

# CCS Main Events

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## **As Administrator** By Kathy Wolfe



At Thanksgiving time, my family has built a tradition of giving everyone the opportunity of sharing what they are thankful for before digging into the feast. Maybe you have the same tradition as well. It is interesting to hear the responses that people make: most of us are thankful for family, our homes, God's daily provision for needs, friends. Sound familiar? But rarely if ever do I hear one of us giving thanks for the difficult times, the trials in our lives.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, **"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"**. Did you catch that? In everything! I don't know about you, but I find this an extremely difficult thing to do. It's easy to thank God for the things we deem as "good" happening in our lives but we often forget that God has His own definition of what is good for us. At CCS, we are trying to encourage our students that it is a good thing when they struggle, have problems, get caught or even fail. It's an opportunity for growth! God loves us so much, knows us so intimately, that He knows exactly what areas in our lives need work. And He seems to do His greatest work through pain.

Have you ever checked your attitude about the pain or trials in your life? Most of us complain or pray for the Lord to remove the situation or get us out of it instead of through it. I think we often forget that He does have a plan and purpose for life's difficult circumstances. James 1:2-4 reminds us to *"consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith*

*produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."* The Lord wants us to be complete, lacking in nothing. Keeping that goal in mind can give us hope and a sense of divine purpose, resulting in thankfulness instead of despair.

This Thanksgiving, when you gather the clan around the table, I challenge you to go back at the painful things of life. Remember what the Lord has taught you through them and thank Him for loving and growing you so that you will be "complete, lacking in nothing". Happy Thanksgiving!!

### **Let us give thanks..**



## **Outside Work Day November 5<sup>th</sup>!**

Put on your sweatshirts and grab your rakes!! We will be having an **"Outside Work Day"** on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to noon. Your help will be greatly appreciated as we mow and rake leaves around the school yard!



## Where, Oh Where, have the CCS Alumni Gone?



CCS is currently trying to update our data base and would like to have the names and addresses of *alumni* that have graduated from high school. If you have that information, please

email us at [info@columbuschristian.org](mailto:info@columbuschristian.org) or give us a call at 402-562-6470. Thanks for your help!

Also, if you have the names and addresses of *family and friends* that would enjoy receiving our monthly newsletter, please email or call us and we will put them on our mailing list!!



## Kindergarten Corner

by Jan Wieberdink

Our first two months of kindergarten have been very busy! We have learned many important things that we will use the rest of our lives. We learned about how King David showed kindness to his friend Jonathon and to a young man named Mephibosheth. God wants to change our hearts to be kind to others. One way we are learning this is to respect each other by taking turns speaking and being attentive to one another.

Last week was Fire Prevention Week. We talked about what to do in case of a fire. If you have not practiced your fire escape plan, be sure to practice it with your family. It could save a life! Along with Fire Prevention Week we practiced calling 911 with our 'phones'. We discovered that we need to know our address when we have an emergency!

Would you believe that we already know the sounds of one half of the alphabet? That means we can already make and read many words! The kindergartners are working very hard to remember all those sounds. We also want to say goodbye to a very good friend of ours, Jayden Scott. Jayden will be moving to Omaha this week and we will all miss him greatly! Make sure to come back to visit Jayden!



## 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

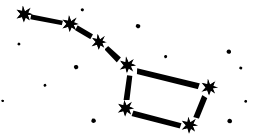
by Sandy Scheffler

Grades 1 and 2 have just enjoyed an excursion to the Hastings Museum of Natural and Cultural

History. The students had a free hour to just walk around and enjoy the Wildlife Diorama Hall where they could safely see the amazing animals that live in North America in their natural habitat displays. They also had time to explore an interactive exhibit showing what led to the invention of Kool-Aid. Edwin Perkins is the man who developed Kool-Aid in Hastings in 1927. Another hour was spent in a guided tour of the People of the Plains Indian Family.

Our instructor did an excellent job of presenting a great hands-on experience furnishing a tepee with household goods, participating in a Native American dance with traditional instruments, making a bead necklace to take home, and much more. Kyle liked how they made leather clothing from deer and elk. Kaylee enjoyed furnishing the tepee and the big beautiful Chief's headpiece. Alonso got to try on the Chief's headpiece, but he also really liked seeing the huge polar bears, and the sharp teeth of the red wolf. Jeremiah especially enjoyed the interactive computer games in Wildlife Hall, as well as seeing the animals.

The last half hour was spent in the planetarium. We felt transported into the far corners of the universe as we sat back in our seats and watched the beautiful night sky of 3,500 stars projected onto a 24-foot dome. Talitha enjoyed learning about the pictures we can find in the sky, like a flying horse, the big dipper, and a bird. Hailey and Becca liked seeing the planet Mars and learning that if you see a red star in the sky, it is really a planet, not a star. Collin really enjoyed the feeling of movement in space as we viewed different parts of the sky. Teacher's favorite part was when we viewed the northern lights and experienced a sunrise in the sky at the end of the program - all set to gorgeous music. I think we all came away realizing once again what a creative and intelligent God we have.



Parents, we only saw about half of what was there. If you have time to take your family to this museum - it would be well worth your time. Rates will be going up next year, so you might want to take advantage of the lower rates sometime during 2005. Special thanks once again to our drivers who take the

day off to drive us and be with us. You are so appreciated by all the parents as well as teacher!



## ALL PRO DAD'S DAY!

By Dan Poppe

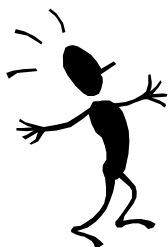
Our second All Pro Dad's Breakfast was held last week, and we again had 20 in attendance. Bob Arp, Principal of Lakeview High School, provided information on parenting styles that he has seen as a school administrator, and reminded us that our sacrificial love for our children should be patterned after the sacrificial love that God has for us. Next month, we will have Ted Pearson from the Columbus Rescue Mission talk to us about parenting, and what he has seen in his own life as well as through the eyes of individuals that have passed through the mission.

Due to November 11 being a holiday, the meeting will again be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, which is **November 18**, same time and location. All Dads and their kids are welcome!

**WHEN:** November 18th @ 6:45 am  
**WHERE:** Columbus Christian School  
**WHAT:** All Pro Dad's Breakfast  
**WHO:** Fathers And Their Children

For more information, check out the website at <http://www.allprodad.com/columbus.asp>. Or you can email me at [dpoppe@fnni.com](mailto:dpoppe@fnni.com) or call me at 564.1481 (work) or 564.8161 (home).

I will again need a head count by Wednesday, November 16th so please email or call me before then. *Looking forward to seeing you there!*



**Wow!!!** Did you know you can purchase gas at Hy-Vee using Scrip? Also save your receipt for Kash-For Kids! Presently we have scrip for the following business and are working on more possible business to add to our list. *Please keep this list in mind for Holiday Gift Giving Ideas!*

- Hy-Vee
- Super Saver
- Bob's Pharmacy
- Tooley Drug
- Nied's
- Papa Murphy's
- Big Apple Bagel
- Arby's
- Valentino's Pizza

## NOVEMBER WISH LIST ITEMS

- **Kindergarten** - None
- **Gr. 1-2** - Thank you so much for the disposable cameras! We're set for the year! We are most grateful!
- **Gr. 3-4** Magazines to cut pictures of animals out of for a science project.
- **Gr. 5-6** - pair of cheap work gloves to wear while putting up the flag.
- **Gr. 7-8** - Box of hanging file folders



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

## BARN CANDLE BLITZ!!



We just recently completed our first fundraiser for the new school year. Thank you to all who made the Barn Candle Sales a success! Total profits from the sales were **\$4267.50**. Mrs. Clarke's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class sold the most candles. The top 3 sales people were Benjamin Griess, Emily Brandt and Paul Jaixen. Thanks students, for your diligent work and supporters, for your support of this successful fundraiser!!

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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. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Holidays at 12:00 Noon.

Please R.S.V.P. to the school (562-6470) by Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see all of you there!!

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