



# CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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## A Note from Mrs. Crump: School Security

Mid-morning, on October 5<sup>th</sup>, I was notified by the Clinton Police Department there had been a threatening prank call to the 911-dispatch center in regards to a possible school shooting. The police reassured me they had apprehended the suspect and he was in custody.

At 4:00 p.m. that day, I met with area school leaders at the Clinton Public School's Central Office to discuss the incident and the safety plans we have in place. I was the only school leader there that could say their school was secure. What a blessing we have to know that the founding CCA Board of Directors were such visionaries!

Earlier this school year, all previously issued proximity cards that allow us entrance into our buildings were cancelled. The Board of Directors approved re-issuing card to school employees and Board members, only. This was done to ensure the safety of our children and staff.

Please be assured that emergency procedures are in place and will be followed should such a threat occur.

Our prayers are for the families that have lost children and loved ones in recent school tragedies.

## In Memory...

Six new books are on the library shelves at CCA in memory of W.D. Scott. Friends and families contributed money at his passing for these books. Because he loved farm-life and animals these additions are centered around these topics. We are grateful for the donation to our library.

## Thanksgiving Feast

Can it be time for this already? We will again, have a potluck feast. This year it will be November 22 at 11:00 a.m. Please have you child bring a dish of his/her favorite food to share. Parents are welcome (and encouraged) to stay to help the children with their plates and to enjoy the feast. School will

let out at Noon.



## AUCTION

NOW is the time to sign up for Auction committees. Of the 20 volunteer hours required, 10 this year must be worked on a fundraising event and this is it. These hours come easily, if you don't wait until February to get involved. If you did not attend the Parent Organization meeting in October contact John French or Kim Adams on ways you can help. Please do not assume that you will be helping the same committee as last year. Contact the committee leader, John or Kim and let them know if you want to help again. The auction is our ONE BIG fundraiser and it is vital in keeping tuition costs down. Please plan to attend the next Parent Organization on Tuesday, November 14 for more information.

## New Equipment!

Through a generous donation, each classroom has received a new computer with a flat screen monitor. The teacher and students are very excited! Through another source of funding there has been a new sound system installed in the Annex, along with a projection screen and a projector. The ASSP students are also enjoying the addition of new computers in the Annex. We are very blessed at CCA and we are very grateful.

## More New Equipment



Please join is praying for many safe trips on our new (to us) school bus!

## In the Classroom...

Almost every student in **Mrs. Trolinger's** class has memorized all of their Bible verses they have had thus far. We have used the pumpkin theme for many of our lessons as we prepared to go to the Johnson Pumpkin Farm at Belton. Our biggest "project" this month was learning to be kind to each other. We are having a new partner each day and learning to play with everyone...not just our "best" friends.

On October 13, **Mrs. Harrelson's** class received a visit from Hannah Sue Kennish's dad, Deputy Bill Kennish. He showed us all about his patrol car and how he uses it to apprehend criminals. We are learning out letters and how they sound. So far we have learned the sounds of all the vowels, and have learned the letter "T". We are also learning to write using manuscript letters. Some of the children already know how to write their names and are doing well with the new letters.

**Mrs. Maupin's** students have learned of many community helpers and why they are important to our community. We went to Clinton and met personally some of our special citizens. We are learning about farming and Fall crops such as apples and pumpkins. We joined other classrooms on a trip to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm. We are so excited to be putting our letter sounds together and beginning to hear words emerge from different combinations. We can't wait to read now!

**Mrs. Bath's** first grade has been learning about our country and how it's foundation is based on our belief in God. We also learned how to pronounce "constitution" in our scholastic reader. In reading, first graders are beginning to look for clue words in stories. Many have become avid readers and these students are reading additional classroom books and writing primary book reports. There is a contest on who can read the most pages in one quarter during the school year. Spelling is now a part of our daily curriculum and compliments the reading lessons. In addition, most students have mastered arithmetic families in addition 1-6 and subtraction families 1-6. Best of all though, students have enjoyed working together as a team to plan for grandparents' day. They have learned to discuss, share ideas and organize.

**Mrs. Lowe's** first graders have settled into a routine and things are moving right along. We have been working hard to memorize our addition and subtraction facts. Daily speed drills are a highlight and a fun way to help us memorize. We are becoming quite the readers. Believe it or not, we are doing book reports, and we have a bookworm on our wall that grows each time a student completes one! We hope to have him go all the way around our room by the end of the year. A special guest from Mexico visited our class. She shared with us about her country and brought some homemade tamales for us to taste. Yum! She also brought some clothes and sombreros that we enjoyed dressing up in for pictures. Can you help us? We've lost our teeth! We've had lots of teeth fall out so we decided to make graph to keep track of how many teeth we lose each month.

**Mrs. Morehead's** second graders had been looking forward to the Grandparent's Tea. They practiced several songs for entertainment and prepared for introductions. Everyone enjoyed the field trip to the Pumpkin Patch where they picked their own pumpkin. The large slide was a favorite as well as the animals, the maze and the hayride. In Science class, students have been studying about animals and their habitats. Each student did some research and wrote a report on an interesting animal. Students

also did an experiment with earthworms to determine where they preferred to live. The boys and girls in Mrs. Morehead's class and Ms. Kimbrell's class had a spelling bee. Words were given from their spelling book, and the girls won. The boys have challenged the girls for another spelling bee in the near future.

**Ms. Kimbrell's** class has been busy, busy!! In arithmetic, we are working on place value, telling time, and learning about money!! We are learning about nutrition in health class and trying to make better choices in what we eat. We have memorized Genesis 1:1-5, and are working on more scripture and poem memorization. We are studying about Moses in Bible class and how he trusted God for everything. We are trying to take everything in prayer to God and are learning to trust Him also. We had a great time on our field trip to the pumpkin patch. We enjoyed watching the parents go down the huge slides. HA! We want to thank all the parents that went with us. One of the favorite things we like was the cornfield where we ran around in circles in the maze. Ms. Kimbrell was the last one to find her way out!

**Mrs. Thornton's** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class completed a unit on the study of plants with an enrichment activity of planting tulip bulbs in the flowerbed east of the building and, with the help of Mrs. Bellamy, spelling out CCA with red and blue tulips in the flowerbed at the flagpole. (We are already anxious for spring to see the fruits of our labor!) We also potted cuttings from a Swedish ivy plant to give to our grandmothers who come to the tea. We've learned our multiplication facts to 4s. And we traveled to Lexington, MO, to tour the Anderson House Historic Site.

**Mrs. Dicket's** You probably wouldn't think that the students are thankful for cooler weather. But they are appreciating the cooler days while they are out at recess. One of the warmer days had them complaining about how 'hot' it was (it was about 78!). The Science unit on plants has been very interesting. We have collected plants and flowers. Some of the students were fascinated to watch snapdragons talking! We have learned the parts of a flower, tree and a seed. In Bible we have been learning about Abraham and Isaac. We are working on learning the books of the Old Testament. For History class we have been learning the geography of the 13 colonies and the brave settlers who left England looking for religious freedom. We read the book Dreamer and then watched the movie and had root beer floats. It is nice to read about children who believe in miracles and stand up for their friends.

**Mrs. Robaus's** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade class was very busy on Grandparent's Day. We played Jeopardy with our grandparents. In Science class we are very busy studying rocks and how they are formed. Last week we had great fun when we made Rice Crispy treats. The Rice Crispies were the rocks. Each student received a spoonful of the treat in a baggy and applied pressure to it. This will help us remember that it takes heat and pressure to change rocks. Our treats tasted like Rice Crispy pancakes!!

**Ms. Straw's** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has been busy. The eighth grade is working diligently in the new Algebra books. They are working with positive and negative numbers. They also have worked with matrices, which is something new for them. The seventh graders are working with ratios, proportions and percents. Both grades are studying the story of Joshua in their Bible class. Both grades have also been memorizing poems, and several Bible verses. We made a trip to Powell Gardens this month, and observed God's glorious creation. (Submitted by Micah Melling)

## Music News from Mrs. Brown

The people who played bell and in the Band at the flagpole did great! Thanks so much for your dedication. We are starting to work on our Christmas programs. The 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade program will be on December 12 at NE Baptist. The K4 – 1<sup>st</sup> program will be December 19 at First Baptist. The older group should be listening to their CD's. Pray with us that we will shine brightly for Jesus and hearts will be touched for the Kingdom. The children will be learning the importance of watching the director, blend, proper breathing, choreography and acting among other things. The smaller kinds will receive parts soon! We welcome Brooklyn Sisk and Nicole Lee to band. It's a great group of kids!

## Please Save Labels!!

The deadline for the first label contest is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Keep saving those labels and be sure to get them to the classroom by December 1<sup>st</sup>. These labels mean extra equipment or funds for CCA. Remember the class with the most labels will get an ice cream treat!

## New T's Here

The new school logo t-shirt and sweatshirts are here and have been distributed. They look great! If you missed the first deadline for orders or if you would like to order additional shirts, please see Mrs. Miracle for an order form. The new deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Schoolpop as an easy Fundraiser

We have another easy fundraiser. Schoolpop VISA. It is very simple. You can go to [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com), call 1-800-297-1286 code 28B8, or pick up a form from Mrs. Miracle to apply for a Schoolpop VISA. When you use this VISA the school will earn 1% from your purchases. But you say, "I don't want another credit card". That's okay; there is another way for you to help the school earn extra dollars. When you shop on line all you need to do is go to [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com) register to select the organization you would like to support, then find the link to the retailer with whom you would like to do business (i.e. Land's End, Staples, Wal-mart) purchase your item as you would normally and the retailer will pay the school a percentage of your order. You do not need a Schoolpop VISA to earn these dollars for the school. But, if you do happen to use your Schoolpop VISA to shop from the Schoolpop website, the school will earn the 1% plus the percentage the retailer is paying. And if we have 20 new people sign-up and use their card by December 31<sup>st</sup> the school will receive a \$500 bonus. So, if you are using a credit card that does not pay rewards, please consider switching to a Schoolpop VISA. We have in the past earned over \$1,000 with this fundraiser.

## Dates to Remember

- **NOVEMBER 1ST**  
PAYMENT DUE  
DEADLINE FOR ORDERING SHIRTS
- **NOVEMBER 6**  
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- **NOVEMBER 10**  
VETERAN'S DAY 8:30 A.M.
- **NOVEMBER 14**  
PARENT ORGANIZATION MEETING 6:30
- **NOVEMBER 22**  
11 A.M. FEAST/DISMISSAL @ NOON
- **NOVEMBER 23 & 24**  
NO SCHOOL
- **DECEMBER 1**  
PAYMENT DUE
- **DECEMBER 12**  
2<sup>ND</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 7PM NE BAPTIST
- **DECEMBER 19**  
K4-1<sup>ST</sup> CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 7PM FIRST BAPTIST
- **FEBRUARY 24**  
DINNER/AUCTION FUNDRAISER

## Mission Trip Books

If you have books that you would like to donate for distribution in Jamaica, please bring them to CCA.

## Thank you, Grandparents!

We would like to thank all the grandparents who were able to join us at our Grandparents' Tea. This is a very special event for the students.

## Paul Messner Puppets

presents

### **The True Story of Rapunzel**

Date: Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$2.00

Suitable for ages 3 years through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Sponsored by Children's Corner Theater and Clinton Arts Council. Delozier Building