

From the Principal's Desk...

April 2017

For behold, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of turtledove is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Dear Parents and Students of CCS,

Open House: March has been a busy month at CCS. It began with our Open House. Students and teachers were busy preparing projects for display that showed off their skills and knowledge of what they have been working on in the classrooms this year. Our K-5 grades were proud to show their projects to their family members. It was great to see our families supporting their children in their academic endeavors.

ACSI Art Festival: Mid March we hosted the ACSI Art Festival in our gym. We had five schools competing in the Art Festival with twelve of our students taking home ribbons for their excellent artwork. Congratulations to 5th grade; Vienna Trinh, and Tyler Crouch; 4th grade, Julianna Bristol, and Katelyn Ribeiro; 3rd grade, Katelyn Crouch, and Zoie Meeker; 2nd grade, Violet Casillas, and Sebastian Benjamin; 1st grade, Violet Casillas, and Sebastian Benjamin; 1st grade, Valentina Czarnowski, and Addison Sutton; Kindergarten, Chase Higdon, and Colin Phan. Way to go students!!

Spring Musical: What a wonderful way to begin spring with the voices of our children at the Spring Musical, *A New Creation*. It is always such a treat to see the students all dressed up and sharing their talents. Having the students courageously get up on stage and perform. To see their faces after they have completed the performance is priceless. The very moment when they realize and think, Wow! Look what I just did! They are applauding me! These opportunities are such a self esteem builder. Let's keep encouraging our wonderful students to explore new talents and hone already realized talents! We love you, students!

Chapel Remodel: The day after the Spring Musical, the finishing touches for the remodel of the Chapel was started. New carpeting has been installed in the church office, Sanctuary and our E-Care room. The pews are being re-upholstered and will be installed soon. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause, but what a wonderful blessing of God to be able to refresh our facility!

Soaring Readers will be coming to an end March 31st, but we will be pinning all the readers who made their goal, at our Easter Chapel on Thursday, April 13th at 9am. There is no school on Good Friday, April 14th, so we have decided to have Chapel the day before.

TerraNova Testing: TerraNova testing will take place Monday, April 10th through Thursday, April 13th. 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.

Easter Break: After TerraNova testing we go into our Easter Break, beginning with Good Friday, April 14th through Friday, April 21st. Please enjoy your time off celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.

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 25th & Wednesday, April 26th. Our 5th grade will be going to Hume Lake Monday, April 24th through Friday, April 28th. 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,

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