



CLINTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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May Board Report

The CCA board of directors met on May 6, 2008 at 6:30 pm. After opening prayer, the minutes from the April meeting were approved along with the treasurer's report. It appears that the budget is in a good position to cover the rest of the school year which is a blessing. CCA is much appreciative of an anonymous donation of \$10,000 which will be put to good use. If a surplus exists, funds will be used to make additional payments on the principle of the building loan.

Various administrative decisions were discussed and reports were heard from ASSP, personnel matters, and student issues. A letter of resignation was received from Vicki Jackson who has been doing a great job with ASSP. She will be taking a full-time position with her church. Also received was custodian Kim Swope's resignation as she will be moving to Wichita. We thank both of these ladies for their time and service to CCA.

The board has approved plans to proceed with the building of a storage building just west of the school. This was made possible by a generous grant received from the Skidmore Foundation earlier in the year.

The uniform policy was addressed and parents should have received information in a letter sent home with the children.

Custom Resources has been contracted to implement a marketing plan and public relations for CCA in Clinton and the surrounding area. This will be funded by an anonymous donor to whom the board is most grateful. The board believes that this will be of great benefit in promoting the vision and mission of our school, which is to provide a disciplined, Christian based education to our wonderful children. The benefits of this type of education are beyond compare and our focus should be on what we all can do to help further the Lord's work here at CCA.

The meeting closed at 10:00 with prayer.

Spelling Bee

Mrs. Carla Crump, Clinton Christian Academy Principal, welcomed over 300 students, parents and friends as they gathered together to compete in the annual West Central Missouri Spelling Bee, May 5th. This year's event was held on the CCA campus. First place winners include Jonah Lanning, Grade 1; Ty Koch, Grade 2; Joshua Tegarden, Grade 3; Allie Lowe, Grade 5; and Micah Tennis, Grade 8. CCA received the most first place winners in the competition and was awarded the traveling trophy and plaque for another year.

Kindness Awards

Congratulations to May's "Kindness Is Contagious" winners! They were Ryan Pitts, Lauryn Long, Tori Hager, Sidney Hager, Nathaniel Lampton, Dalton Ehrman and Riley Cook.

Summer Business Hours

The school business office will be open the following hours during the summer:

May 23 – June 4	M-F 8:00-3:00 (lunch 12-1)
June 10 – August 15	Tues & Thur. 8:30-12:00
August 18 – 29	M-F 8:00 – 3:00 (lunch 12-1)

The school now also has voicemail. So if you call at a time other than those listed, you may leave a message. You may also contact the school through the website.

Dates to Remember

June 10.....First Tuition Payment Due
July 1.....Lump Sum Tuition Payment Due
September 2.....School Begins

Have a great summer!

More information available at www.clintonacademy.org

In the classroom...

Mrs. Trolinger: Mrs. Trolinger's K4 students have had a busy month. In addition to their regular academic activities, they went to the



local Conservation Center for a day of fishing, hiking, and picnicking. Touching a live snake was a first for most of the students. One day, they took a tour of Clinton. After a special story hour at the Henry county Library, they toured the local post office. They enjoyed lunch at Country Kitchen, then finished up with their tour with playtime at he Optimist Park. After completing a unit on transportation, a C.O.W. (Career On Wheels) came to visit them in the parking log. They enjoyed sitting in the police car, watching a teacher's car being towed away, riding in a "gator", hearing a race car roar, climbing up on a huge fertilizer truck, and sitting in the lift bucket of the Aquila truck. Getting their solos ready for graduation is our current project.

Mrs. Seidel: K4 M, W, F ended April with a fieldtrip to the farm of Tim and Lori Bartz. What a timely and wonderful experience for our children. As you may have noticed in the newspaper, we experienced spring in a very hands-on manner at their farm. Now, two weeks later, we have just hatched chicks in our room. God is so good, and His new creation is so boldly expressed at this time of year, with all the young plants and animals. At the same time, we are experiencing the flux of emotions that hits near the end of the school year; the reflection upon new found friends, awe and joy in regard to all we have accomplished this year and for the bright prospects summer holds, but with sadness in knowing this joint venture will soon give way to new chapters in our lives. Our M. W. F. Parent appreciation picnic was held on Monday, May 12th. K4 graduation will be held at the First Baptist Church on May 20th. May the Lord richly bless each of you in the coming months!

Mrs. Berry: K5 has met 10 big milestones during this year of Kindergarten. I am very proud to say we also presented a Super Chapel on Friday, April 25th. We sang, led the Pledge, prayed, recited the 26 Bible memory verses we had learned, and each child told about a Bible character to find our "Who is Jesus to you?" We held a reception following our guests. We have several field trips since the last newsletter. We sang at Glendale Gardens, we cleaned up McDonald's parking lot for Earth Day. Then we got to tour the kitchen on McDonald's and the best part was a Happy Meal with a cute toy! We really enjoyed going to the Aquatic Center to swim. We took a Walk-About Clinton by going to the Henry County Library to have books read to us and take a tour. We had a very interesting tour of the Clinton Post Office where we had sent our Flat Stanley letters to relatives and friends. We are now receiving the Flat Stanley's and Flat Sarah's. Come look at our outside hall wall to see where they went on their adventures. We finished our day up with lunch at Country Kitchen. The servers said they had never had so many children at once. We also went fishing at the Clinton Conservation Lake and every child caught a fish and one turtle. We finish the year with a PICNIC in Tightwad with our 5th grade pals. Have a great summer!

Mrs. Lowe/Lam: How quickly our year has flown, but that's what happens when staying so busy. First grade has learned so many things this school year. We've grown physically, mentally, and spiritually. It is amazing to see how well we can read and write, and my what great math whizzes we are! God has taught us so much through his Word and the scripture we have learned will be hidden in our hearts forever. Our end-of-the-year fun day was held at the home of Martha and G.R. Lowe's. We are thankful to them for allowing us to come out for lots of fun and for the great lunch that

they provided. Thank you! Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Lam thank each of the parents and students for such a great year, for all the support that they have shown us. We are truly blessed to be a part of such an awesome school! We wish everyone a blessed summer break!

Mrs. Morehead: Our class has learned all of their Bible Scriptures for the year. They have also learned all of the Books of the New Testament. The students were excited about practicing for a Sword Drill for the first time! They have been studying about economics the last two months. The class played a simulation game. Each student had a job at a store or a bank and received a paycheck. The class enjoyed buying products and making change. It was great learning experience. Students are working hard to learn all of the multiplication facts before the last day of school. Our goal is for everyone in the class to learn all the facts. We are looking forward to field trips to the Clinton Aquatic Center, the Truman Visitation Center and the Lost Valley Hatchery. This class has been exceptional throughout the year! They have been a blessing in my life and a joy to teach! I will miss them!

Ms. Kimbrell's: Ms. Kimbrell's class has been working hard on their multiplication facts. We still have some work to do on them. We are looking forward to finishing all of our books! Yea! The last field trip of the year is coming up, and we are really excited. We will be going to the Truman Dam visitors center, and the Lost Valley Fish Hatchery, and eat lunch at McDonald's. Yum! We are gearing up for field day, and some other fun things our last week of school. It has been a great year and our students have grown physically, emotionally, and most important of all, spiritually. We have been blessed with many things and opportunities this year. God is good!!!!!! Have a great summer everyone!!!!!

Mrs. Thornton: Third graders would like to thank Mrs. Tegarden for the great ice cream sundae party for winning the label challenge. And thanks to all the parents and neighbors and friends who saved labels! We are happy it helps CCA! Our Wax Museum was a huge success this year. We had a large crowd of visitors at the Henry County Museum. The students did a great job of representing CCA! We have one more trip to Westwood planned as part of our ministry to our friends who reside there. It's exciting to think back on how much we've learned in this school year! We've grown so much! Praise God!

Mrs. Olson: I believe I've learned just as much this year or more than my students. I've been introduced to a whole new set of families that the town of Clinton is blessed to have. I can see great leaders coming from this class, and in others wonderful caregivers, teachers and in each a willingness to serve others. We recently read a poem in our Reading book titled "My Daily Creed."

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder,
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more;
Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver
When temptation bids me waiver;
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be;
Let me be a little meeker
With the brother that is weaker;
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me.

It is a blessing to be able to teach these wonderful values to your children. Thank you for a great year. Third grade, I'm looking forward to next year!

Mr. Berry: We are wrapping up the year with a picnic in Tightwad with our friends in the K5 class. We had some great science fair exhibits! Thanks for all the support and hard work this year. Have a great summer.

Mrs. Dicket: The middle school students are wrapping units in all of their core subjects with finals and projects. However the 8th grade students enjoyed their promotion ceremony on May 16th. Family, friends and CCA staff attended the event in the annex. Alan & Micah welcomed the crowd. The bell choir performed 3 numbers (Star Spangled Banner, He's Got the Whole World and Faith of Our Fathers), Nicole Lee played a piano solo, "Give Thanks", Mrs. Crump presented certificates from Rep. Shannon Cooper from the Missouri House of Representatives, Brooklyn & Riley performed a short skit called "The Snail". Chris Bass was the featured speaker, telling of some of Alan & Micah's favorite memories, Brookyn & Nicole ended the program with a piano duet, "My Country Tis of Thee". Attendees enjoyed looking at each of the memory tables. A reception with cake and punch followed the program. The last week of school will see us camping overnight on Monday, helping with Field Day on Tuesday and attending the awards ceremony.

Music News

We have been very busy! Our 3-6th Choir traveled to Open Door Christian School in KCK April 22 and got I's from all three judges. Our 8 ensembles, 6 vocal solos, 6 piano solos, percussion quartet and 2 instrumental solos brought home 17 I's and 7 II's. They performed at a concert at First Baptist April 29. Some did not attend but groups stepped up and filled in for those who were absent.

We took five students to Blue Ridge Christian's Midwestern Academic meet April 18. They returned with 4 I's and 2 II's. They also performed in the concert on the 29th.

I'm so proud of each of these students. They did a great job! We appreciated Emily Wyatt accompanying the choir. Also thanks to the teachers for their support and help. Mrs. Crump and Lisa Lee also attended as sponsors. God Bless you all!

Chapel

On May 9th, the K4-2nd shared in presenting Chapel and did wonderfully well! They presented skits about Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the Red Sea, Noah and the Flood, David and Goliath and Zacheus. All the kids did a great job! Thanks teachers for your help. Special thanks to Amber Lowe for playing the "director" in the program.

On May 16, Mrs. Thornton's 3rd graders played several songs on their Precorders for Chapel. Then the 6-7-8 bell choir performed followed by the Band. Alan Shriner, Micah Tennis, Camille Wetzal and Emma Kiely all played solos from competition where they received I's. The boy's percussion quartet solos performed with several numbers being played by the band. They did a great job. Have a great summer filled with music! Love, Mrs. Brown

Graduation

On May 16th, CCA celebrated the graduation of the Eighth graders with a Reception. Congratulations to this year's Eighth graders Alan Shriner and Micah Tennis. We wish you much success in your future. We are very proud to have you as members of our CCA family.

Parent Organization

Thanks you to all of the parents that volunteered to help in the classrooms while the teachers were treated to lunch "off campus" on May 2nd. The teachers send their thanks and appreciation to everyone for such a great lunch. Thanks, Jennifer!

We would like to announce that Kelly Adkins will be the President of the Parent Organization for 2008-09. Tammy Madole will be the Volunteer coordinator. See her if you would like to help your child's teacher next year by being the classroom Parent Representative. Amy Burns, will be the lunchroom coordinator. Please let her know when you are available to help with lunch. Monica Overmann will be collecting volunteer hours. We will let you know at the beginning of the school year when the Parent Organization will meet again.

Thanks for all of your help and support this past year. Have a great summer.

Volunteer Hours

We want to thank everyone for all they do for our school. Yes, a certain number of volunteer hours are required, but there are so many families that go above and beyond. That willingness to give and to serve is deeply appreciated by CCA. What great role models!

One last note from Mrs. Crump...

Thank you for providing the lovely retirement reception in my honor on May 21st. Bless each of you for being so kind. I will miss you.

Have a great summer!

