



CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Dinner/Auction Nears

If you have not already, please mark your calendar for the CCA 8th Annual Dinner/Auction fundraiser on Saturday, February 23rd at the Benson Center in Clinton. This is the *only* fundraiser for the school and we need everyone to tell everyone they know about this great night. We will have a chicken dinner, a silent auction, a live auction, and raffles. Dinner and raffle tickets will be available in advance from CCA students, and at the door Saturday night. You do not need a ticket to participate in the auctions. Please plan on joining us and bring a friend!

Auction Item Deadline is Here

Wasn't it just October? Didn't we just start talking about items for this year's auction? Suddenly it's January and we need to know what has been donated for the auction. Please turn in your item sheets (the orange sheet) as soon as possible. The actual item is not absolutely necessary at this time but please turn in the form with a complete detailed description or a picture if possible. This will help get the item in the right category in the auction book.

Visit CCA Day

It's time to begin the second semester already! CCA students are certainly enjoying the computer lab and classes taught by Mrs. Dicket. Stop in and view what's taking place at CCA.

School Visitation will be held on Friday, January 25th 8:30-10:45 a.m. Anyone interested in viewing CCA during school hours, while classes are in session may come view and receive information on our school. Tell your friends!

<p>CCA Annual Dinner/Auction Saturday, Feb 23 at the Benson Center Dinner tickets \$7 Silent auction begins at Noon Meal service begins at 4:30</p>

January Board Report

The Clinton Christian Academy Board of Directors met on January 3 for the scheduled monthly meeting. Routine business included approving the minutes from the December meeting, reviewing committee reports and dealing with several financial matters.

CCA has received a grant from the Skidmore Foundation. In keeping with the grant request, the board will allocate funds to purchase science equipment, make additions to the media resource center (library) and the remainder will be used to build a much needed storage building. Also, a donation of \$3000.00 was received with \$1500.00 of that designated to reduce the loan balance. In addition, Woo French donated proceeds from a recent garage sale which will also be applied to the balance of the loan.

A survey will be sent out to recent graduates of CCA to help assess their transition and readiness to enter the public school system.

A tutoring program will begin on January 8 with Michelle Houk providing the service. This came about from a grant applied for through the York Foundation. Tutoring will be available twice weekly.

A long-range planning session was held and several ideas were discussed. A committee will be formed soon to continue plans in this area.

Classroom allocations and possible teaching assignments for 2008-2009 were discussed. The board's continued commitment to the middle school program cannot be over-emphasized. It is with this vision, along with the responses that were received in last summer's parent survey, that the board will do all it possibly can to make the upper grade program viable. With that in mind, the decision was made to hire a science teacher for the middle school in addition to language arts and history that are already on staff. The board encourages the parents of students at or nearing this age group to make a commitment as well to help build this foundation so that in the future, CCA can consistently provide a quality, Christian-based education for all grade school levels. With God's provision and guidance, this can be accomplished.

In the classrooms...

The K-4's in **Mrs. Trolinger's** room have had a busy month. They started the month learning to read 3-letter words. This was really exciting! We are now in the process of preparing a Ground Hog Day program...complete with songs, poems, and props. We are going to present this for the other students and the residents of Westwood Rest Home (along with our Bible songs and scriptures.) We are happy to have Mrs. Frances Harvey coming each week to read to us. Mrs. Betty Conrick comes each week to do a "mini-chapel" for us. It is wonderful how people from the community give of their time to help us.



Mrs. Seidel: If we look at the class curriculum, we see that our students in K4 have studied the short vowels and 17 consonants. We are working with their blend combinations, which total 85, and three letter words. We are practicing writing these letters also. In numbers, we are counting 0-40, writing 0-8 and working on concept projects 0-12. Then, the foundation of all our learning is our Bible studies. We have daily lessons, songs, projects, and so far, have memorized 14 verses. We are so fortunate to live in a country where this teaching is allowed in schools like ours. We give thanks daily for our soldiers and forefathers who made this possible, as we say the pledge and sing songs of our nation and God.

Mrs. Berry: I am very pleased to say all my Kindergarteners have passed writing numbers 1- 80. We have started addition. By Valentines we are in hopes of reaching our goal of 100. We have been learning the 100th Psalms. It is an extremely long passage for our age. We challenge everyone to read and commit it to their memory. We are very pleased to have started reading groups in Jan. They chose their own names: "The Cool Cats" and "Lion Cubs." Over half of us are really discovering the pleasure of reading a whole book to ourselves and to others. We are trying to cultivate "Life Long Readers" out of our K-5 class. We will begin our Social Studies around the World and learn about other places and Cultures. We started writing our first name in cursive. They think that's the greatest. Most of us can now join letters together to form words that most of can sound out and read in cursive. "Can't is unacceptable word as we keep trying until we succeed." Anonymous quote: "Don't try to think why you can't. Think how you can." Our first field trip of 2008 will be to Harry S. Truman Visitors Center in Warsaw. We will learn about our national bird, the Eagle. Thanks to Mrs. Olson and her class, we were able to compare our stature (arms out stretched) against the wing span of an eagle's. We will have lunch a Mc Donald's.

Mrs. Lowe/Lam: First graders are happy to be settling back into a routine after the Christmas break and all of the festivities leading up to it. Our class has recently been doing creative writings, applying newly learned language and handwriting skills. Bible lessons have centered around the life and public ministry of Jesus. In arithmetic, students continue to master addition and subtraction facts, work on learning units of measurement, telling time, and fractions. "Community Helpers" is our newest unit of study in Social Studies.

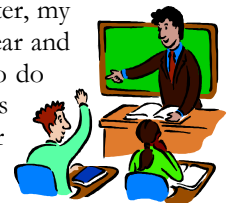
Mrs. Morehead: January has been a busy month so far. In Bible class, students have been memorizing Psalm 1 and illustrated the scripture verses. They also learned about Rahab and the scarlet cord and the fall of Jericho. The second graders have been writing short plays and acting them out with puppets. They will be presenting their puppets plays to the first grade class. In History students have been studying about the Oregon trail. They compared life in the 1840's and 1850's with the present by making flip books. Next, they listed items needed to be taken on a wagon train while they enjoyed eating Johnny cakes and molasses. In Arithmetic second graders are adding and subtracting four-digit numbers. They have mastered place value and borrowing!

Ms. Kimbrell: Our class has been working on new things this month. In arithmetic, we are borrowing with three digit numbers. We are finding out how important it is to memorize our addition and subtraction facts. We have been discussing different countries of the world, and their capitals. We have been locating them on the world map. It is so much fun to then look them up on the internet and see pictures and learn more facts about those countries. Another important skill we are learning is how to correct our own sentences. This helps us when writing stories. We are looking forward to more snow days this month so we can go outside and play. The best part is coming inside and having popcorn and hot chocolate! Yumm!

Mrs. Thornton: Third grade is finishing up some chapter books (two smaller groups of readers) with the help of Megan Evans and Mr. T. They are practicing every morning the program they are doing for chapel on the 25th. In language they have finally learned how to write letters, but actually they have been writing letters all year to two people serving in the military! They finished their science book with a unit on weather, and are now learning about famous people in the new history book!

Mrs. Olson: Fourth grade is back into the mode of learning. We have been very busy learning new concepts in math, and exercising our brain with memory passages in Bible and History. 1 Corinthians 13 is due Feb. 2nd, Matthew 7:24-29, Feb. 22nd. Our next passage in History is "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" due March 7th. In Science we have been doing experiments involving solid, liquids and gases. We have used bendable drinking straws and ping pong balls to show the power of wind. We have touched a little on weather and ended our unit reading the book *Thundercake* and having a piece of thundercake. Ask your child the secret ingredient in thundercake.

Mr. Berry: As we close out the semester, my how time flies. We have had a busy year and still so much to do and so little time to do it in. We will be memorizing our states and capitols next, plus getting ready for a Science Fair. Remember it is cold outside and everyone needs to dress accordingly. If anyone has an extra T.V. we could use one as the one we have doesn't work with the new DVD/VCR that we have.



Mrs. Dicket: Middle school students are deep into the science topic of creationist theories and biological evolution theory. We have learning about the 5 main creationist topics and are now comparing those to what evolution says occurred. In Bible we have started talking about our trip to St. Louis and how we will be challenged to get out of our comfort zone to begin to share our faith with others. We have made a mock model of Noah's Ark, complete with some animals. Check it out if you come into the building. For computer lab we are almost finished with learning to type without looking at the keyboard. (I won't say that we all have it mastered). When we complete this we will move on to learning about word processing programs.

Music News



What a great job all the kids did on their Christmas programs. I'm sure the Lord is so very pleased I'm so proud of them, too. The DVD's are in and we will be having parties to watch them. We are back to work on curriculum. 3rd graders will be learning to play the precorder the next month or so. 6th, 7th and 8th are working on special composer projects to present in class. We've had the rhythm instruments out for the younger kids. They love to play them! 2nd graders have learned about "rests" in music. All classes have been singing form books and seeing how music is written.

Band: The kids did a great job playing at chapel in December. Progress is being made though all students could have better practice habits! We will continue to improve and have a concert in the spring.

Sports – The Tradition Begins



Wow! What a great pep rally on Jan. 8th to kick off our basketball program. The 3rd grade and 1st grade class won the spirit sticks. Great Job! Everyone was full of spirit to send off the teams to their games in Cole Camp. The girls brought home a 33-8 win led by Brooklyn Sisk with 20. Lauren Dressander scored the first basket in the history of the school. The boys won 41-34. Zachary Adams scored the first basket for the boys and went on to score 21. He was 7 of 11 in free throws. Alan Shriner dropped in 10 and added 12 rebounds.

It was a different story Jan. 10th as CCA hosted Eldorado Christian at the Community Center. Their students were on the older end of the 5th to 8th age range. The Eldo girls won 30-20. Brooklyn led with 10. Riley Cook played her heart out all over the court and added several steals, assists and rebounds. The boys were tied 20-20 at half. With a 7th grader fouling out for Eldo in the 3rd, a remaining 9th grader entered the game and scored 18 as Eldo defeated CCA. – Mrs. Brown

Coaches-

CCA is extremely blessed to have wonderfully gifted basketball coaches. Coaching the boys are Jeff Adams and Elroy Schumacher. Elroy played on the first Cole Camp 5/6 grad team in the 60's and he was there coaching CCA's first team in their first game. Coach Roger Bancroft, who teaches in the 6th,7th,8th grades at CCA is coaching the girls team. He has many years of coaching under his belt. They are doing a great job. CCA is blessed. Thanks coaches!

From Mrs. Miracle:

A special word of thanks for the many expressions of kindness I received during the holidays. It is a joy to work with your children.

Welcome!

CCA is beginning a new tutoring program. We would like to welcome Michelle Houk as our tutor.

Preschool Round-up

The preschool round-up carnival will be held on Friday, February 29th from 1:30 -2:30 in the school annex. Tell your friends and neighbors!

Dates to Remember

- January 21- Grade Cards sent home
Auction meeting at 6:30
- January 25- Auction Items Due
Visitation Day
- January 27- **Auction meeting at 6:30**
- February 5- Home basketball games
- February 7- 8th grade orientation 8:30 a.m.
- February 8- Spirit Day
Dare to Share – St. Louis 6-7-8
- February 10- Tuition Payment Due
- February 11- PO/Auction Meeting at 6:30
- February 18- President's Day – NO SCHOOL
- February 21- Home basketball games
- February 22- Set-up for Dinner/Auction
- February 23- Noon Silent Auction begins
Dinner service begins at 4:30
- February 28- Home basketball games
- February 29- Preschool round-up
- March 20-24- Easter Break –NO SCHOOL

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