



CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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December Board Report

The Clinton Christian Academy Board of Directors met on December 4, 2007. After the opening prayer, members reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and the November treasurer's report and balance sheet. Both were approved.

It was good to see Administrator Carla Crump feeling better and the board is very thankful for all those who stepped up and helped so much in her absence. Things went smoothly during this time which is appreciated.

The board heard various reports on activities with the Parent's Organization, auction committee, the sports program and upcoming basketball scheduling, the logo contest and ASSP. A few plumbing problems have been reported which will be taken care of as soon as possible. A power point presentation is being put together which will be used opportunities arise to promote CCA. A tutoring program is being looked at whereby students needing a little extra help in certain areas could get some assistance. Hopefully this might be available in the near future.

The board would like to encourage everyone to rally behind the upcoming auction. This is an extremely valuable project and as noted in a previous report, helps so much to pay a good part of CCA's day-to-day operations. Please check with the auction committee to see where you can help.

May God bless each of you as you celebrate Jesus' birth, and have a joyous Christmas season.

From Mrs. Crump

Every year I am so touched by the spirit of love at CCA at Christmas. I wish you could see the faces of your children as they come to the office. They are absolutely precious! Thank you for thinking of me with your kindness and prayers. Merry Christmas and a very blessed new year!



DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 20

AUCTION/P.O. MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 24-JANUARY 1

CHRISTMAS BREAK

JANUARY 2

CLASSES RESUME!

JANUARY 3

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET AT 6:30 P.M.

JANUARY 10

TUITION PAYMENT DUE

JANUARY 11

SPIRIT DAY

JANUARY 14

AUCTION/P.O. MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.

JANUARY 16

END OF 2ND QUARTER/1^{SR} SEMESTER ENDS

FEBRUARY 23

DINNER/AUCTION

GO TO WWW.CLINTONACADEMY.ORG FOR MORE INFO

Parent Organization/Auction Info

December is short enough, and then add a couple of days of bad weather and the schedule really gets tight. We have a "make up" meeting on December 20th. Thank you for your patience and flexibility. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend because we need your input!

We have Auction sign-up sheets on the Parent Information wall of the school. There is a brief job description and places to sign for your name and phone number. Please, if you were not at the last PO meeting, take the time to sign up to help. The committee leaders need to know whom they can call on to help.

The deadline approaches for the auction items. Please be sure to make your contacts and get your sheets turned in on time. We need them so we know what to advertise!

In the classrooms...



Busy, busy, busy! Students in **Mrs. Trolinger's** K-4 room have been practicing for their Christmas program. They finished up the Thanksgiving season with a trip to the Samaritan Center and Thrift Shop to present the food and

toys they had collected. They presented a musical program at the Clinton Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Their most exciting academic activity has been starting their **FIRST READING BOOK**. They couldn't believe they were ready for this! They are now putting together a "Movie Night" package for the children living in the FAITH home.

Mrs. Seidel: What a wonderland of splendor! Wish I would have had an hour more before work this morning to go on a walk with my camera. God knows how to decorate for the holidays. I hope the snow day gave you an opportunity to do something special for others. We sure hated to miss school, but we'll roll with what we're handed and enjoy each step of the way. On the 14th we had our December field trip. We went to the Benson Center and the skate park, where the students enjoyed running up and down the ramps. Then on over to the aquatics center, where we swam and played for a couple of hours. We appreciate all the staff did to make our visit so very enjoyable. Next we look forward to our Christmas program and our little Christmas party. Between all of this activity, we are working hard to prepare for the end of the quarter on January 16th. May the Lord richly bless you with wisdom in the opportunities He presents.

Mrs. Berry: During Social Studies we made hats for our Pilgrims and Indians. We were blessed with a father bringing us a teepee to get into. Our room mother brought us a craft to make stockings. Most of us are able to write our numbers to 60 now. We have been working on lower case cursive letters. Most of us can make these with varying degrees of ease. We have been practicing for our music program. We are looking forward to starting reading groups in 2008. About half of us are already reading words and short sentences. The rest of us are beginning to try to put sounds together. Parents, please practice with your kids!

Mrs. Lowe/Lam: First graders have been hard at work in the classroom. In Arithmetic we have been studying units in inches, feet and yards, learning about thermometers and temperature and telling time to the half hour. Addition and subtraction facts are making "sum difference" in our problem solving skills. We successfully memorized Psalm 34:14-19 which means we can now recite Psalm 34:8-19. What a great accomplishment! Spelling and phonics skills are an important part of our daily classroom curriculum and this really showing in hour our reading is improving daily. We look forward to Christmas coming and have been busy making all the preparations for the Christmas program and caroling at Westwood. We pray that everyone will have a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year's.

Mrs. Morehead: It has been a busy month. Our class has been practicing for a Christmas play called Henry's Christmas List which they are presenting to the kindergarten classes. They have also been practicing Christmas carols for the field trip to Westwood Nursing Center. Each student is making a Christmas card for the Westwood residents, and they will recite the Christmas story in Luke 2: 8-14 for residents. We have great spellers in Second Grade. Everyone has an "A" in Spelling. Students also have been practicing each week for the regional spelling bee in the spring. The theme in Arithmetic is "Children Around the World." Students chose a country to research on the computer or in a library book and prepared a written report. Next, students studied about the native dress of their chosen country. Students enjoyed making costumes for figures of the different countries and displayed them on the bulletin board

Ms. Kimbrell's class has been having fun writing and sharing stories. We are beginning to recognize sentence fragments. We are also trying to remember to follow all of the English rules. We have been practicing very, very hard for our Christmas Program. We will be visiting Westwood Nursing Home the week before Christmas to share some of our songs and scripture. We are looking forward to eating lunch out that day at Dairy Queen. Yummmm! If you have stopped by our classroom this month, you may have noticed that we are all lit up like the KC Plaza lights. It has been fun coming to school this month. We are also looking forward to our Christmas Vacation.

Mrs. Thornton: The 3rd graders have entered their poems in two poetry contests. It will be several weeks before they are notified if they have a poem selected. They do movements with their skip-counting for memorizing multiplication. For sevens they have chosen to do the Macarena. Ask a 3rd grader for a demonstration. The students are also learning to solve equations with unknowns. For Christmas they have adopted a family to give gifts to instead of exchanging gifts among themselves. They are going to share songs with Westwood again, and also visit the home of Mrs. Linda Freese. They wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs. Olson: It's hard to believe the Christmas season is upon us and we will soon be singing in the New Year. God has blessed me with a wonderful class and a great group of parents. Thank you for the great gifts you sent for the family we adopted for Christmas. Beginning in the new year, we will be getting more in depth on our study of fractions and measurements. We will also start a new unit in Science on "matter". Our next memorization for History will be "The Rights of Americans," page 314 in our History book. Our new Bible verse is 1 Corinthians 13 due by February 1st. We will be going to the Schell-Osage Conservation Area for an Eagle Day on Feb. 1st, 2008. Wishing you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Mr. Berry: Mid terms are over and everyone is looking forward to our Christmas break! We are in the process of making ginger bread houses. We will also be going to sing at Grandvilla. Basketball is starting and we are excited! We enjoyed our Christmas Program. It was AWESOME!! We have heard some great book reports! We have been working

on memorizing "When the Frost is on the Punkin" by James Witcomb Riley. This year has been great so far.

Mrs. Dicket: As the Christmas breaks nears the 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students have been engaged in several meaningful activities. On December 6th we went to the Methodist Church and helped those who received gifts from Project Christmas Cheer. It was cold outside, but it left a warm feeling, knowing that you were helping other less fortunate. On December 20th, we will be visiting the Gran Villas to bring some cheer to their 25 residents. Our Science class has been intense. We've learned to work out genetic predictions using Punnett squares and even produce our own Spudoodle (looks a lot like Mr. Potato head). Each student had to build their Spudoodles base on the genes they received. The Christmas program required a lot of practice, but it was worth it all to share the story of God's love for everyone.

Music News

At the time the newsletter articles were due, Mrs. Brown was very busy producing two fantastic Christmas programs. So we would like to take this space to thank her for the terrific work she does. The Christmas programs are so wonderful to watch it is easy to take for granted how much work is involved. So THANK YOU, Mrs. Brown.



Sports-January Basketball Schedule

Tues. Jan 8

At Cole Camp Lutheran
Girls 5:00 Leave 3:15
Boys 6:00 Return 8:15

Thurs. Jan. 10

Home vs. Eldorado Christian
Girls 5:00
Boys 6:00



Thurs. Jan. 17

At Garden City Training Center
Girls 4:30 Leave 3:15
Boys 5:30 Return 7:15

Tues. Jan. 22

At Harrisonville Christian
Girls 6:00 Leave 4:30
Boys 7:00 Return 8:45

Thurs. Jan. 24

At Applewood Christian
Girls 5:00 Leave 3:15
Boys 6:00 return 7:45

Tues. Jan. 29

Home vs. Harrisonville Christian
Girls 4:30
Boys 5:30

All home games will be played at the Clinton Benson Center.

Label Challenge

Congratulations to Mrs. Thornton's third graders for winning the label challenge. Her class had 2,864 labels! I would also like to give a little special recognition to Ms. Kimbrell's class who was second with 2,084 and Mrs. Dicket's class (which has eight members) had 1,428. We had 9,697 total labels to count! Thanks to everyone who helped sort, clip and count all these labels. We had lots of great help! Keep saving those labels, as you see they really add up!

Shop Schoolpop

The school recently received a check for over \$500! Thanks for using Schoolpop.com when you shop online. To participate register and use their links to shop at places like Wal-mart, Lands End and Dell (and many other choices). When you make your purchase on the store's website a percentage of the purchase (it depends on the store) will be sent to the school. If you like, you can sign up to get a Schoolpop VISA, and a percentage of your purchases will be sent to the school. If you use your Schoolpop Visa to purchase online, go through www.schoolpop.com and we can receive both rewards!

Art News

All the classes have been busy creating season art projects as well as learning about Pablo Picasso or the Paper Collages of Henri Matisse. We have also gotten started on our pottery masterpieces for the CCA auction coming up soon. Most every class already has a chosen theme. After Christmas break, we will begin a unit on 3D Art, especially focusing in on Clay Techniques and Glazing. The kids always love doing clay.

Winter Attire

All students need to have hats, coats and gloves for playing outside. Even though the weather has turned cold students will be going out to play at recess and PE will held outdoors whenever possible. Students need this time outside to run and play so please dress them appropriately.

*If everything special and warm and
happy in my formative years could have been consolidated into one word,
that word would have been
Christmas.*

Gloria Gaither