

From the Principal's Desk...

March 2016

Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:12

Dear Parents and Students of CCS,

Easter is almost upon us. What a wonderful time of the year when we get to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus!! Easter break begins on Good Friday, March 25th through Friday, April 1st.

Crossroads Christian Center will be providing a free Easter Extravaganza for Saturday, March 26th from 10-11:30am. You will be able to have a hands-on experience of the Easter story. There will be games, jumpy castle, door prizes and more. I'm sure this will be a fun time for the children. If you don't have a church home, you are invited to attend Easter service on Sunday, March 27th, at 10:00am with Crossroads Christian Center.

Open House: It was great to see so many of our CCS families at Open House. The students work on display gives you an idea of how they spend their days. I know they are proud of their work and are very happy to show it off to family and friends. Hopefully you had a chance to see the 5th grade Science Projects and 4th grade California Projects. The halls were lined with some fantastic artwork from every grade. We have some very talented students at CCS!

Early Registration: March 1st began our early registration which will run until April 29th. Please take advantage of the discounted prices during this time. The earlier you turn in your registration packs, the sooner I can plan for a great next year. So, it is a win, win for both of us. When we receive your application it is dated and time stamped. This way classes will be filled accordingly, first come first served. Any registrations received after the classroom reaches 20 students will be put on a waiting list. Please be aware of this process, I don't want anyone to miss out in getting their student registered with us next year

ACSI Art Festival: The ACSI Art Festival will be hosted by CCS in the gym, March 17th between 9am-12:30pm. Two entries from each class will be entered into the Art Festival. Four other schools will be joining us for the Festival. Please come by the gym and enjoy the artwork.

Report Cards: End of Quarter 3 is March 18th. Watch for report cards to come home on March 23rd. Wow, another quarter down! Let's encourage all the students to finish the year strong.

Soaring Readers: will be ending April 4th. So, have your child pick up a good book or two to read over the Easter Break. Soaring Readers Award Chapel will be on April 8th.

Spring Musical and Talent Show: The annual Spring Musical and Talent Show is right around the corner, April 7th at 7pm. It is always a great time when you see your children on stage. We are dazzled with our students' talents. 5th Grade students will have goodies for sale in the lobby to raise money for the Hume Lake Science Camp. Let's plan to support their efforts!

TerraNova Testing: TerraNova testing will take place Monday, April 18th through Thursday, April 21st. The TerraNova Test is the standardized achievement test used by ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International), schools along with thousands of others. This is an important time for our students to be tested on reading, language, mathematics, science, and social studies. Bible Assessment tests are also given through TerraNova. These tests provide data for accurate achievement comparisons between groups. It also provides data on how well the student is mastering subjects according to their age level. In other words, it provides data on how our students are achieving academically against other students regionally and nationally and it provides data on how the student is doing against the material itself. In order for children to do their best on these tests, they need a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast. We want to encourage parents/guardians to make sure your children go to bed early, have a good night's rest, and a healthy breakfast all week long. Please minimize evening activities. Further, there will be no homework given this week to help provide a restful evening. Test results will be provided with the final grade report. Teachers will be available to meet to interpret scores after the final grade report is available (first week of June). Parents/guardians will be able to access their child's test scores online; CCS will provide an access code with their final grade report. Online information will be more extensive than what is received with the student's report card.

The end of April is an exciting time for our 4th and 5th grade students. Their long awaited trips are about to take place. 4th grade will be going to Rock & Water Camp on Tuesday, April 26th & Wednesday, April 27th. Our 5th grade will be going to Hume Lake Monday, April 25th through Friday, April 29th. This is such a wonderful adventure and a great learning experience outside of the classroom that our students get to partake in. I'm sure they will come home with some exciting tales to tell!!

Blessings and Happy Easter to you,

Marsha Anguiano/Principal

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