

CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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God is Good!

CCA began on Tuesday, September 5th with a record number of students. 121 precious students and 16 dedicated staff members opened school. WELCOME to our new staff members: Kindergarten, Mrs. Jennifer Maupin; Grade 1, Mrs. Amber Lowe; Grade 2, Miss Karen Kimbrell; Grade 5/6, Miss Sandra Robaus; P.E., Mrs. Marnie Bellamy. Mrs. Patty Moore will be catering our lunches this year. We are very happy to have you at CCA this year!

Key Card Changes

Beginning with the 2006-07 school year, only current staff members and board of directors will have access to the keycards. If you have a card that was not issued in September of 2006 it will no longer open the doors.

Thank you Tonya and Dawn!

Tonya McBride and Dawn Houk have spent hours and hours updating and compiling the new handbooks for CCA this summer. This is a very time consuming task and these ladies have done a SUPER JOB! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

T-shirt Change



Results from the survey sent out indicated a change was desired. The new shirts will be red or blue with gold printing of the CCA logo on the front. Order forms for the shirts are available at the school. This is not a requirement. If you have the red

patriot shirts you may still wear them on spirit day and field trips.

Tuition

If you are paying monthly, please remember the 3rd payment was due September 1st. 4th payment is due October 1st. CCA is funded primarily by tuition, therefore punctual payments are appreciated.

Early Dismissal

On Friday, September 29th we will dismiss at noon. There will be no lunch served and no After School Study Program.

Parent Representatives

Parent representatives are an important link in the chain of communication between the school and families. The following parents have volunteered to be parent reps for this year: Mrs. Harrelson, Amanda Klassen; Mrs. Maupin, Lagenia Greufe; Mrs. Lowe, Mona Reid; Mrs. Morehead, Ranae Walrath; Mrs. Dicket, Jennifer Kiely and Linda Dressander; Ms. Straw, Allison Wetzel; Mrs. Trolinger, Carie Sisney; Mrs. Bath, Melissa Powell; Ms. Kimbrell, Andrea Briggs; Mrs. Thornton, Lora Anstine; Mrs. Robaus, Anita Cook. Thank you all for volunteering!

Spirit Days

The second Friday of each month is Spirit Day. With the donation of \$1, students may wear jeans and the CCA t-shirt. They may wear clean, appropriate jeans only, no jean shorts or capri pants. The money will go to various mission projects.

2006-07 Board Members

We would like to thank Elroy Schumacher, Galen Dody, JoAnn Bourland, Gene Reid, Jeff Adams, Mary Langford, Dawn Houk and Tim Meyers for serving as CCA board members for the current school year. Please keep these folks in your prayers as they make decisions for our school.

Parent Organization

The parent organization is vital to our school! For new CCA parents this is a wonderful way to become better acquainted with other parents and learn about the schools operations. The parent organization meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Please plan to attend the next meeting! We are a fun group to be associated with!

YOU ARE INVITED TO MOMS IN TOUCH.

Please join us each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. at the First Baptist Church as meet to pray for our teachers, students and school. Contact Michelle at 890-4764 for more info.

IN THE CLASSROOM...

Mrs. Trolinger: The K-4 students in Mrs. Trolinger's room have gotten off to a great year. The first day of school was exciting as they had a "tea" party and dressed up in old-fashioned clothing. They started their study of phonics and numbers. After studying creation, they made "nature buckets" which they used last weekend when they went on a nature walk with a favorite adult. They found 5 God-made objects to put in their buckets. These were shared at Show & Tell time. They went on their first field trip to the Pizza Hut where they were allowed to make their own pizzas.

Mrs. Harrelson: We have been very busy learning many things! We've been practicing standing and walking in line. We are learning polite table manners and learning to say please and thank you. We also are learning how important it is to be a helper, and that we like to be helpers. During storytime early in the year, we listen to many Dr. Seuss books. The children enjoy silly books, and like to repeat silly and predictable phrases with the story. We have story before rest time. At rest time, we are listening to good classical music, composed by Beethoven, Bach, Holst, Mozart, Handel and Debussy. I have been asked by a child to play the same music that we had the day before, because he like it so much! These first two weeks of school we have been discovering the names of all the colors and playing games to practice telling their names. The class has been working on the numbers 1 2 3 and putting the right number of objects on the flannelboard.

Mrs. Maupin: We are well on our way to learning by practicing short vowel sounds in games and listening for them in stories and poems. K5 is also learning to write these vowels in cursive. Cursive writing is very exciting and new for us. Our class is beginning a unit that helps us discover who are some of the people that make up our community. We hope to make new friends from our great town of Clinton, MO.

Mrs. Bath: The student's in Mrs. Bath's first grade class are already busy learning. The first few weeks are spent in review to refresh the students memories after the summer vacation break. In addition, they are already hard at work on memorizing a bible passage for grandparent's day.

Mrs. Lowe: It's been a great start to a great year. I have really enjoyed getting to know these wonderful children! The key word these first weeks has been review, review, and more review. We've started reading daily and working hard to memorize our scripture passage, John 3:14-19. One poem has been memorized and a second one started. We've also been busy doing journal writing.

Mrs. Morehead: Students have been learning about the routine and classroom procedures of second grade during the past two weeks. They have also been reviewing phonics and arithmetic facts. Most students have already learned their Bible verses over Genesis 1:1-5 and have been practicing several songs for the Grandparents Tea. Second graders have studied about the seven continents and four oceans in History. Each student made a globe showing the continents on the western and eastern hemispheres. In Science, students have learned the importance of good health and made a classroom poster of the five basic food groups.

Ms. Kimbrell: We have been reviewing our phonic rules and using them to identify short and long vowel sounds. We are also working on our addition math facts. We have already memorized our first poem for September. In Bible class, we are learning how to share with others about our salvation. We worry about family members or friends that are not saved. We are also learning some new songs. We find that the school days are too short. We have been working, learning, and having so much fun that the day is over before we know it.

Mrs. Thornton: In 3rd grade we're studying the senses in science. Along with the reading, we've made a moveable eye and an accordion ear. We all are anxious to get beyond the beginning review and learn new things in arithmetic! This is our first year to use planners, and we're

learning to be responsible for writing our assignments and also remembering the appropriate books to take home to complete the assignments! In Bible class we're memorizing Hebrews 11 (a few verses at a time). One father is committing to memorize the verses along with his child. That's a good challenge for all parents!

Mrs. Dicket: As the first days of school have passed the 4th grade students have welcomed 3 new students: Samantha Beruan, Alexandra Robaus, and Alec Van Buskirk. They have also been getting used to the new classroom. As the year starts we are learning about insects. So on any given day you may see a gecko, lizard, snake, hamster, and any number of butterflies, moths, crickets, and a lot of other bugs. We are learning to observe the world around us and collecting specimens to share at school. In History we are learning to recite The American's Creed, and learn about the early explorers of the New World. In Bible, we are reviewing the story of salvation and working on our first memory verse in Isaiah 53:1-6.

Mrs. Robaus: I am excited about this upcoming school year. Thank you for all the support and help that has been provided in getting us off to a wonderful beginning of school. The first week of school we have been reviewing past concepts taught, and we are now beginning new material. We will be having our first math test the week of the 18th in both grades. In science we have been studying the earth and the theory of plate tectonics. Ask your student to see if he/she remembers what that is. Since we have been talking about what the word theory means we also discussed what a scientific hypothesis is. We performed an experiment with fettuccini and some pennies testing the individual student's hypothesis to see how many pennies in a cup it would take to break the fettuccini. We were all surprised by our results. In history we are beginning the study of the old world. The week of the 18th we will begin our study of the fertile crescent. We will be doing creative writing in language arts in the week to come and work on applying what we know about sentences. Parents please do not forget spelling tests are every Friday.

Ms. Straw: In the 7th & 8th grades, we have begun our adventure. As most grades, we are reviewing skills that were learned last year. We are plugging away, anxious to get to new stuff. The students are excited about the new CCA t-shirts. We are planning a "read-in" and the students are very excited! It will be a day of free reading and food!

Mrs. Brown: We have started out a great year with practicing our breathing techniques. We have tested all voices and some had changed quite a bit. The younger kids K4-4th enjoyed our yearly note family story. Band is starting and we have five students back. Brooklyn Sisk has joined in Keyboard Percussion. We hear and hope we have two new beginners who will play flute. We wish we had more!

Cash from Trash- SAVE the Label



Don't throw out those labels! The classrooms will again this year be collecting labels as a fundraiser. We are collecting Campbell's brand labels. These include Swanson, Prego, Pepperidge Farms, Franco-American, V8, Spaghetti-O's and Pace. Please clip the barcode (UPC) from the label. These are either worth one or five points. Campbell's points can be collected and redeemed for new equipment for the school. We are also collecting BOX TOP for EDUCATION coupons. These are found on products such as Ziploc bags, Old El Paso, Bisquick, Betty Crocker, Hamburger Helper, General Mills, Hefty, Pillsbury and Kleenex products. With these, just cut out the little coupon that says Box Top for Education. Each one is worth 10. And finally, we collect Best Choice barcodes. Please just cut off the barcode from any Best Choice product. We appreciate your help in clipping and saving these items. It is a fairly easy way for the school to earn extra dollars. If you have been collecting labels over the summer, please send them to the school. There is a classroom challenge going on NOW with the class with the most labels getting an ice cream treat.

Earn \$\$ through Schoolpop

We have another easy fundraiser. Schoolpop VISA. It is very simple. You can go to 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 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 31st 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. So far, CCA has earned around \$10,000 with this simple fund-raiser!!

Volunteer Hours

Please remember that this year 10 of the 20 hours must be spent at a fundraiser function or meeting. The best way to find out about these functions or meetings is to attend the Parent Organization meetings. It is also your responsibility to keep track of your hours and to turn in the tracking sheets to Mrs. Miracle.

What you missed

At the last Parent Organization meeting, the following topics were discussed.

- ◆ Landscaping project for the front of the building
- ◆ CCA t-shirt design change
- ◆ Upcoming field trips
- ◆ Schoolpop and Label Challenge as fundraisers
- ◆ Auction news
- ◆ Voted to purchase equipment for Mrs. Robaus
- ◆ Financial report from Gene Reid

Please plan to attend the next Parent Organization meeting on October 10th at 6:30. We need you! This is a great way to be involved in your school.

Dates to Remember

- **SEPTEMBER 29TH**
NOON DISMISSAL - NO LUNCH OR ASSP
- **OCTOBER 1ST**
NEXT TUITION PAYMENT DUE
- **OCTOBER 10TH**
PARENT ORGANIZATION MEETING 6:30
- **OCTOBER 11TH**
FIELD TRIP TO JOHNSON'S PUMPKIN PATCH
TROLINGER, MAUPIN, LOWE, BATH, MOREHEAD
AND KIMBRELL
- **OCTOBER 13TH**
SPIRIT DAY
- **OCTOBER 17TH**
LITERACY COUNCIL READERS

Mrs. Crump's thoughts

Look for splashes of joy! Laughter is good medicine it's a great shock absorber for life's unexpected bumps. It helps take the monotony out of everyday life. Don't miss out on the continual feast of a cheerful heart!

Classroom Wish Tree



Please stop and take a look at the Classroom Wish Tree when you come into the school. Teachers have added leaves to the tree with items they are wishing to have in their classrooms. If you would like to donate an item to the class, just pick the leaf off of the tree!