



# PCA Eagle's Nest News

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Dear School Family,

I would like to introduce you to our new full-time secretary, Christina Eggers! She and her husband, Matt, are members of Princeton Bible Church and they have 2 sons, Jacob and Levi (who is in pre-school). Christina will be a wonderful addition to our staff here at PCA! Please stop by the office and introduce yourself to her.



I have decided to go part time and will be here 1-2 days a week. You just can't get rid of me totally! I so love this school and its families. You all are very dear to me!

Love to you, Miss Jan/Mrs. Skaggs

PS: In this tech age, many parents/staff text me giving info about their child, etc. Please note that I will be gone for most of the month of February and I cannot receive texts. Please call the office or text Mr. Odell. Thanks!!!

- **Valentine's Day Parties** are around the corner! Listed below are the volunteers signed up to help in the classroom:
 

Kindergarten: Sarah Scruggs & Laura Richey	3rd grade: Heather Heaton
1st grade: Elisha Pollok & Katie McCoy	4th grade: Amethyst Peldonia
2nd grade: Cherie House & Caitlin Cooper	5th grade: Jessica Odell & Carmen Grey
6th, 7th, & 8th grades: students will be notified of details as to their party	
- Posted online at the school's website is the new updated **2018 Parent/Student Handbook** and the **March lunch menu**. Check it out! The March menu will be coming home with the students on Thursday, February 8th with a return due date of **Wednesday, February 14th**.

## PCA ACTIVITY CALENDAR February 2018

Thurs, 08	5:30P Girls Vball Home game vs. Dimmick
Fri, 09	7th/8th grades go to Navy Pier, Chicago Progress report term ending
Mon, 12	8:00A Vision/Hearing Screening for grade Pre- 8th 9:30A PHS registration for Princeton area 8th graders
Tues, 13	12:15P Bureau County Spelling Bee at the Metro Center 5:30P Girls Vball Home game vs. Peru Catholic
Thurs, 15	5:30P Girls Vball game @ Deer Park
Mon, 19	NO SCHOOL. President's Day.
Wed, 21	BVEC Speech Contest @ Bradford for grades 5th-8th
Thurs, 22	5:30P Girls Vball Home game vs. Dalzell
Mon, 26-Mar 2	Girls Vball Tournament @ Lostant



## PCA 2018-2019

**Registration is Open**

**Registration for current PCA students is going on now! Go to TADS to begin the process! If you have any questions, contact Mr. Odell or the office.**

**ACSI Speech Meet** is happening on **March 2, 2018** at Peoria Christian School.  
Congratulations to our students who will represent PCA...

Gabe Heaton  
Isabella van den Berg  
Kristoffer Benson  
Colby Pollock  
Sheperd Bayer  
Lillian Swisher  
Karlie Schultz  
Kaylyn Friel  
Joel Odell  
Izbelle Luft  
Abigail Harris

Mallory Mawbach-Williams  
Elyse Anderson  
Jennifer Zurinski  
Corwin Murray  
Dagon Towne-Peldonia  
Jeremiah Foster  
Abigail Freeman  
Gus Anderson  
Alahna Jacobs  
Evan Wilson  
Emmeline Murray

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Also, congratulations to **Andrea Imsland** and **Leah Wilson**, who will be our PCA representation at the **Bureau County Spelling Bee** Contest on Tuesday, February 13. The contest will be held at the Metro Center in Princeton.

Great job to all of these students, putting in the extra work!



*~ To the Glory of God! ~*

**Campbell's Soup Labels...** Parents, we are no longer collecting soup labels. Campbell's has done away with this program. Thank you for collecting these labels over the years! PCA has benefitted with your efforts!

We are still collecting **Box Tops for Education**. Each one is worth \$.10. The school uses this money for a variety of things, from ACSI fees to new equipment, so keep saving those Box Tops! The next mail in will be the first of March, so bring them in now. Thank you!



## Kindergarten Tidbit ~ Mrs. Whitlock & Mrs. Glass

This week in Bible, we will be learning about John the Baptist preaching God's words to others and baptizing Jesus.

In Social Studies, we are learning about Sara in Israel. Then, we will take a journey on a camel to Kenya, Africa!

We will be learning new words like bike, line, and time.

In Math, we will still be using pennies and dimes. We will be adding up how many coins we have and prices of items. Also, we will be learning the six addition family.

The students are exceeding in reading and love it when they get to choose a prize for reading their books at home! Awesome job, parents, with listening to your child read at night!

## 1st grade ~ Mrs. Wilson

In Bible we will be learning about sharing and how Jesus miraculously fed a large crowd of people. Our memory verse this week is "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

The students enjoyed many fun activities last Wednesday – 100 exercises, Flipping a Coin 100 times, 100 Cup Stacking Challenge, and making their own 100 Day Glasses – as we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school!

In Phonics this week, we are learning about prefixes, reviewing suffixes and rhyming words, applying A-B-C order to words with the same beginning letter, and learning new daily special sounds.

In Math this week we are reviewing adding two 2-digit numbers, place values, adding three and four numbers, identifying value of coins, and telling time to five-minute increments. Our new concept will be learning how to subtract two-digit numbers.

Please continue to log the minutes your child reads each night on the February Book Log. It was sent home last week on Thursday.

Wow! All of the students did a great job with the speech contest! I am so proud of their hard work on memorizing their poems and Bible verses! Our classroom winners were:

Poetry – Gabe Heaton (1<sup>st</sup>), Isabella van den Berg (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kinsley Wall (Alternate)

Bible Memorization – Kristoffer Benson (1<sup>st</sup>), Colby Pollok (2<sup>nd</sup>), Myla McCoy (Alternate)



We will have a **Valentine's Day Party on Wednesday, February 14th**. The students may decorate a container, box, or bag to hold their valentines. There are 13 students in our class. I will send home the class list this week.

## **2nd grade ~ Mrs. Bickett**

We are praying for second graders who have been home with sickness! We hope you have a speedy recovery and will be back with us soon!

There will be no spelling test this week or verse to learn. We will be back to our normal routine next week, Lord willing!

## **3rd grade ~ Mrs. Cleary**

Greetings from PCA and our long-awaited winter wonderland!

This week we hope and pray to have a strong finish to the week. Hope to see all my students in good health and back at school. We will attempt to get everyone on the same page. Some catch-up work will be necessary. We will make time at school for that. However, you will see some papers brought home to complete for some missed classes. Please return them as soon as possible. Write me a note and let me know what they need help with or do not understand.

Spelling - List 21. We will have the test on Friday. It is not really a hard list so they should be able to do well.

Math – We will be learning dry measures which are kind of fun. We also will continue to climb up the tables to the 7 and 8 families for multiplication. Please encourage them to practice the 6's, 7's, and 8's. I test them one number at a time. Our lesson papers are using the 6 family now. This week it will be 7's. It is very frustrating for the child to do long division and simple equations when they have not mastered these facts. I will continue to go over and over the division process and the equation process with the students in the class. We have a wonderful condensed math handbook in the back of the text. I pointed it out to them again. It is an overview of all the math operations, measurements, and definitions for third-grade math. Have your child use it as a reference at home! I will send some problems for them to do at home. They need to do one or two of each type every night. Practicing a few problems every night and following the step by step process (like we do in class) is going to get them over that wall!

History – We have finished Thomas Jefferson and the War of Independence. The next chapter is Daniel Boone. We have begun looking at maps starting with continents and oceans of the world. You will notice completed mapwork coming home.

Language – The next two chapters are to teach the children use of pronouns and verbs in a sentence correctly. These chapters are preparing for them for our next two big topics. The first one is picking out a game (one they know well and is very simple) and writing step by step game instructions. Next, they will be creating and writing their very own story. It can be fiction or non-fiction.

Health – All about Nutrition: minerals and food groups. Last week the students worked in teams and did a great job with creating posters about a particular Vitamin. On Friday they shared food samples rich in the vitamin they worked on. We had a healthy food feast! Next, we hoping to do a Friday smoothie break covering minerals and food groups!

### 3rd Grade cont'd...

Science – Our few last chapters in Science will be learning about God’s wonderful creation – the amazing human body. We will tie that in somewhat with our health topics. We have a few smaller chapters about weather and pond. By popular demand, we will squeeze in a week or two about geology for my third-grade rock-hounds. These topics will fill up most of our time for the rest of the year. Don’t forget the end of the year Wildlife Prairie Park in Peoria: a grand finale for our third-grade science program. That field trip should be in May.

Bible – This week into next we will be talking about having an attitude of thanksgiving in Christ. Colossians 3:17 says “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” What a great Bible verse to memorize! Last week we talked all about being a new creation in Christ Jesus. To put away the old self and become made new in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reminder! PERMISSION SLIPS FOR THE MUSIC FIELD TRIP must be in returned by next Tuesday so we can secure tickets for the group. We need one more driver for our class. It should be a great concert and learning experience for the children and adults. This trip is covered by PCA for students and drivers! The only cost is buffet lunch at Pizza Hut.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Cleary



### Mrs. Cook's Jr. High News:

**8<sup>th</sup> graders** are studying the Mexican War this week. Test over chapter 13 is still Thursday as all of the chapter work was assigned last week.

**7<sup>th</sup> graders** are finishing our unit on Queen Elizabeth and moving into the reign of the Stuart family in England. Students should review maps and study the various dynasties thus far. We are scheduled to finish up England this week. Expect to test Monday over chapters 13-15.

**6<sup>th</sup> graders** are letting some of our fellow classmates catch up from illness related absences. We are on the second section of Chapter 12 today. Today was Teddy Roosevelt Day in class. Students were encouraged to come with cowboy hat, boots, or a teddy bear.

#### **Language Arts:**

**6<sup>th</sup> graders** are working on their historical fiction writings and we have been working on basic grammar. This week we begin the novel *A Wrinkle In Time* our hopes are to read and pick out the Christian symbolisms before the movie comes to town. PLEASE do NOT allow students to see the movie before we finish reading. It will not be consistent with the text and confuse them. As the movie is put out by Disney, I am not certain all of those right verses wrong images will be in it anyway. I will assume it will take us 2 weeks to read it and study it. Also, the spelling test over homophones was postponed until this Friday.

**7<sup>th</sup> graders** are picking our way through *Romeo and Juliet*. We are realizing how substantially smaller our vocabulary is now. We are in Act two. Remember the trip to Navy Pier and the play *A Mid Summer Night's Dream* is this Friday. Plan to be at the station early and have bus money in ones and quarters.

**Spanish:** Our classes are both going very well.