



CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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A Message from Mrs. Crump:

What a wonderful year we are having at CCA! So many blessings are being showered upon us. And what about that soccer team! The Spirit of kindness and God's love is being displayed both on and off the field. We are thankful for the director and coaches that influence our students in such a positive way.

Annual Thanksgiving Feast

It's hard to believe that it is that time again! We will have our feast on Monday, November 19th. K4 through 1st grade will eat from 11:00- 11:30, 2nd and 3rd will eat from 11:30 – 12:00 and 4th through 8th will eat from 12:00 – 12:30. Parents/students are asked to bring their favorite food to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. Please come at your designated time due to space limitations.

Dates to Remember:

November 6	Board Meeting
November 7	Literacy Council Reader at CCA
November 8	Shrine Circus K5, 1, & 5
November 9	Spirit Day
November 10	Tuition Due
November 12	Auction/P.O. Meeting 6:30 p.m.
November 19	Thanksgiving Feast
November 21	Thanksgiving Break Begins
November 26	Classes Resume
December 11	Christmas Program 2 nd -8 th
December 18	Christmas Program K4-1st

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September Board Report

The CCA board of directors met at the monthly meeting on October 2, 2007.

The secretary and treasurer reports were presented and approved. Also presented was a 5 year projection of expenses and income which will continue to be studied and will help the board make sound financial decisions for future budgets.

Various reports were given on events and activities at the school including Grandparents Day, Food Power Program, Book Fair, Fire Prevention Program, Red Ribbon Week, along with other items of interest. The computer lab has been a blessing and should help both students and staff to meet education needs in this area. CCA wishes to thank all who contributed in any way to make this possible.

The Sports program is generating a lot of excitement and plans are progressing to get basketball going after the soccer season. Logistics on practice, uniforms, travel, and expenses were discussed.

With regard to budget items, the board would like the CCA family to know several important facts. The annual budget needs including salaries, operating expenses and debt reduction is around \$362,000.00. This averages to between \$32,000 to \$35,000 worth of expenses a month. Tuition covers about \$277,000 of this amount. It becomes quickly apparent that the fundraisers (primarily the auction) are what keep both the tuition at the current level and CCA financially viable. The board prays that it can make decisions that will benefit all the wonderful children attending CCA, the great staff, and the families that are working hard together for this school. It is truly a mission field and we know that none of this would be possible without the Lord's hand of guidance and blessing.

Moms in Touch

You are invited to join Moms in Touch on Tuesdays at 8:05 a.m. at the school to pray for our school, teachers and students.

In the Classroom...

The K-4's in Mrs. Trolinger's room have been very busy this month. In addition to their normal academic activities, they have been working on sequencing and matching activities. Their



favorite writing activity was covering their tables with shaving cream and writing their letters. Their big field trip for the month was going to Pizza Hut where each child was allowed to go into the kitchen and create their own pizza, put it in the oven, and watch it cook. Yummy! Parental involvement was great...12 students and 13 adults enjoyed lunch together!

Mrs. Seidel: Many of the students have learned 6 memory verses, and as many new songs. We've learned colors and shapes. We've counted on our calendar daily, worked with numbers 1-6, and written numbers 1-3. We've covered short vowels and had a sandwich of consonants (B.L.T.). Then we have begun using these consonants in blends with the short vowels. We may learn at different speeds and in different ways, but we are each soaking up what we are exposed to each day of our lives. Are we careful what we are exposing both our children and ourselves to each day? Just food for thought.

Mrs. Berry: We are really enjoying cursive writing. About half of us have mastered "The Lord's Prayer". We have been studying Noah's Ark, please check the hall for our art work. We really enjoyed our trip to the cornfield maze. We are still working on details of going to K.C. to see the Shrine Circus.

Mrs. Lowe/Mrs. Lam: We have settled into our schedule and things are running smoothly in first grade. What great readers we are becoming. The students have read over 300 books so far this year. It's wonderful to see the excitement that comes from reading a great book. Our handwriting is taking shape too. We are working our way through the alphabet by introducing a lowercase or uppercase letter a day. We have concluded our study on America, highlighting many of the important people that shaped America into what it is today. John 3:14-19 was our first scripture passage learned this year and everyone can recite it. In Bible class, we have studied most recently about Noah and the great flood, and Abraham and Lot. Highlights for this month include a visit from the Clinton Fire Department and a fieldtrip to the Corn Maize in Lowry City.

Mrs. Morehead: Our second grade class has been learning to count money in Arithmetic. Students set up a pretend store with many pictures of games, toys, etc. Each student selected an item to purchase and counted out the correct coins and currency for the cashier. In History, second graders have been studying maps. They have learned about map symbols, directions, map scales, and grids. Students also read about Christopher Columbus and discussed items he was wanting to find in India. We are memorizing John 14: 1-6 in Bible class, and we are studying about Moses, the ten plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, and the journey to Mount Sinai. Students have also enjoyed learning several new hymns. Plants have been the topic in Science. Each student planted bean seeds and observed the germination process. After measuring their plants daily, students made a vertical

bar graph of the growth of the plants. We have great readers and writers! Students are writing sentences and short stories using Power Writing strategies. Everyone had a great time on our field trip at the Corn Maze.

Ms. Kimbrell: Our class is very proud of Bailey VanBuskirk. He was one of the finalists in the Drug Campaign Poster Contest. He was given his poster back in beautiful frame. Our class even got to celebrate with a cake! We are still working on memorizing our addition and subtraction facts. We need to know them before we can learn how to do the more difficult math in second grade. Mrs. Thornton's class and our class decorated lunch sacks with pictures and messages to give to the Belarus National Choir which was in Clinton on October 17. This was a mission project and these people from Belarus, formally Russia, were pleased to think that an American school child was thinking about them. We had a great time at the Corn Maze in Lowry City.

Mrs. Thornton: The 3rd graders are taking their first steps in learning long division! They have already tested over multiplication with two-digits on top and one on the bottom! Although their trip to Powell Gardens was on a rainy day, they learned many new things in their study of plants. They all enjoyed Mrs. Maupin being their tour guide of the gardens between showers! They received their first answered letter from their adopted soldier who is in boot camp at Ft. Leonard Wood. They were sad to learn that she dislocated her knee and won't graduate with the rest of her group. They are sending letters of encouragement back to her.

Mrs. Olson: 4th grade has just finished our unit on insects, and we are now learning about the human body. We will be working out of our Health books for the next two weeks. 4th graders are enjoying making life size bodies, and learning about the different internal organs. The pop-up book report projects have been wonderful. I will be sending home information soon concerning the next project. The Books of the Bible memorization is due Nov. 2nd and the Declaration of Independence will be due on Nov. 16th.

Mr. Berry: Whew!!!! We made it through mid-terms. We are very busy - diagramming sentences, dinosaurs and fractions, lots of fun stuff. We enjoyed to our visit to the Lowe Farm. What about that Soccer Team, a great bunch of kids and most of them 'mine'.

Mrs. Dicket: The middle school students are off on several areas of exploration this month. In Science we have been learning about the basic unit of life, the cell. In conjunction with that we have been doing an iAdventure called Germ Cop. Each student learns about the basic virus and bacteria characteristics. Then, as a concluding activity they are videotaping themselves in a segment along the lines of "America's Most Wanted". But instead of a bad guy, it is a particular bacteria or virus that they have researched. What a great creepy-crawly thing to do for October! In Bible we are discussing the Exodus of God's people from Egypt. Our memory verses are weekly now, but they are short. In Math the students are polishing their work with decimals and fractions. We made popcorn balls by following a recipe. In English the students have learned the parts of speech.

Book Fair Thanks!

Thank you for your support of our book fair. We were able to raise over \$900 in cash and books for our school!

Music News

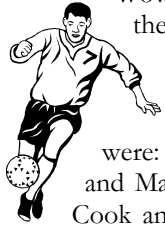


We had tryouts for our Christmas Musical “The Mystery of the Manger.” It will be Dec. 11 at Northeast Baptist so mark your calendars. The K4, K5 and 1st grade Christmas program will be Dec. 18th at First Baptist. Both are at 7:00 p.m. – Mrs. Brown

Band News

We have most of our instruments, etc. in place for our new Beginner Band. We have learned four notes and are working on hand positions with our percussionists. They are Zachary Adams, Dillon Richardson, Lane Reid, Riley Williams and Aleksey Ashworth. Micah Tennis is assisting. Our trumpets are Camille Wetzel and Alan Shriner, and Emma Kiely is playing flute. They are off to a good start. – Mrs. Brown

Sports: Soccer



Wow! What a season! CCA went undefeated in their first 6th games. The Coaches continually expressed praise of the great team play. Top scorers were Alan Shriner, Dillon Richardson and Lauren Dressander. Others who scored were: Zachary Adams, Danny Naber, Riley Williams and Marti Albin. Lauren, Zachary, Allie Lowe, Riley Cook and Nicole Lee showed great passing skills and play! Makayla Cooper, Marti Albin, Brooklyn Sisk Camille Wetzel, Danny Naber and Lane Reid played aggressively and made things happen. Dalton Ehrman, Emma Kiely, Megan Evans, Zachary Adams and Lane Reid displayed some super defense at crucial times. Our goalies, Alan, Dillon and Lane shone brightly! Wow! What a team! With the wonderful coaching of Tim Komer and Jeff Adams, this first season of soccer was a true blessing of God. Please remember to thank these men for their hard work if you have a chance. We ended the year with 4 wins, 1 loss, and 3 ties. Wow! What a season! – Mrs. Brown

Basketball

It will be here before you know it! The students will have all of November off before starting practice in December. We will have a girl's and boy's team. We currently have 9 girls signed up and get those sign-up sheets in! All paperwork turned in for soccer is good for one year so you will not have to redo it.

After basketball season, we will have an Athletic Banquet for soccer and basketball. All student athletes will be honored as will the coaches. There will be special awards for MVP, most improved, and the Patriot award which is the player with the most “heart”.

Special thanks to Mrs. Dicket for her gift of ref shirts to the school. They can be used for basketball when needed, also. Special thanks to our drivers during these seasons! All the wonderful parents help make the new sports at CCA work well! God Bless – Mrs. Brown

Label Challenge: TRASH to CASH

The classroom with the most Box Tops, Campbell's and Best Choice labels by December 7th will be treated to pizza. Get your neighbors, friends and family to collect. Please remember that for Campbell's it is NO LONGER the front label, but either the barcode or the lid (such as V8 Juice lids). Turn in your labels!



Parent Organization Meeting

At our last Parent Organization Meeting, we began discussions of the Dinner/Auction fundraiser. Contact information was given out to those in attendance. We need parents to contact businesses to solicit great items for the auction. This is done in a controlled manner as to be sure that businesses are only approached one time. If you have a great contact or would like a list of businesses to contact please talk to Kim Adams or John French. We have new families in the school and it would be great if they could pick up some of the businesses whose past contacts are no longer at CCA. The next Parent Organization meeting is planned for November 12th at 6:30 p.m. This will be an Auction meeting and count toward fundraising hours. Each family is required to volunteer 10 fundraising hours *per child* enrolled. These hours include the time worked months in advance planning, soliciting and making auction items. This is a very important event for the school and we need everyone to be involved in some way. If you are not sure where your talents fit please come to the next Parent Organization meeting to learn about the different areas where you can help.

Our lunch room coordinator, Jeanette Cooper also made a plea for help serving lunch. Helpers are needed to pour milk, open containers and heat items for the smaller students, and to help clean the lunch room when the students are finished. We have tried to make some changes in the classes coming through the line and cleaning up to help get volunteers out in one hour for those helping on their lunch hour. If you are a parent, grandparent or a friend of CCA and would like to help, contact Jeanette Cooper or leave your name with Mrs. Miracle.

Congratulations to Angie Hubbard, who won the Yankee Candle donated by WW Hallmark for the door prize. Enter the drawing at the next Parent Organization meeting for a \$1 donation.

Abeka Reading Books Needed

Creative Kids Tutoring program at First Baptist church needs old Abeka reading books (all grade levels). If you can help please, contact Kevin Griffey at 885-2211.

Got Pictures?

We are looking for pictures of school events to post on our website. If you have pictures to share please contact Mrs. Miracle.