



CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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March Board Report (edited for space)

The CCA board of directors met on March 4, 2008. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Included were the tentative results from the auction/fundraiser. A big thank-you goes out to all who worked so hard to make this event another successful one. Quite frankly, this fundraiser makes up a large part of CCA's budget and helps keep our tuition in the current range. The board is also considering other funding options to fill the gap between what tuition brings in and the actual budget requirements. After careful study, the board elected *not* to raise tuition for the upcoming year.

Based on demand, the board voted to add another 5-day K4 classroom. Also considered were contract issues, NS student and teacher intent to returns.

Handbook revisions were discussed and approved. One of the changes included is the approval of Lands' End along with the MacBeth plaid from Dennis as the official uniform. The uniform committee and the board have continued to try to find a quality, professional product that is also affordable. There will be information after the next meeting on details after the uniform committee reports back to the board.

The Academy has been very blessed to have Carla Crump serve as our administrator for the last three years. She has devoted much time and energy to this position and her caring and concern are appreciated. It is with regret that she will no longer be serving in that position due to retirement. Be sure to thank Mrs. Crump for all she has done and we trust she will continue to help CCA provide a Christian education to the Clinton area.

We would like each family and each person to be a recruiter. This education should be shared by more children in the area. The dividends will pay, not just in the near term, but for an entire lifetime. Statistics prove that a disciplined, Christian based education rewards the student with tools they will use throughout their lives. To continue to be successful, we need each of you to talk up the benefits of our school and to share with others the chance for that same training. We would like to thank each of you for all you do and ask for your continued prayers and assistance.

From Mrs. Crump

As with all things, a time comes for change. I have decided to retire at the end of this school year. It has been a blessing to work with so many of you serving each day at CCA. It is my prayer that each child entering the doors of CCA will grow in God's goodness.

Thank you for your Support

Once again CCA was blessed by overwhelming support of our annual dinner/auction fundraiser. The weather was terrible, almost everyone seemed to be sick with something, there was another fundraiser in town and the Clinton Cardinals were playing out of town in a District Basketball tournament, and yet we had the same number of bidders at the auction as we had last year! What a great blessing! We would like to thank all of those involved in this event. We were able to raise over \$80,000 at this year's event! Thanks again for your support. And don't forget you can still make a donation to the matching funds campaign until March 31st.

Parent Organization Meeting

At the last meeting, we talked about the tuition for next year, the new uniform policy and details on the auction. We expect to see everyone at the April 14th meeting (at 6:30) as we make plans for the end of the 2007-08 school year and look forward to the 2008-09 school calendar.

2008-09 Handbooks Available



The new handbooks are available on line at www.clintonacademy.org. As mentioned in the board report, there are some changes for the next school year. Please take the time to read through it.

Dates Remember

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| April 7-11 | Stanford 10 Testing
Being well rested and breakfast help! |
| April 14 | Parent Organization Meeting 6:30 |
| April 15 | 4 th grade to Jefferson City |
| April 18 | 7 th /8 th to Blue Ridge Christian |
| April 18 | Noon dismissal – No ASSP |
| April 22 | ACSI Music Contest 3 rd – 8 th |
| April 24 | Science Fair – Annex 6:30 (Start now!) |
| April 25 | Kindergarten chapel |
| April 28 | Art Show – Annex 6:30 |
| April 28-May 2 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| April 29 | Music Competition Concert
First Baptist Church 7 p.m. |
| May 1 | Spring Label Challenge ends |
- More information available at www.clintonacademy.org

In the classroom...

Mrs. Trolinger: The K-4 students in Mrs. Trolinger's room have had a busy month. In addition to their regular academic activities, they spent one day doing Dr. Seuss activities...beginning with a breakfast of green eggs and ham!



They went to the Veteran's Home in Warrensburg where they presented a musical program. The Recreational Department had planned an egg hunt for them...followed by refreshments. Celebrating St. Patrick's Day was lots of fun....art, reading, math....all related to green. They are busy memorizing songs and poems for an Easter program. And we are super busy sounding out words and using them in sentences!!!

Mrs. Seidel: Please take a few minutes to stay in touch with what your child is learning and to help them where they are a little unsure of themselves. Our children will always remember those special moments shared in love. I was asked about homework just today. Yes, the students have as much as they want to do but it isn't in the form of bland sheets sent home. Instead, each child is a growing volume, like a workbook in progress. I have sent home lists of material covered and work of the children home. Anytime you want to work on expanding the individual child's "workbook", just go back to some of the things sent home and practice those skills. We have two fieldtrips planned for next month!

Mrs. Berry: K-5 has had two especially wonderful educational trips to Paradise Park in Lee's Summit with our CCA friends in 1st, 4th and 5th grades. We had the opportunity to use our math skills and have fun at the same time. Mrs. Trolinger's K4 went with us to State Veteran Home in Warrensburg where we were going to sing and entertain them. Well, we got the royal treatment, as they provided us with an Easter Egg Hunt, bunny and chick bags filled with goodies and refreshments. We are accomplished at counting and writing by 1's to 100, by 5's to 100, by 10's to 100. Some of us are even attempting to count and write by 2's. We have learned how to mark our vowels in new words so that we can sound out each word, using short and long vowel rules. Most of us can write a very nice cursive signature.

Mrs. Lowe/Lam: We recently had an awesome trip to Paradise Park in Lee's Summit where we were able to practice different math concepts through hands-on activities. Some of us climbed a rock wall for the first time! We have also been busy learning an Easter musical that we will be sharing during chapel at the end of the month. First graders have been learning about some important people in our country's history--George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In Bible class we learned Matthew 18:1-6 as we studied about the later ministry of Jesus, and now we are learning the Ten Commandments.

Mrs. Morehead: Our class enjoyed presenting two humorous skits for Chapel: How to Get to Heaven and Pray Continually. Then students gave suggestions on how to pray, sang three songs and recited Psalm 24. In Arithmetic the class is working hard memorizing multiplication facts. There is much competition with the multiplication raceway bulletin board display in the hall. Students have also measured several

items in the classroom to find the perimeter. They have learned both customary and metric measurement. Students made physical features from modeling clay and painted them. Definitions of each feature were given. We have also learned about economic terms such as supply and demand, wants and needs, and bartering. Second graders have been improving their skills using the Writing Process and Power Writing. Each student wrote a book report and illustrated with a book float. Then the class exhibited their floats and gave oral reports to the upper grades.

Ms. Kimbrell: We working on memorizing our multiplication facts. Parents please reinforce at home each evening by reviewing and quizzing your child on the facts. We are pretty good at telling time and counting money. We still need to practice those addition and subtraction facts, though. In History, we have learned a great deal about America and how our country began. In Health, we are learning how to stay healthy, so we need to lay off of the sugar and soda pop! In Language, some are still learning how to write complete sentences. One skill we work with every day is writing complete sentences to questions from our nightly Reading stories. Parents you can help with this. We learned in Bible class about Jesus and His servant's heart and how and why He washed His disciple's feet from Miss Betty. Thank you Miss Betty.

Mrs. Thornton: Third grade wrote a new kind of poem this month. It is a diamante. They have been very creative with these diamond-shaped poems. They have learned about several famous Americans in history class including Noah Webster and Daniel Boone. They enjoyed seeing the animals exhibited by the FFA group at the Vo-Tech. They especially liked touching the soft rabbit. In penmanship, they are not only practicing good handwriting skills, but are learning about a different state on each day. They write several of the state's symbols as their practice.

Mrs. Olson: We've started our unit on Missouri History and will be learning many interesting facts about our state. Feel free to share any stories you may have about Missouri with us. We will be touring the Capitol on April 15th. We are grouping crystals in Science and studying our earth's surface and rock formation. Fractions have been a major part of our study in math. We will be creating a store in the classroom, and inviting K4, K5 and 1st grade over to make purchases. Fourth graders will be in charge of making the sale, making and counting back change, figuring tax on the sale, and keeping a tally of total sales.

Mr. Berry: We had a great time at Paradise Park doing math and lots of fun activities. It's hard to believe that the year is almost over and that achievements tests are coming up. Our next big project is kites. Students are asked to construct a kite plus a paper explaining how it was made and why it will fly. We will publish a day to fly our kites so if anyone would like to bring their kites and join us for a fun activity. Congratulations to Lauren Dressander for winning second place over in the "Water is Life" poster contest.

Mrs. Dicket: The Middle school students attended the UCM Children's Literature Festival in Warrensburg on March 10th. While there they were privileged to hear 5 authors speak about how they go about writing a story. Their favorite author was Dean Hughes, followed by June Rae Wood,

Jeanette Ingold, and finished up with C.S. Adler and Veda Boyd Jones. In Science we are studying invertebrates and looking forward to dissecting a very large earthworm! Bible study time has been spent on the travels and trials of Paul. Arithmetic tasks for the 8th graders have all been about calculating interest, writing checks, and learning about investments such as bonds. The 6th/7th grade students are wrapping up a unit on geometric shapes and how to measure their area and perimeter.

New Uniforms

If you didn't notice it in the Board Report, new uniforms were approved for next year. Selected styles from Lands' End and MacBeth plaid from Dennis will be the only approved uniforms for the 2008-09 school year. We will receive more information on styles and a catalog later. However, please note the Schoolpop.com information. When we shop at Lands' End they will give the school 3% of the uniform sales. When we shop at Lands' End through **Schoolpop.com**, they will give the school an *additional* 5%. If you use a Schoolpop Visa (apply for the card on line) the school will receive an *additional* 1%. The Schoolpop Visa will also pay 1% for anything charged to it.

Spring Label Challenge

We will be ending the spring label challenge on Thursday, May 1st. Please have your Campbell's barcodes, Box Top Coupons, and Best Choice barcodes turned in by the start of school that morning. If we mail in 500 Campbell's labels by June 1st the school will receive a bonus of 500 labels. We need volunteers to stay at school that morning and help clip, count and bag labels. If you need fundraising hours this is your last chance! We will meet in the multipurpose building at the beginning of school. The winning class will receive an ice cream party for their efforts. Remember to ask friends, family and neighbors to collect labels for CCA. This is an easy way for the school to raise money. It just takes a little effort to cut the barcode or coupon.

Schoolpop.com Shopping

Another great and easy way to raise funds by just doing what we are already doing is shopping on line through Schoolpop.com. If you or anyone you know shops on line, a lot or a little, PLEASE go to **Schoolpop.com** first. Register, choose school code 117508 (CCA) and choose where you would like to shop. Each retail site through Schoolpop will give a percentage (from 2%-9%) of the purchase to the school. There are many sites to shop through Schoolpop.com, including Wal-mart, Lands' End, Amazon, Target, and Macy's. The school will receive a lump sum check each quarter, but not information about the purchases.



Music News

We are hard at work preparing for music competition. Everyone will be in choir 3-6 and at least one additional group on April 24th. Each group works with Mrs. Brown 15 minutes a week. They must practice their tapes on their own. We also have six vocal

solos and six piano solos, a percussion quartet and two instrumental solos.

Our 7/8 will be going to a Junior High meet also in the Kansas City area on April 18. The three students will participate in a percussion trio, bell trio, percussion solo, piano solo, and trumpet solo. Music and band classes are practicing for choir and band groups. Please send in fees if you have not done so. K4 through 2nd are starting a program to perform at Chapel in May.

Inaugural Sports Banquet

On March 13th, the multipurpose room at CCA was home the Patriots first sports banquet. Elroy Schumacher opened with prayer. A pot luck meal was enjoyed by a full house crown of athletes and families. Tara Richardson put together a wonderful DVD of soccer and basketball games to music that was enjoyed during dinner. The Grandview Christian Golden Eagle cheerleaders entertained the crowd CCA cheers.

Mrs. Brown presented appreciation plaques to soccer coach Tim Komer, girls basketball coach Roger Bancroft, head boys basketball and assistant soccer coach Jeff Adams, and assistant boys basketball coach Elroy Schumacher. Appreciation flowers were presented to Mr. & Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Dicket, Lisa Lee and Tara Richardson for all their help with the sports program. Mr. Thornton was thanked for the two lovely plaques he got for the school with the soccer and basketball teams first year records. Mrs & Mrs. Berry received the #1 Fans Patriot Award. Each athlete was presented participation award certificates. The athletes each acknowledged their parents with a flower.

Coach Komer and Coach Adams presented the soccer awards. The MVP medal went to Alan Shriner, boy's Patriot medal to Zachary Adams and Most Improved medal to Danny Naber. The girl's MVP medal went to Lauren Dressander, the Patriot medal to Riley cook and the Most Improved to Allie Lowe.

Coach Bancroft and his daughter, Michelle Houk, who assisted him at practices and some games, presented the girls basketball awards. The MVP went to Riley Cook, the Patriot award to Brooklyn Sisk and Most Improved was a tie between Nicole Lee and Lauren Dressander.

Coach Adams and Coach Schumacher presented the boy's basketball awards. The MVP went to Alan Shriner and the Patriot award to Zachary Adams, and Most Improved went to Dillon Richardson.

Mrs. Brown thanked all the CCA athletes for representing God and CCA well. 8th graders Alan Shriner and Micah Tennis were presented Patriot statues with their jersey numbers and well wishes as they leave CCA. The Academic Athlete Award will be presented at the Awards Assembly in May. All coaches are returning next year. They are all ready looking forward to working with their teams and another great sports year.

Sports DVD Available

Mrs. Brown has 10 sports DVD's prepared by Tara Richardson for sale at \$7 each. They have pep rallies, soccer and basketball games put to music. Mrs. Shriner has lots of basketball pictures and video on DVD for \$5.00. Contact Mrs. Brown about either DVD.