



PCA Eagle's Nest News

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THINGS TO NOTE ...

- Thank you to all who participated in the **Jr. High Christmas program!** Music is such a gift from God! Great job students and staff and thank you parents for bringing cookies for everyone to enjoy.
- **PCA shirt & sweatshirt** orders will be ready for pick-up Wednesday after school! Thank you, Pam Friel, for organizing this order!
- **Classroom Christmas Parties** are scheduled for this Friday, December 21st. Those who signed up to plan and lead the parties are:

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| Kindergarten: Haley Lauritzen & Krystal Bickett | Second grade: Elisha Pollok & Carin van den Berg |
| First grade: Cara Murray, Laura Richey, Elizabeth Z. | Fourth grade: Heather Heaton & LeAndra Harris |
| Third grade: Pam Friel & Courtney Bayer | Sixth grade: Diane Cleary |
| Fifth grade: Jessica Hardy | Eighth grade: Cherie House |
| Seventh grade: Laura Richey | |

Thank You!

5th-8th Grade Annual Party Girls, bring a snack to share (dips, chips, cookies, etc - nothing refrigerated). Boys, bring a 2-liter drink to share. Teachers will provide cups, plates, and napkins. All students may bring board games. Parents who signed up to help should be here from 12-2 pm. Thank you!

7th & 8th Graders: Please bring 1 can of soup for the local food pantry. We will also have a white elephant gift exchange in the morning.

- Princeton Bible Church's **Christmas Eve service** is Dec 24 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us if you can! Also, Miss Chariss and the children will be singing "He Came, He Saw." We would love to have our PCA elementary students come and join in the singing of this song!
- Reminder to **boys basketball** team... Please return your uniforms to the office ASAP. Thank you!
- **Girls basketball**... Please note there are 2 additional practices scheduled for Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 (10-11:30 am). Also, the game originally scheduled for January 3rd has been moved to February 4th @ 5 PM @ Home. First game of the season is Monday, January 7 @ 5PM @ Ohio. GO Lady EAGLES!

PCA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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| Tues, Dec 18 | 3-4:30P | Girls Basketball Practice |
| Thurs, Dec 20 | 3-4:30P | Girls Basketball Practice |
| Fri, Dec 21 | Noon | Classroom Christmas Parties |
| | 2:00P | EARLY DISMISSAL. Christmas Break begins! |
| Thurs, Dec 27 | 10-11:30A | Girls B-ball Practice |
| Thurs, Jan 3 | 10-11:30A | Girls B-ball Practice |
| Mon, Jan 7 | 5:00P | Girls B-ball Game @ Ohio |
| Tues, Jan 8 | 8:00A | Classes Resume |
| | 5:00P | Girls Home B-ball Game vs. LaMoille |
| Thurs, Jan 10 | 4:30P | Girls B-ball Game @ Bradford |
| Mon, Jan 14 | 3:15-4:30P | Scholastic Bowl Practice |
| | 5:00P | Girls Home B-ball Game vs. Malden |



From Mr. Odell's desk: (God's Word given to teachers each week and we want to share with you, also!)

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1 Corinthians 1:20-23

20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? **Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?** 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, **the world through wisdom did not know God**, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; **23 but we preach Christ crucified**, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Greeks foolishness.

1 Peter 1:18-21

18 knowing that you were **not** redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from you fathers, **19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.** 20 He was indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, **so that your faith and hope are in God.**

The Word of God is very clear that where Jesus is **not** acknowledged as God incarnate, crucified, risen, reigning and returning, there is no Christianity. **Only through genuine belief in the truth of who Jesus is will there be regeneration, a newness of life which begets a new loyalty, a new love and a new life. Put simply it involves both the head and the heart.**

Dear ones, we must be faithful to proclaim the true Gospel even though many to whom we speak are unwilling to listen or respond to the Truth.

J.I. Packer puts it very well: "The man in the street, as we like to say, sees Christianity as a moral code rather than as good news of salvation, and Jesus as a dead teacher rather than a living Savior, and spiritual life as New Age-type meditation for self-improvement, and religious commitment as a hobby for those who care about that sort of thing. That we all live in God's presence and under His eye, and that we must one day answer to him for the lives we have lived, and that our humanity is so out of shape through sin that we need Savior as urgently as persons with brain tumors need a surgeon, are truths that never enter most people's minds."

Regardless of response may we continue to be bold warriors and proclaimers of the Gospel.

Upcoming Events ...

- The **ACSI Spelling Bee** is next month! Friday, January 18th @ Trinity Oaks Christian Academy in Cary, IL. Students representing PCA are: Emily Benson, Isabella van den Berg, Alice Scruggs, Evan Wilson, Jeremiah Foster, Arthur van den Berg, Natalie Richey, and Leah Wilson.
- **Navy Pier Trip...** The trip is scheduled for March 14, 2019. Tickets are purchased! The train ticket is \$27.50 each and the play ticket is \$13 for everyone except current PCA students. Money can be turned in at the office.



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| 17 - Elliott Weddell | 8th grade |
| 18 - Michael Glass | 4th grade |
| 18 - Mrs. Wilson | 1st grade Teacher |
| 19 - Jack Nickelsen | 4th grade |
| 22 - Braxton Bickett | Kindergarten |
| 26 - Miss Neff | Reading/Math Aide |
| 30 - Evan Wilson | 4th grade |
| 30 - Titus Cook | 7th grade |
| 30 - Mrs. House | P.E. Teacher |



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| 08 - Mrs. Kiser | Vice Principal/English Teacher |
| 09 - Noelle Richey | 1st Grade |
| 10 - Carter Grey | 2nd Grade |
| 12 - Brayden Bickett | 3rd Grade |
| 13 - Natalie Richey | 7th Grade |

TEACHER'S NOTES FOR YOU!



Sunshine Preschool Note ~ Miss Elisha

December 17 - 21 , 2018

Letter: O o
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Theme: "Christmas"

Bible Topic: **The Wise Men**

Monday: *A Star in the East* and *A Visit with King Herod*

Wednesday: *Following the Star* and *Worshipping the Christ Child*

Friday: Review

Bible Verse: Matthew 2:2 - "We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

Bible Song: Christmas songs

No School December 24 through January 7. Merry Christmas!



ABC
Bag/Snack
Wed, Dec 19 - Parker
Fri, Dec 21 - Rhett/Christmas Party

Kindergarten Tidbit ~ Mrs. Whitlock

December Pizza Hut Calendars can be turned in before the break so I can issue pizza coupons. We are reading lots of minutes and this will only help our reading skills. Thank you.



We will not exchange gifts but will make cards for the children of Costa Rica. My husband is in charge of mission trips to Costa Rica working with children and families through leading nurses from University in medical clinics, organizing dental clinics, feeding the children in the central valley of Costa Rica and construction teams. We will hand out the cards which will brighten the children of Costa Rica. We will include a picture of our class.

Our Christmas party will be at 12:30 on Friday and dismissal is 2:00 pm.

Thank you to Buster Taylor, Troy Wall and Haley Lauritzen for driving to the Police Station on Friday. We took goodies and a Bible to deliver our random act of kindness. It was a good experience for the boys and girls.

We should finish Reader One and start Reader Two. You will see them come home a few times a week. Your child will be excited over bringing their readers home. Please let them read aloud to you or to another adult. There is not a required number of pages to read. He/She may read to the end of the book (the books are short) and start again at the beginning if desired. Use your judgment about how much to have him/her read. He should read enough to have regular practice and keep up with the others in his reading group. After your child finishes reading, please record the date and the specific page numbers read on the Homework Chart provided on the back cover of the book. The reader should be returned each day so that he/she will have his reader for class time and recognition for his homework can be shown.

The skills we will work on include step instructions, animal sound identification, opposites reviewed and riddles.

We will review with flash cards our numbers to one hundred, telling time to o'clock, counting by 10's and what comes after numbers 0-19. The dime will be introduced. We will be making addition sentences 1-8 and make up a story to go with our addition sentences. We will review 1-4 Addition Family. The number 20-59 will be written out.

Kindergarten Continued...

Phonics will have lots of review of all blends, one vowel rule, initial sounds and reading one vowel words. We will say-spell all the sight words, “of” will be compared with the word “off” for understanding. We will circle sight words we find in our sentences. We will review parts of a story and review comprehension of a story. It is important we understand what we are reading in our Readers. Your children will be excited to learn all the long vowel sounds and markings this week. Long and short vowel blend ladders will be read and we will play our favorite “Hayride” game to practice reading long and short vowels in words and blends.

Social Studies we started our World travel and visited the Bahamas. Monday we had a “Taste of Bahama”.

The Christmas Story and lessons will be taught in Bible time with our memory verse in Luke 2:11 - “Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord”. Jesus’ birth was a gift that God gave because He loves all people. This Christmas we can say yes to Jesus who brought peace and salvation to all people.



I wish you a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy your families.
I pray you know Jesus as your Savior and Lord this Christmas season.
Jesus is the reason for . . . Everything!

1st grade ~ Mrs. Wilson

Bible – This week we will learn about the Christmas story – the birth of Jesus, God’s son. Our memory verse is “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

I’m so proud of all the students. They have all been working so hard and it shows – all A’s on last week’s math and spelling tests! And all A’s and B+’s on last week’s phonics test. Keep up the good work! And enjoy your break!

The students are looking forward to the class Christmas Party on Friday afternoon. Thank you to Elizabeth Zawistowski, Cara Murray, and Laura Richey for planning the party!

We will be doing some Christmas crafts and games this week, including a very special craft (Christmas gift for mom and dad) with help from Mr. Clausen’s fifth grade class.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you next year!

2nd grade ~ Mrs. Bickett

Have a *Very Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year!*

See you after break!



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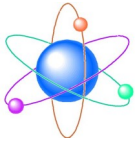
5th grade ~ Mr. Clausen

History - Current Events due Wednesday. Test Thursday.

English - Test Friday. Personal Narrative due Friday.

Christmas Party on Friday! Boys, please bring drinks and girls, please bring snack foods.

Nation Notebooks should be half done by now. Keep working on it!



Science ~ Mr. Cornman

6th: The Sun Our Closest Star, the core, photosphere, sunspots, chromosphere and others.

7th: Mammals: furry friends, design, structure, circulation system

8th: plugging away on their bridges.

I hope everyone has a safe Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and remember why we are celebrating this season:

Mary wrapped the first present.



God gave Him.
Mary wrapped Him.
Will you receive Him?

Each of us is an Innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.

