education Degree.

Each year, many people donate to Columbus Christian School. During the past school year, CCS was greatly blessed with donations from school families, grandparents, and friends. This accounted for over 30% of all the income Columbus Christian received. The Lord used these gifts to meet our daily needs, with students being the prime benefactors. We would not continue to exist if we did not have this support.

Support includes the following means: General Donations, Ministry Team Offerings, Pledges, Estate Gifts, Stock/Bond/Mutual Fund Gifts, Matching Corporate Gifts, Donor Restricted Gifts, Capital Funds Gifts, Non Cash Gifts, Endowment Fund Gifts, Memorial Gifts, Tuition Payment Gifts, Tuition Assistance Gifts, and Contingency Fund Gifts. This list is not considered complete as the ways to serve are only limited within our imagination and creativity.

If you are interested in becoming a financial partner with Columbus Christian School, please contact us at 402-562-6470.

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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).

October Calendar of Events

- 1st Tuition Due
- 1st Picture Retakes
- 1st CCS Open House, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 3rd Wichita Children's Theater; "Little Red Hen", Pre & K, 9:30 a.m.
- 4th Wichita Children's Theater, "Yankee Doodle", 3rd&4th and 5th&6th, 1:30 p.m.
- 5th Plum Creek Literacy Field Trip at Seward; Grades 1&2nd, 5&6th, 7&8th
- 8th Barn Candle Sales Begin
- 10th All Pro Dad's Reservations Due
- 11th School Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 12th All Pro Dad's, 6:30 a.m.
- 19th Barn Candle Sales End
- 19th End of First Quarter
- 24th Report Cards Go Home
- 25th Parent Teacher Conferences
- 26th No School

November Calendar of Events

- 1st Tuition Due
- 1st & 2nd No School – ACSI Teacher's Convention
- 8th School Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 21st 11:30 Dismissal
- 21st Thanksgiving Meal
- 22nd & 23rd No School – Happy Thanksgiving