



CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Stanford 10 Testing

Teachers and students are glad year-end testing is over. This year was the first year of Stanford 10's. The results should be returned by the end of school. Your copies will be distributed at the end of the year with their grade cards. As always, if you'd like further explanation of the test results we would be most happy to do so.

Spelling Bee



CCA will be hosting the West-Central Missouri Spelling Bee on May 5th. The bee will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp. Parents/grandparents may attend. Students who are not chosen to compete in the bee will be bused to First Baptist Church where regular studies will take place. They will return after the conclusion of the bee. Students will need to bring a sack lunch that day.

Greg Strange Ministries

On May 8th Greg Strange Ministries will be at CCA. Parents are welcome to attend this ministry. We are asking parents pay \$1.00 to attend, as the students will be using their May jeans for missions money to help pay the cost of the program. Money may be given to Mrs. Miracle.

Volunteer Hours

Please turn in your volunteer tracking forms as soon as possible. Each family is responsible for 20 hours per student enrolled, with 10 being a fundraising event. We still have lots of opportunities to help. Counting labels on May 1st will be our last fundraising event. Mrs. Miracle has blank tracking forms if you need them.

Book Fees

The new book fees are out. If you didn't receive a listing in your child's backpack, please check the school's website for the fees for 2008-09. *The book fees must be paid by May 20th, 2008.* This ensures that materials will be ordered for your child for the next school year.

Tuition

The last payment for the 2007-08 school year was due in April. Just a reminder that final report cards and all records will be withheld until tuition, volunteer hours, lunch/milk account, and after school study program accounts have been paid in full.

The first payment for 2008-09 school year is due by June 10th. If you choose to pay the tuition in a lump sum, it is due by July 1st.

Dates Remember

- April 22..... ACSI Music Competition 3rd-6th
K4 (Trolinger) to Glendale Gardens
- April 24..... Science Fair 6:30-8:00
- April 25..... Kindergarten chapel
1st grade to Glendale Gardens
K4 (Trolinger) and K5 to Aquatic Center
- April 28..... Art Show – Annex 6:30
- April 28-May 2 Teacher Appreciation Week
- April 29..... Music Competition Concert/Awards
First Baptist Church 7 p.m.
- April 30..... 3rd grade to Wilson's Creek Battlefield
K4 (Seidel) to Bartz's Farms
- May 1..... Spring Label Challenge ends
- May 8..... Chapel with Greg Strange
- May 9..... Chapel K4, K5 & 1st
Spirit Day
- May 13..... Mrs. Brown's Students Piano Recital 6:30
- May 15..... 6th, 7th & 8th Weather Day at the K
- May 16..... Precorders/Bells/Choir Chapel
8th Grade Graduation/Reception
- May 19..... 2nd grade to Truman Lake Visitation
Center & Lost Valley Fishing Hatchery
- May 20..... Uniform Sale
K4 Graduation
- May 21..... Retirement Reception for Mrs. Crump
Immediately after school
- May 22..... Awards Assembly
Noon Dismissal

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Many students will participate in music, art and Science competition in the next few weeks. We are very proud of them and wish them good luck as they represent CCA.

In the classroom...

Mrs. Trolinger: Stomp, clap, sing...whatever it takes to help us count to 100! We are now in our third "Little Owl" book. The students are amazed that they can read sentences. We are also learning to spell 3-letter words. We are looking forward to a busy month...in addition to our regular academic activities...we are going to present a musical program at Glendale Gardens, and then take a tour of the McDonald kitchens (followed by lunch, of course). On another day, we are going to the Community Center and spend the afternoon swimming. Another "biggie" is each student is learning a solo to present at our graduation May 20th.



Mrs. Seidel: Socially, this last week we stepped up to another first. We had separate educational tours, but a combined picnic lunch and fishing at the Lost Valley Hatchery with the "big kids", grades 6, 7, and 8. As usual, we had almost as many parents as students there. Savannah was our only first time fisherman. She caught a sunfish. Grace caught 4 fish, two trout and two perch! The boys really seemed to enjoy casting out their bait of worms, hotdogs, or marshmallows. Academically, we are beginning to polish off a few skills for an event in May. In our curriculum, we are now seeing some students in the eighth reading book, while others are in the 14th book, with there being 18 readers all together. In math we continue to learn new skills, including some addition facts. Manuscript writing continues, as does language arts and fine arts.

Mrs. Berry: We are going to help McDonald's by cleaning up around their business on Earth Day, April 22. We will also sing at Glendale Gardens with Mrs. Trolinger's K4 class. We are busy practicing our parts for our Chapel Presentation on Friday, April 25. Please join us of at least pray for our successful completion. As a celebration that all our practicing paid off, we are going swimming at the Aquatic Center on April 25.

Mrs. Lowe/Lam: On March 28th, first grade led Chapel with an exciting performance of a children's musical, Hallelujah! He Did It! They will continue to share the message of Christ at Glendale Gardens on April 24th. This hard working bunch have mastered the Ten Commandments and are able to recite this Scripture with great confidence. We welcomed spring and have been enjoying the study of animals and insects. The boys and girls also know how to carry when adding problems in Arithmetic. Using our computer tests, the students are very motivated to read, read, read! Our reading skills seem to improve every day. As the end of the year creeps up... the learning continues! Who knew learning could be so much fun?

Mrs. Morehead: In Bible class, students have listened to the story of Jonah and watched a video. They are also learning to recite Hebrew 11:1-6. The theme in Arithmetic was "Workers." Second graders choose an occupation to research on the computer. Then students had a dress-up day representing what they want to be when they grow up. Their costumes were great! The current theme is "Camping," and students are studying the great outdoor world. Our class will be having a campout in the classroom on Friday afternoons with camp songs, S'mores and hot dogs! We are looking forward to the Spelling Bee to be held at CCA. We have many good spellers. Hannah Adams and Nathan Griffey won the most times during practice in the classroom this year. In History, we are learning to identify all of the states. Our class is participating in the Great Mail

Race. We are writing to a 2nd grade class in each of the 50 states of find out about 2nd graders all over the country. It should be an interesting experience for our students.

Ms. Kimbrell's class would like to publicly thank the Missouri Cinema 6 Theater for allowing the second grade classes to attend a special showing of Nim's Island. We have been learning about the ocean sanctuaries and learning about the habitats of many sea creatures. It was a wonderful reward to the students after a hard week of testing. We are just about ready for the countdown to the end of school. We still have much to learn this year. Our class is working on letter writing, and we wrote letters to the theater, and to our soldier in Iraq, Christopher Smith, who is from Clinton. We are gearing up for the area Spelling Bee, so keep working on those words with your child. We have been recording weather in science, and can't believe the difference from one day to the next. We are hoping for sunny days these last few weeks. We need to keep working on our multiplication tables and really work on our fives through twelves. Some already know them, so parents keep on drilling.

Mrs. Thornton: Third grade had an interesting trip to Springfield. We went to the Discovery Center first and had a great learning experience in the health area where the various body systems were enlarged and explained. Then we went to the Wonder of Wildlife Education Center where we enjoyed a lesson on animal adaptation. Two girls were "dressed" to be like foxes, one like an arctic fox and one like a fennec fox (from the desert.) In History we have read about four people who lived during the Civil War. In arithmetic we have learned twelves and double-digit multiplication. And each student has written a limerick!

Mrs. Olson: What a blessing this fourth grade class has been. The year is almost over and God continues to work in their lives shaping and molding them. They have grown so much this year spiritually, physically and academically, and it has been a privilege to teach them. With only a month left there is still much to do. We are memorizing all 50 states and capitals. We will also work on the Presidents. We are learning new concepts almost every day in math. We are finishing up our unit on Missouri history, and will have a Missouri notebook on completion of it. Mrs. Bellamy has invited us to an end of the year picnic on May 21. My prayer is that we will continue to work hard and finish the race that has been set before us.

Mr. Berry: We are very excited about our upcoming field trip to the Laura Ingalls Home/Museum in Mansfield on May 1. Many of us have heard or read the "Little House" books. Now we will get to see some history to go along with what we read. We have been working hard on our Science Projects and hope that you will plan to come and see them on April 24. We have been working very hard for Mrs. Brown and the music competition. As the weather begins to warm up and we are outside more in the evenings, please watch out for us and our friends should we be close to the street.

Mrs. Dicket: The new Stanford tests were given the week of April 7 - 11. The students said that they liked the new format, especially the colorful pages. In Science we have started our unit on Health. We will be studying all the different systems of the body. In Math our attention has turned to Geometry. Sixth graders are calculating area, circumference, drawing circles and completing word problems with pie charts. Eighth graders are reviewing the different types of triangles and their angles, and drawing angles and triangles to scale. April 2nd we joined Mrs. Seidel's Pre K class to tour the Lost Valley Hatchery. It was fascinating to view 16 million walleye eggs being raised. And to top it off we got to go fishing, too.

Spring Label Challenge

We will be ending our Spring Label Challenge on Thursday, May 1. Please be sure to get all of your labels to school that morning. But please don't stop clipping labels. Recruit friends and family members to clip Best Choice UPCs, Campbell's UPC/coupons and Box Top coupons throughout the summer. This is an easy way for the school to earn a few extra dollars.

Schoolpop.Com

With gas prices climbing higher, more of us are choosing to shop online. If you are shopping online, please go to schoolpop.com first. Register and select CCA (code 117508), then choose the retailer with which you would like to shop. The school will receive a percentage of your purchase. There's no catch – the retailers are just trying to get you to shop with them by offering a benefit to the school.

Uniform Sale

We will be having our annual uniform sale on May 20th. Since we will be transitioning to the Lands' End uniforms this the sale will only include Dennis Macbeth plaid garments, school logo sweatshirts and t-shirts. Please put your first and last name, the type of article (i.e. jumper), the size and the price on an envelope and safety pin it to the garment. We will have tables labeled in the lunch room for each type of garment. Please put your articles on the appropriate table. If you would like to purchase a garment, please remove the envelope, place the correct amount of money in it, seal it and drop the envelope in the bucket available. Please bring small bills for the sale. Change will not be available. You will be able to pick up your unsold garments and the envelopes on Wednesday after school.

Music News

I am looking for someone to sponsor the Choir 3-6 from last year's I rating (1st in history of the school). We have a plaque and picture for about \$25.00. We can put your sponsor name on it too. Call Mrs. Brown (417-646-2777) if interested.

Sports



If you haven't turned in your basketball uniform, it is past due. Please return it to Mrs. Brown washed and in a bag immediately. Thanks!

We have a wonderful presentation of soccer and basketball put together by Tara Richardson. There are only a few left. Please send \$7 to Mrs. Brown to get a copy. They money goes into the sports fund. You don't want to miss out on this wonderful first year of sports DVD.

New Uniforms

We will soon be receiving information on the approved styles of the Lands' End brand uniforms. When we receive the styles, we are also supposed to receive a catalog. Orders may be placed through the mail, by telephone or on the internet. The Lands' End catalog will have sizing charts. Their associates are very helpful on the telephone if you should have any questions about their products.

Letter to the School

Dear CCA,

I am making a \$10,000 donation to your school today. I have followed your school closely since its first year, and I believe our community is very lucky to have CCA! You seem to always have some sort of improvement or upgrade going on like your interscholastic sports, new computer lab, switching your middle schoolers to different teachers for different subjects, neat art projects, and music presentations, and so on.

By all appearances, the quality of education at your school is top-notch. You have your children in the world-famous Abeka curriculum, which has proven over time to be the best curriculum available! I've seen in the newspaper over the years that your Iowa Basics scores rank very high. After all, kids are in school to learn first, right?

I've been places where your students were, and I was impressed by how well they behave. I was also very glad to hear them reciting memorized Bible verses when they perform. You seem to have the perfect mix of education, Bible training, and developing the "whole" kid.

Please keep on the path you're going!

Yours Truly,

Anonymous Donor

Awards Assembly

The last day for the 2007-08 school year will be Thursday, May 22nd. The student awards ceremony will begin at 10:30 in the annex. Students will be dismissed for summer vacation at the assembly conclusion. Please join us for this occasion.

On a personal note...

It has been a wonderful four years serving as your principal. I will deeply miss each of you on a daily basis. Please remember to keep CCA in your prayers over the summer and next year. God bless each of you as you have blessed my life.

Mrs. Crump