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## ***As Administrator*** by Kathy Wolfe



**NAME: ANTHONY SCHIESSL**  
**AGE: 21**  
**HOMETOWN: SEWARD, NE**  
**BRANCH OF SERVICE: U.S. ARMY**  
**RANK: CORPORAL**  
**WHERE SERVING: IRAQ**

*"The smell, the sound of helicopters flying overhead, barricades and barb wire, the crunching of gravel, the constant movement of troops, a plume of black smoke from the city. I feel remarkably comfortable. So far the only thing that bothers me is that I feel so comfortable and used to all of this. I feel more at home on an operating base on the other side of the world than I do anywhere else. Besides the last 11 months at Ft. Lewis, I have lived here for longer than anywhere else since joining the Army. I don't know if that should bother me." - Anthony Schiessl, November 17, 2005*

Corporal Anthony Schiessl is the son of Robert and Linda Schiessl from Seward, NE. Anthony is also one of my future son-in-law's, Ben, best friends. I have gotten to know Anthony over the past several months and visited with him on Christmas via MSN, expressing our interest in having the students and staff of CCS adopt him. Needless to say, Anthony was thrilled at the opportunity.



Here's some background info about Anthony:

- Anthony was home schooled and is the second to youngest of 7 children.
- He left for the army in February of his senior year of high school (2003).
- He was stationed in Ft. Lewis Washington and deployed to Iraq last November. He is most likely going to be stationed in Germany when his tour of duty is done in Iraq.
- He likes to play X-box.
- He reads "The Message" translation of the Bible because he says it is easier to read.

Anthony will be paying CCS a visit on January 31<sup>st</sup> during one of his leaves and will attempt to answer the tons of questions our students have sent to him. We are excited about having the opportunity to show support for one of the many men serving our country.

So over the months to come, we will be sending letters, cards and care packages to Anthony plus praying for his daily protection and opportunities to witness for Christ to his fellow comrades.

Lastly, I am including a list Anthony posted on one of his blogs which gives very practical ideas when sending care packages to our servicemen:

**Things to send soldiers:**

- *Letters, they don't have to be long. One page on one side is enough to start with.*
- *Pictures, any picture is good. One of my favorite pictures from last time was one of Wal-mart.*
- *Snack foods, you can ask what kind they like.*
- *Homemade cookies; send them in a Pringles can taped up.*
- *Keep packages small; shoe box or smaller.*

**Don't:**

- *Send soap without putting the soap in a Ziploc bag. Seal everything separately. Nothing is worse than getting cookies that taste like soap.*
- *Disguise sugar cookies as peanut butter cookies. That is mean and immoral.*
- *We don't need a lot of toiletries. Unless a Soldier says that he wants or needs some, you can leave them out*
- *Saying "Support the Troops" or putting a sticker on your car saying so does nothing for us. Writing letters, sending boxes, going to: [anysoldier.com](http://anysoldier.com); [adoptaplatoon.org](http://adoptaplatoon.org); [operationuplink.org](http://operationuplink.org); and praying for peace does help us.*

## From the School Board

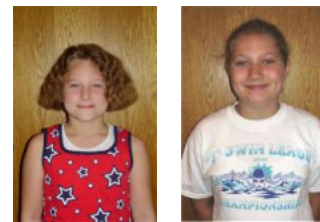


Student enrollment begins February 1<sup>st</sup> for all new and returning students to CCS. Again this year, we are offering a \$500 discount to new families enrolling as well as a \$50 credit towards any family who refers a new family who is accepted into CCS. **Remember...** Registration Fees increase over time, so please take advantage of the early discount. We also offer a 5% discount for tuition paid in full on or before August 1, 2006, as well as convenient monthly payment plans. Do you need more information? We have enclosed an Enrollment Form for your reference or you may call us at 402-562-6470.

The 2006 Corporate Meeting is set for March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00pm. If you are interested in becoming a Corporate Member, please contact the office (402-562-6470).

### YMCA Kids of Character

Taylor Weinmeister, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Jasey Christensen, 4<sup>th</sup> have been nominated as students demonstrating positive character qualities in our school. A luncheon will be hosted by the YMCA on February 3<sup>rd</sup> to honor these students plus other area students. CONGRATULATIONS Taylor and Jasey!!!



### 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade by Sandy Scheffler



I must first share a January highlight. January 12<sup>th</sup> was Pajama Day in our classroom. Students arrived in pj's, bathrobes, huge, fluffy slippers, stuffed animals, messy hair, the works! It was Library Day also, so as students arrived, they sleepily made their way down to the library and checked in their books for new ones. Those that could stay awake read their books and some shared their books on the pillows in the middle of the classroom! (Yawn!) Try to imagine a hill of fluff in the middle of my classroom - it was precious! The students came without breakfast so we could enjoy warm doughnuts and juice together (thanks Cathy W.). Students were allowed to lay or sit on the floor to do their work, etc. They loved it and were very well-behaved! Moms provided chocolate chip cookies and 7-Up for the afternoon (thanks Kristen & Tracy). It was a nice, warm day, so they were able to participate in the school fire drill without any problem!

This is the time of the school year when I begin to notice growth in my students in many areas. The first graders are quite independent now. I love it when they say, "I can get that by myself, Miss Scheffler." All the cursive letters have been reviewed now, so handwriting assignments are now part of their daily seatwork. 1st graders are adding 3 numbers together, learning basic fractional parts,

and adding quarters, dimes & nickels together. And the fact that they can read and understand almost all the directions on their worksheets and assignment sheets now is a good sign that they are going to be well prepared for 2nd grade next year.

The 2nd graders are doing 3-digit subtraction and borrowing in the 100s. In reading, they are picking up speed. Because of that they tend to ignore periods, so we really work on making each sentence sound like it's coming to an end - to ensure good comprehension. They are beginning to enjoy chapter books and are striving hard to write complete sentences.

We just finished reading (outloud) Mr. Popper's Penguins - they love that story!! They often ask me to re-read some of the funnier pages, so they can have a good laugh! We are now reading some of Grimm's Fairytales.



In Bible Class we've been learning "How to Share" from the Bible stories about the feeding of the 5,000 and the feeding of over 4,000. We also considered how much God loved us to send His only Son to die for us on the cross, and we thought much about how much he has blessed us. We talked about giving our best, not just the leftovers. They agreed that it felt good to be the "giver", and how God blesses the giver so he can keep on giving. We've had recent opportunities to give (apply what we've learned): letters/cards to our adopted soldier, shared treats with another class, they brought something from home to share, and often they write and do art work for people we pray for and who might be lonely. At this age, children love to give, but my prayer is that they will love to give always and never stop.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade by Angela Danhauer



The last time we wrote to you we had suspended a potato in a glass jar with water to see if it would grow. Wow!!! Has it ever grown!

The roots fill the jar and the plant has grown stems and leaves. It is growing very well.

At Christmas time we played our recorders for the Christmas program. Some of us can even pick up a song book and play songs out of it on our recorders!

We are currently memorizing Philippians 2:1-11 which talks about loving Christ and the way we treat others. The students are doing awesome in their

memory work. Many of them are way ahead in passing their Bible verses! Keep up the good work!

When we returned from Christmas vacation the third grade started history. We have been having a lot of fun learning about Christopher Columbus, John Smith, Pocahontas, Miles Standish, and Squanto. Did you know:

- Christopher Columbus discovered the New World on October 12, 1492.
- Pirates attacked Christopher's ship when he was sailing to England. The rest of Columbus' crew drowned, but Columbus grabbed onto an oar and floated onto the beach of Portugal.
- Christopher never actually landed in the United States when he traveled to the New World in 1492.
- John Smith had a bag of gunpowder explode. Because of that, he had to go back to England.
- John Smith did not marry Pocahontas. John Rolfe married Pocahontas.
- Pocahontas had a baby boy who was named Thomas.
- Pocahontas' Christian name was Rebecca.
- Our favorite king and queen are Ferd and Issy. **(No, that's not their real names. We have nicknamed King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella.)**



We also started our health books after Christmas. We have been learning the bones and muscles of our body. Did you know that there are 206 bones in our body? There are over 600 muscles in our body! We have also been learning about the importance of posture. Did you know that your posture affects how well you can breathe?

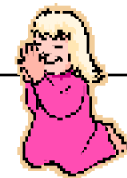
### FEBRUARY WISH LIST ITEMS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - 3X5 cards - lined and unlined; 18 wire coat hangers.
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Skeins of yarn in a variety of colors

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



# FEBRUARY 2006 BULLETIN BOARD



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February

- 1<sup>st</sup> Enrollment for 2006-07 begins
- 9<sup>th</sup> NOON Dismissal, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL
- 17<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL, President's Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Gym used by Discovery Foods
- 25<sup>th</sup> Platte County Spelling Bee

### March

- 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> SPRING BREAK - No School
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Corporate Meeting @ 7:00pm

## Prayer Requests:

1. PTL for a successful Soup Supper.
2. Enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year.
3. Upcoming parent/teacher conferences.
4. Good success for our grant writer.
5. God's abundant financial provision for the school.
6. Student's & Staff health as we continue in the flu season.
7. God's future plans for CCS - high school?
8. Protection and safety for our Adopt-A-Soldier, Corporal Anthony Scheissl, serving in Iraq.

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

From Ron & Joni Clarke      For Priscilla M. Scharff

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Mrs. Wieberdink
- 4 - Ryan Menchaca (8)
- 7 - Miss Scheffler
- 12 - Hailey Brummer (2)
- 13 - Isaac Sorensen (3)
- 22 - Miss Danhauer
- 27 - Joel Poppe (K)



### **Budget Status**

From December 1 - 31<sup>st</sup>

Total Income: \$12,224  
Total Expenses: \$14,590



### 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).

# COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PURPOSE

The purpose of Columbus Christian School is to provide a Christian foundation for the teaching and training of Columbus area young people. Realizing that parents have the main responsibility for the teaching of their children, we are here to assist families and churches in the development process. Being non-denominational by choice, we hold firmly to our Statement of Faith, and exist to glorify Christ through this ministry in the Columbus area. We are committed to:

- A. **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:** Preparing students to build productive lives, through the cornerstone of academics, to live and work in a truly Christian way in the 21st century.
- B. **BIBLICAL EXCELLENCE:** Helping children to integrate Biblical principles into every area of life.
- C. **CHRISTIAN EXCELLENCE:** Assisting young people to exemplify a loving Christ-like character.
- D. **DEVELOPMENTAL EXCELLENCE:** Assisting students to become spiritually, socially, physically, culturally, and emotionally more mature.

## VISION

Columbus Christian School's vision of education is founded on the principles of being Biblically-based, Christ-centered, and Student-focused.

1. We are Biblically-based because God's inspired Word, the Bible, is the source of wisdom and truth upon which students can develop the proper perspective of God and man.  
(2 Tim 3:16-17)
2. We are Christ-centered because "...all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things subsist...that in all things He might have the preeminence." (Col 1:16-18)
3. We are Student-focused in that we are molding, training and nurturing children as an extension of the family unit, helping the student to become a well-balanced individual.  
(Luke 2:52)

## STATEMENT OF FAITH

### THE BIBLE

1. We believe the Bible is to be the inspired Word of God, infallible and authoritative in both faith and conduct.

### GOD

2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### JESUS CHRIST

3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only mediator between God and man, in His virgin birth, substitutionary death on the cross and redemption through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

### HOLY SPIRIT

4. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit who indwells and empowers the believer for godly living and service to the glory of Jesus Christ.

### GOD'S RELATIONSHIP TO MAN

5. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin, and is therefore condemned already, and only by grace through faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is regeneration possible by the Holy Spirit.

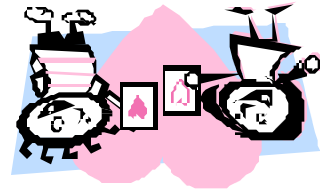
### SALVATION

6. We believe that man is saved by grace (the divine influence on the heart reflected upon the life) through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ and that faith is given to us by God and it is not of works, i.e. water baptism, or other religious ordinances, so that God gets the glory and not man. (Eph. 2:8-9, 1 Pet 3:18)

### THE BODY OF CHRIST

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of born-again believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

While this simple statement does not cover all areas of doctrine and theology, we are sensitive to Christian parents' right to disagree in the non-essentials of our faith. As teachers, staff, and Board, we are seeking to model how Christians can have differing views in love and respect.



## February

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*Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*

*1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a*



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