



# CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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## Iowa Basic Skills Test Date Set



Student in grades Kindergarten through eighth will be taking the annual, year-end achievement tests on Monday through Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. It is vital that your child is in attendance to take the tests as they are sent out to be scored. Why not serve breakfast with a big helping of “encouragement” on test days?!

## KIDS Testing

Starting this year, we will be assessing students for readiness into kindergarten. Our Pre-K, 4 year old classes will be screened at school during the day by Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Crump. Results will be provided and explained to parents. If you have any questions regarding this testing instrument, please do not hesitate to call or stop in to see Mrs. Crump.

## Dennis Uniforms (from Mrs. Crump)

The CCA Board of Directors are constantly discussing, researching and praying about issues that will improve services to both you and your children. After much discussion, the board voted to phase out the current Dennis uniforms as they wear out. Next year (2006-07) we will still wear Dennis uniforms exclusively. The following year (2007-08) will begin our transition phase. Wal-mart uniforms have been approved and can be purchased at the local store at specified times during the year or at walmart.com. The Dennis plaids only will remain part of the approved uniforms indefinitely. The Board has asked me to convey that the clothing must be purchased from Wal-Mart’s “uniform line”. The uniform policy excludes Wal-Mart clothing that is not a part of their “uniform-line”. We realize the transition will take some effort, but the Dennis uniforms can be phased out as they wear out and we are keeping the Dennis Plaids. Again, however, for the 2006-07 school year, students will wear Dennis uniforms exclusively.

## Band Concert at Chapel

Parents are welcome (and encouraged) to attend Chapel at 8:15 on April 28<sup>th</sup> to the band. Several classes will sing for chapel in upcoming weeks: K5 and bell on April 21, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Recorders and band on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## West Central Missouri Spelling Bee

This year’s Spelling Bee will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Hudson Elementary School. Hudson is located west of Appleton City on Highway 52, approximately 2 miles west. The Spelling Bee will begin at 9:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend. Please be there before the event begins if you wish to watch in the individual classrooms. Once the spelling begins, there will be no entering or exiting.



## CCA Spelling Bee Participants

- Grade 1:** Christopher Cloe and Ashton Reed-Hager  
Alternate: Benjamin Griffey and Andrew Kristofferson
- Grade 2:** Benjamin Bellamy and Matthew Dernier  
Alternate: Nathaniel Lampton
- Grade 3:** Jacob Lasher and Riley Williams  
Alternate: Megan Evans
- Grade 4:** Zachary Adams and Brooklyn Sisk  
Alternate: Riley Cook
- Grade 5:** Sam Ahnemann-Cover and Ragan Briggs  
Alternate: None
- Grade 6:** Logan Nichols and Hayden Lowe  
Alternate: None
- Grade 7:** Micah Melling and Casey Wetzel  
Alternate: Skylar Wilson
- Grade 8:** Diana Schlagle and Bailey Vest  
Alternate: None

## Where “Jeans for Missions” Dollars Go

Last year we began “Jeans for Missions” day, in conjunction with our Spirit Day. In the past, our dollars have helped both local and non-local missions. Some of the missions have been: Christopher Albright health fund, Samaritan Center, Food Pantry & Christmas Cheer. The past two months we’ve collected for Nathan Crabtree’s Helping Hand Fund. Currently Nathan is undergoing treatment in Minnesota for leukemia. CCA students and faculty collected \$300 for Nathan. Our prayer is the funds collected will be a blessing to Nathan and his family. We are currently collecting money for the Alzheimer’s Memory Walk on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## What's Going On...

**K-4** classes have had a busy month. Their most exciting activity was "Dinosaur Week." Many of their lessons for the week involved dinosaurs: sequencing, match and classifying, counting, and recognizing real and make-believe. The teacher read them many books about the different dinosaurs. They especially loved dressing up in the dinosaur costume and using the handpuppets for playacting. The culminating activity was decorating and eating the dinosaur cake the teacher had made. They are busy planning a field trip to Weeden Acres to see live coyotes in the natural habitat.

**K-5** Wow! How fast the time has gone since the last newsletter. We cannot believe the last month of school is upon us! The K-5 classes have enjoyed the beautiful spring weather by going on a couple of outdoor field trips. On April 7<sup>th</sup>, we traveled with Mrs. Bath's first grade to the LifeChange Camp and Retreat Center near Calhoun. We were hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Harrelson and Bill & Caron Anderson. Lunch and a nature hike were provided, we also went on a scavenger hunt and had water relay races. We would like to extend a special thank-you to those families for providing such a wonderful experience for us. We enjoyed another beautiful day on April 13<sup>th</sup>, when we headed to Artesian Park for our annual Easter Egg hunt. We enjoyed hiding and finding Easter eggs (some of which we dyed the day before), listening to Easter stories and playing games. The parents provided us with a refreshment of cookies and cold drinks at the end of the day. Thanks again to all the parents who helped with this fun day!

**Mrs. Bath's** first grade class has been preparing for their field trip to the Truman Dam on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We have studied and read about different kinds of fish. Reading class has also covered setting up fish aquariums and the care of fish. Ask your child what a "fry" fish is. Students have worked on fractions and tally marks. The entire class participated in the spell-off for the "Spelling Bee" and they want to keep on spelling!

**Mrs. Harrelson's** first graders have been working on our Missouri Spelling word list for a long time in preparation for the Spelling Bee, and now the time has come. After many practice in-class bees, Ashton Reed-Hager will be representing our class in the Spelling Bee in May. Ashton is an excellent speller and we are looking forward to the opportunity for her to be in competition. If Ashton is not able to go, we have an excellent alternate speller, Benjamin Griffey. Congratulations to you both and good luck! Do you remember when you first learned to write a story? Mrs. Harrelson's class has become involved in that very activity this month. Our first story we wrote as a class was about Einstein the sheepdog and how he rescued a lamb. The next story we wrote was about butterflies. We have learned about butterflies, and the children have written by themselves their own stories. These will be posted in the hall near our room. If you would like to read them, please come and see them.

**Mrs. Morehead's** Second Grade class has enjoyed learning about the true meaning of Easter. The curriculum is superb with bringing realism of Bible stories to young listeners. Students have studied the daily events of the Passover, the Lord's Last Supper, the crucifixion, and the resurrection. Second graders diligently practiced and sang two Easter songs in Chapel last Friday. Their teacher was proud of their performance. The students also enjoyed treats while watching an animated video of the Easter Story. All students have

recited Hebrews 11:1-6. We have also studied a unit on weather, which included different kinds of storms and the wind. In addition, students learned about cold fronts and warm fronts and why the wind blows. In culmination to our study on the weather, students wanted to try flying kites. We had to wait several weeks for the perfect, warm and windy day for the event! Second graders had a good time at the on-site field trip. A "big thanks" goes to all of the parents and grandparents who assisted with kite flying.

**Mrs. Thornton's** third grade has memorized the multiplication tables to 12. They also learned how to average numbers. In history they have studied several Civil War figures and have two more to study. They went to Westwood ACU again to share songs and this time they also shared some of their original poems. Several chose to share their most recent poetry effort, which was an Easter acrostic.

**Mrs. Dicket's 4<sup>th</sup> graders** have reviewed the story of the crucifixion and resurrection in Bible. We are working on memorizing 1 Thes. 4:13-18. In Health we are learning about our bones and muscles. We are tracking our eating habits and learning about the new FDA Food Pyramid. In History we are working on learning all 50 states and capitals and honing our map reading skills. In language we are refining our dictionary skills.

**Mrs. Prince's** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades are studying the U.S. History and are just beginning to discuss World War II and the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. In Health we are studying the body systems and talking about nutrition – we are taking a look at the new food pyramid. The Science Fair may be a memory by the time this goes out...hopefully, it was a great learning experience and the students have grown in their understanding of long range planning and doing a project they are interested in. Next year's Science Fair should be easy! We are counting down the days until summer and will be going home this year with a required reading list.

**Ms. Straw's** students have continued to work on their science projects. The students are certainly looking forward to sharing what they have learned. The students finished reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* and all enjoyed it! With a partner, the students made a timeline of events with illustrations of the book and hung them in the cafeteria for all to enjoy and admire. They were fabulous! Dr. & Mrs. Wetzel, thank you for providing us with the books! We loved them! The students have finished their research for their papers on a famous African American. We continue to polish and edit the reports with a hope to publish a final this week! We have been writing letters to several soldiers since the beginning of the school year. We have written letters to them weekly and received many letters in return. We have good news! Major Kyle Rambo, Colonel Mike Johnson and Colonel Davie Blackburn are coming home! Their tours in Iraq conclude this month. Praise God for keeping them safe while in Iraq and as they return to their families. We have one soldier still in Iraq. Captain Williams. We continue to pray for her as she serves our country. We have begun planning for the graduation ceremony and dinner for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>. I know the evening will be special. The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades will sing, play bells and the band will play. I am excited to honor our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students!

## Congratulation to the Griffey's

We wish to congratulate Kevin, Kelly, Benjamin, Patrick, Nathan and Abraham on the birth of their new baby brother!

## Save that Trash for Cash

The last call for labels this year will be May 5<sup>th</sup>. Labels collected are Campbell's products, Best Choice barcodes and Box Tops for Education. This is a simple way to earn a little extra cash from trash – won't you help!

## Raffle

Please continue to sell raffle tickets for the 24" flat screen television donated to the P.O. by Wal-Mart. The drawing will take place at the end of the garage sale. Tickets are only \$1 each!!

## Dennis Uniform Sale

The Dennis uniform sale will be Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. You may drop off Dennis uniform items on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in Ms. Munsterman's classroom on. Please make sure each item is marked with your name so you may receive the proceeds.

## P.O. Officers for 2006-2007

We are currently looking for volunteers to take a leadership role in the Parent Organization. We ask that prayerfully consider if this is an area in which you might be willing to serve. Please contact Kim Adams or Jennifer Kiely if you are interested or if you would like more information.

## Volunteer Hours

Please turn volunteer tracking sheets to Mrs. Miracle or Sharon Tegarden. Each family is required to volunteer 20 hours per child enrolled. There is a monetary charge for any hours not completed. There are still opportunities to be involved! This is your school and we need everyone's input and involvement. Thank You!

## Tuition Due for 2005-06

Tuition is due in full for the 2005-06 school year.

## Thanks So Much

Thanks so much to Kylie Dicket and friends! They came to CCA for band on March 20<sup>th</sup> on their spring break. They did some one-on-one with our band and then played several numbers for the band kids. What a blessing!!!



## Dates to Remember

- **APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup>**  
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
- **APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
MUSIC CONTEST @ HEARTLAND CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL GRADES 5-8
- **MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
IOWA BASIC SKILLS TESTING K-8
- **MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, & 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
KIDS TESTING (KINDERGARTEN SCREENING)
- **MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
HUDSON SPELLING BEE @ 9 A.M.
- **MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
FIELD DAY @ THE ACADEMY 8-10:30
- **MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
ART SHOW
- **MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
K-4 GRADUATION  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH @ 7P.M.
- **MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
PIANO RECITAL - ANNEX 6:30
- **MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION - ANNEX
- **MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup>**  
SPIRIT WEEK
- **MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
ACADEMY AWARDS ASSEMBLY 9:30  
COOKOUT/PICNIC AT 10:30  
DISMISS FOLLOWING PICNIC  
PARENTS & FAMILIES INVITED!

## Moms in Touch Celebration

*May 18th @ 7 p.m.*

*Jeff and Amber Lowe's House*

*200 Stayton Drive*

Come celebrate the end of the school year with Moms in Touch. We will be sharing the blessings from throughout the school year. Refreshments will be served. For more info or to RSVP call Michelle Williams at 660-885-9407.

**All Moms Welcome!**