

From the Principal's Desk...

October 2016

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

Psalm 13:5

Dear Parents and Students of CCS,

We are definitely back in full swing! Although the routine of school and extra curricular activities may be set, there are those extra activities popping up. I want to thank you for participating in the extras because that's what helps make our school great!!

Grandparents and Grand-friends Day: We had a great turnout for Grandparents/Grand-friends Day!! What a treasure Grandparents are in our children's lives. Grandparents serve as role models aiding our children with success, encouragement, support and guidance. And on top of all of this, they give unending and unconditional love and hugs. It was wonderful to see both grandparents and grandchildren beaming from ear to ear as they enjoyed lunch together. CCS staff and parents got together to provide flowers and snacks in honor of the Grandparents/Grand-friends Day. It was an awesome day!

See You At The Pole: Parents, students and staff gathered around the flag pole at 7:30am to unite in prayer. We read scripture, we had worship, led by Ms. Wang, and we prayed seeking the Lord for global unity, churches, community, schools, CCS and our families. It was a great way to start the day with others uniting in prayer.

Believe Kids & Mooyah! Thank you for getting your orders in and participating at our first restaurant fundraiser. I know the students have had fun collecting the animals on their lanyards. As our funds build we are hoping to reach our goal for replacing the tanbark in the Elementary playground and windows in a couple of classrooms.

Scholastic Book Fair: This week Mrs. Van Gundy, along with Mrs. Honda's 4th grade class and parent volunteers will be running the book fair. They have an awesome family night scheduled from 5:30-8:00pm on Thursday, October 6. No time for dinner? No worries! They have you covered, a food truck will be on sight. Let's encourage our children to read. You may want to purchase a book for your child to read for Soaring Readers which will be ending October 28th. We will be honoring those students who complete their Soaring Readers goals November 4th, in Chapel.

Good Will Truck: Let's not forget to be collecting items for the 3rd grade's Goodwill Truck fundraiser that will be at CCS on October 22. This is a great opportunity to clean out your

house of unwanted items. Please get the word out to friends and neighbors that they are welcome to bring items also. It is preferred that items be brought to the school on October 22. If you are unable to bring them October 22, items can be brought to school from October 17-21, and they will be stored in courtyard by E-Care. The more we fill the more we make. If you have any questions as to what is permissible please ask Mrs. Van Gundy.

Ice Cream Sales: There is something about ice cream and kids; they just seem to go together. We will continue to sell ice cream as long as the weather stays warm. I like to see the smiles on the students face when they find out it's ice cream Friday. I believe they deserve a treat after a great week.

Operation Christmas Child: We are pleased to be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year, again. During Chapel, October 28, you will learn the information needed. Flyers will go home with the students. On November 21, Mrs. Tracy Van Gundy will collect all of the boxes and drop them off in San Jose. We will not be able to accept any boxes after this date, so please be sure to bring them before or on November 21 in the morning. This is a great opportunity to bless another child from around the world and to teach your child about giving to others who are needy.

Harvest Day Celebration: The Harvest celebration is an upcoming event you may not want to miss. We will be celebrating, Harvest Day, on October 31. All children and staff are encouraged to dress in appropriate costume for our parade. (Please no scary or evil costumes). Please provide a change of clothing so students will be comfortable for the remainder of the day. (Please remember safe shoes for the playground). The parade will begin around 8:40am in the gym. Parents are encouraged to find a place on the bleachers after drop-off of students. The students will be marching around the gym, so be ready to take a picture or two as they go by. Many of the classes will be having a Harvest Party in the afternoon. Parents and visitors are welcome to all of these events, please feel free to come and join us!

Parent/Teacher Conferences: We have set Parent/Teacher conferences for the first quarter, this is a valuable time to ask and receive information about your child's progress. Soon teachers will be making appointments with you for your child's conference. Please make every effort to meet with your son/daughter's teacher. Elementary minimum days, (noon dismissal), start Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 19, for teacher's to prepare for conferences. The conference schedules are set for Thursday, October 20 and Friday, October 21, in the afternoon. I want to remind you, children are not allowed inside the conferences- please make arrangements for someone to watch your children during this time. E-Care is available at the regular rate of \$8 an hour. No students are allowed in the hallways unattended.

Volleyball: Way to go, girls!! Mrs. Oberg led the girls volleyball team in a tournament that took place October 21 & 22 at St. Catherine's. Our team represented CCS well and brought a trophy home!

Rock N Water & Hume Lake: To all of the 4th & 5th Grade parents, the dates for Rock N Water and Hume Lake have been confirmed. Rock N Water will be April 25-26 and Hume Lake will be April 24-28. Make sure to get your deposits in if you haven't. I know both of these trips will be lots of fun so I don't want anyone to miss out. Each year we hear great stories of adventure from the students.

Thank you to Mrs. Cromer for all the great videos she has been taking of our CCS events. She is planning to video all Chapels so parents can enjoy them. She also made a video of Grandparent/Grand-friend's Day which is very cute! Mooyah fundraiser has a small video, too! If you would like to be able to see these videos on Facebook, please email a request to Tracy Van Gundy, tvangundy@ccsmh.org, and let her know that you wish to be included in the Crossroads Parents and Staff private Facebook account. You are doing a very nice job, Mrs. Cromer, we love the videos!

Blessings,

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