



PCA Eagle's Nest News

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March 13,
2018

March

15 - Samantha Murray
25 - Madisyn Shipp
25 - Jennifer Zurinski
25 - Steve Gyurkovics
26 - Kennedy Wall

6th grade
1st grade
3rd grade
7th grade
Preschool



to our PCA students and
Staff!

26 - Claire Grey
26 - Kimberly Imsland
28 - Mrs. Eggers
31 - Lexie Knipper
31 - Mrs. Whitlock

7th grade
5th grade
Secretary
2nd grade
Kindergarten teacher

- **April Lunch Menus...** Lunch menus are due back **tomorrow**, Wednesday, March 14! A food order will be placed this Thursday, so we cannot accept late menus. Thank you!
- **Attention Parents of Washington, D.C. Students:** It is less than 2 weeks until we leave on our trip! We will have a parent meeting Thursday, March 15, 3:15 - 4:15, to work out final details. It is very important that you attend! Thank you for all your help! --- Beth Jones
- **Drivers Needed!!!!**... Would you be willing to provide transportation for the Washington, D.C. travelers? They will need rides to O'Hare Monday morning, March 26 and will need to be picked up Friday night, March 30. Please text or call Beth Jones at 815-830-1626 or e-mail her at liz.beth.jones7@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your help!



PCA ACTIVITY CALENDAR March 2018

Tues, Mar 13 3:15P Play practice
4:00P Scholastic Bowl Home Match vs. BV South
Thurs, Mar 15 3:15P Play Practice
3:15-4:15P D.C. Parents Meeting
4 - 5:00P Track practice @ PHS
Fri, Mar 16 End of third 9-week grading period
Mon, Mar 19 3:15P Play Practice
4 - 5:00P Track practice @PHS
Tues, Mar 20 3:15P Play Practice
4:00P Scholastic Bowl Home Match vs. Peru Catholic
4:30P Track Meet @ PHS

PCA ACTIVITY CALENDAR cont'd...

Wed, Mar 21 Report cards issued
Thurs, Mar 22 3:15P Play Practice
4:00P Scholastic Bowl Home
Match vs. Holy Family
Mon, Mar 26-Fri, Mar 30 Washington, DC Trip
Mon, Mar 26-Mon, Apr 2 NO SCHOOL. Spring break.



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

Psalm 103:1-14

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless **His holy name!** 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, **and forget not all His benefits:** 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, 4 Who **redeems** your life from destruction, who **crowns you** with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who **satisfies** your mouth with good things, so that your **youth is renewed** like the eagle's. 6 The Lord **executes righteousness** and justice for all who are oppressed. 7 He made **known His ways to Moses**, His acts to the children of Israel. 8 The Lord is **merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.** 9 He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 **He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.** 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, **so far has He removed our transgressions from us.** 13 As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him. 14 For He knows our frame; **He remembers that we are dust.**

It is impossible to think of the love of God apart from his holiness. The reason is that God's character is encountered as he is, as the encounter with the one, almighty, all knowing, all powerful, ruler of all eternity. To put it clearly in our language of today God is "the whole package" or "the real deal". When examining the character of God, the absolute unity of God is clearly seen. David proclaims this truth in this Psalm. He begins with a call to bless God's Holy name and then proceeds to illustrate how God's Holy character spills out on us as those who are genuine believers in Him, those who trust in the redeeming work of Christ on the cross. All that God is flows from His Holiness, His complete "otherness" from us.

Take a moment this day to revel in the character of God and allow Him to penetrate our lives with who He truly is.

A Parent's Prayer

*Thank You, Lord, for bringing my children into my life.
Help me guide them and teach them through example to
lead lives of
wisdom and strong, loving faith.
Please let them learn to serve You always in thought and
deed.
And remind me, Lord, to always be there for my family as
You are always there for me. Amen.*



PCA MISSION STATEMENT ~ To provide an excellent academic education with a Christian world view based on the absolute authority of God's Word, the Holy Bible.

TEACHER'S NOTES FOR YOU!



Sonshine Preschool Note ~ Miss Elisha

March 12 - March 16, 2018

Theme: "Easter"

Bible topic: Easter Story: Jesus is King!

Bible verse: Matthew 21:9 - "The people shouted, 'Hosanna in the highest.'"

Letter: Z z

Number: Review

Color: Purple

Shape: Diamond

ABC Bag/Snack

Wed, Mar. 14: School

Fri, Mar 16: School

Mon, Mar 19: Miss Pam



Reminder: Spring Break is March 26-April 2. Preschool resumes Wednesday, April 4th.

Kindergarten Tidbit ~ Mrs. Whitlock & Mrs. Glass

We have ended our traveling in Social Studies and learning about the different countries around the world. We are now beginning in our Science books and learning about God's creations.

In Math, we will be introduced to the seventh family. We are still learning numbers that come before and after. We will be learning the quarter and how much it is worth.

In Phonics, we are learning more and more special blends and words. For example: swell, swift, sweep.

***Please remember to turn in an empty egg carton and twelve plastic eggs by March 16th.

This is my last week with your students. I have enjoyed my time in kindergarten and will miss them greatly. I am thankful for this time that God has blessed me with teaching the children. Have a wonderful week!

In Christ's Love,
Mrs. Glass



1st grade ~ Mrs. Wilson

In Bible we will be learning about Trusting God and the story of Peter walking on water. Our memory verse this week is "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you, he will not leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." Deuteronomy 31:8

In Phonics this week, we are learning a new suffix rule: changing y to i when adding -er or -est. We are reviewing prefixes, suffixes, homonyms, A-B-C order, rhyming words, syllables, in addition to learning new daily special sounds.

In Math this week we are learning how to solve addition problems with three two-digit numbers. We are also reviewing measures, fractions, counting by threes, telling time, place value, long combinations (adding and subtracting 3, 4 and 5 numbers), and counting coins in mixed order.

Each student needs to bring in one empty cardboard egg carton (1 dozen size) this week for a class art project we will be doing next week on Wednesday. Thank you!

2nd grade ~ Mrs. Bickett

In Bible class this week we are looking at what it means to be merciful. Our verse is Micah 6:8 *"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* We will recite this verse on Friday. Spelling Test 24 will also be on Friday.

In English class we are continuing to write a friendly letter. In math we will learn about how to find $\frac{1}{3}$ of a group and a number and how to divide by 3. We are continuing to practice counting by 2's, 3's, and 4's and are working hard on our math facts.



4th grade ~ Mrs. Odell

Our Scripture passage this week is Matthew 5:16.

We are looking forward to a wonderful time at the Ag Fair! We will leave this Thursday morning, March 15, at 8:15 and will go to the Bureau County Fair Grounds. We will be back by 11:30. Any time we get a chance, we should thank our area farmers for their contributions to our community, our homes, and our lives!

Our next field trip is to Springfield and I am looking to April 20. It is not set in stone, but it is penciled on my calendar. ☺

The children are successfully working on their state notebooks, but they are in need of some homework on them. I would like them to be completed and on display for the Science, Art and Talent night.

We are finishing the oceanography chapter in science and will test Thursday. We'll test on list 26 in spelling and begin 27 tomorrow.

Happy spring!!



Psalms 19:1

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork."

5th grade ~ Mr. Clausen

History test this week, Chapters 10-13. Current event due on Wednesday.

Science test over Chapters 7-9 this week. Any extra credit diagrams from Chapter 9 need to be turned in by Friday.

Continue to draft, revise, and edit Research report this week.

For Bible, students are interviewing servant leaders this week. They have six short questions. Questionnaire is due Friday.

Please continue working on the Nation Notebooks. Notebooks will be due April 3rd. The Nation Fair will take place April 10.

Mrs. Cook's Jr. High News:

History :

6th grade: We are wrapping up our studies of the United States with a look at modern leaders. Each student has been assigned a person of interest to write a research report. We will be beginning those this week together and writing them in class mostly. Students may take them home to work on them, but I will need them to be here. We don't have access to the computer lab for writing daily, so these will be had written.

7th grade: We are also completing a research paper. I will be going over the rubric with them and re-teaching methods today and tomorrow. This class will be on their own. We will have checks as we go and they will be due the day they return from break. These are shorter papers, so there will be plenty of time to get their papers done before break. They already have their topics.

8th grade: We are beginning a unit on economics. We will be doing a short report on one area having to do with the Gilded Age, political leaders of the era, or the basis on our economy, capitalism. These are one page reports and will be read in class Monday. They will be assigned tomorrow.

Spanish:

8th graders will be having a test this Friday!



7th graders have begun the new texts after completing the *Spanish is Fun!* book. A job well done students! We are going to be working on Spanish skit writing as well during class.

Language Arts:

6th grade: Spelling List 19

We are working on our vocabulary and comprehension. We are going to be using this time to do our writing, so students will have a bit of Literature reading to do at home on some days.

7th grade: We are finishing the current book we are on this week. Testing will be on Friday. It is an essay form. Students should study characters and their actions from *A Mid Summer Night's Dream*.

Play: Students have been assigned roles and play schedules went home last week. I understand that we have a lot going on, so I will try to be flexible. It really helps if they can be there as much as possible. Students should bring a small snack for after school.

8TH Grade Language Arts ~ Mrs. Kiser

We are finishing **Hamlet** today and will be taking a 100 point test on the play on Thursday or Friday. This grade could have a big impact on the 9-week grades, so students are encouraged to study well for this exam. We will also be looking at interjections, conjunctions, and prepositions this week. Lots of fun!



Jr. High Choir - Mrs. Holmes

"I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me." Psalm 13:6

Twelve PCA Jr. High Students participated in the ACSI Music Festival this past weekend at ONU in Bourbonnais, Illinois. It was a wonderful experience and the students did a great job! The students rehearsed all Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. They worked very hard to prepare for an amazing concert Saturday afternoon in front of a large audience. The 2 Choirs, 2 Bands, and orchestra were made up of students from many Christian Schools in Illinois and nearby states. We are very thankful to be a part of the ACSI organization and be able to take part in many enriching activities here at PCA. A special thank you to Mrs. Marshall for her work with the band students, Mr. Knipper, and Mr. Wilson for going with us and helping chaperone. A great time was had by all!! To God be the glory!



Pictured above - Back row, left to right: Andrea Imsland, Drew Knipper, Christian Rosario, Steve Gyurkovics, Gabriel Glass. Front row, left to right: Claudia Nordstrom, Leah Wilson, Claire Grey, Sarah Freeman, Hailey Foster, William Marshall. Not pictured: Nick Mecum.

Congratulations

to our twelve students who participated in the ACSI Music Festival this weekend! They worked hard, did their best and were great examples to those around them!



The list of students selected to perform in our talent show is posted by the music room. Please check to see if your student was selected. **If your child cannot perform for any reason, please contact me immediately!** There are students who could not be included, that would jump at the opportunity to perform.

In K-5 general music this week:

K – learned that music can sound soft and loud, move fast and slow.

1st – reviewed instruments.

2nd – reviewed concepts learned to date.

3rd – learned about sharp, natural and flat.

4th – prepared for playing recorders next week. **If your child already has a recorder, please have them bring it on Monday 3/19.**

5th – learned about 2nd, 3rd and 4th intervals.



The advanced band assignment is due Thursday 3/15 at the start of our rehearsal. Has your child completed their assignment?