



PCA Eagle's Nest News

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- **Teacher Appreciation Week** is NEXT WEEK! We have just a few more meals to cover. Please contact the office if you'd like to bring something in for our wonderful teachers!
- **PCA Spring Play:** "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" The Jr. High play is THIS weekend! Times are Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend and support our students who have been working so hard!
- **Six Flags Reading Log...** The deadline is quickly approaching to earn your free Six Flags ticket! The reading logs must be turned in by May 1st! Thank you!
- **Plant Sale!** The Fourth Graders have been growing some plants and will have a few to sell May 3 and 4. We have about 30 Beefsteak tomatoes, 12 California wonder green peppers, 8 aloe vera, and a few yellow columbine. The money will go to one of our missionaries that we pray for daily. We hope to help you in your garden planting! --- Mrs. Odell
- **Lost and Found...** Are you missing something? We have a table outside the gym with several items from the Lost and Found cupboard. There are lots of nice sweatshirts and jackets! Please stop by and take a look to see if anything is your's.



Congratulations to our
Scholastic Bowl Team, who WON the
Prairie Conference Tournament yesterday! Way to go!



PCA ACTIVITY CALENDAR April/May 2018

Tues, Apr 24	3:15-5:30P Play Practice
	4:30P Track Meet vs. Dimmick @ Old Mendota Track
Thurs, Apr 26	3:15-5:30P Play Practice
Fri, Apr 27	10:00A Peoria Symphony Concert for 5th Grade
	7:00P Jr. High Spring Play Performance
Sat, Apr 28	7:00P Spring Play Performance
Apr 30-May 4	Teacher Appreciation Week
Tues, May 1	4:00P Track Practice @ PHS
Wed, May 2	Kindergarten Field Trip
Thurs, May 3	8:15A National Day of Prayer in gym
	All Day Track Conference @ LaSalle-Peru
Fri, May 4	Conservation Day Field Trip for 5th Grade
Sat, May 5	Track Practice @ Zearing
Mon, May 7	All Day Bureau County Track Meet @ BV North
Thurs, May 10	6:30P Spring Band & Choir Concert

Thoughts to consider...

Hi, Ladies. I am writing as a "Titus 2 older woman" to remind us all of our need for modesty in attire. I want you to know that the PCA staff tries to abide by the PCA dress code with our students, endeavoring to protect all children from the immodest trends of society. We ask for no spaghetti straps or low neckline tops, no short skirts or short shorts, and if leggings are worn, they will require a top that comes to mid-thigh over them. I am asking you, as family members, to try to be consistent with that dress as you enter our school. Children spot inconsistency a mile away. Please know it's not about legalism. It is about protecting our girls and boys. Thanks for your consideration of this matter.
----- Beverly Odell

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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Philippians 1:3-11

3 "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of **your partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now. 6 I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, **for you are all partakers with me of grace**, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with affection of Christ Jesus. 9 **And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment**, 10 so that you may approve what is **excellent** and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, **to the glory and praise of God.**"

One distinctive which comes to those whose lives are redeemed through faith in Christ's complete work on the cross is that we become a part of the "fellowship". It is a natural result, in human relationships, for barriers to exist. Barriers existed in Paul's time, as they do today, between Jews and Gentiles, Romans and Greeks, free and those who were slaves to name just a few. This should not surprise us for it is what comes "natural" to the unregenerate heart. We of all generations are living in a world where seemingly everyone offends everyone. Nothing is more contrary to God's desire for the true Church.

The power of God's saving grace is seen in barriers being broken down and eliminated so we can operate as "partners of the gospel" (v 5). Consequently we can be "sure" or confident, as was Paul, that God will continue to bring His plan to completion. All for the purpose which is stated in v 11 of this text: "to the glory and praise of God." God's glory will be the expected result as our love "abounds more and more, with knowledge and discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent." May God continue to be seen in this place as we labor together.



to our PCA students and Staff!

April

27 - Ella Grey

5th grade

29 - Arthur van den Berg

5th grade

TEACHER'S NOTES FOR YOU!



Sonshine Preschool Note ~ Miss Elisha

April 23 - 27, 2018

Theme: "Farm/Pet Animals"

Bible topic: Adventures with God: The Battle of Jericho

Bible verse: Joshua 24:24 - "The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey.'"

Review all letters, numbers, colors & shapes.

ABC Bag/Snack

Wed, Apr. 25 - Marshall

Fri, Apr. 27 - School

Mon, Apr. 30 - School



Kindergarten Tidbit ~ Mrs. Whitlock



Our Field trip is coming on May 2nd. We have some drivers but there is always room for more. We will leave the school 8:05 and each child needs a car seat. Please leave one marked with your child's name if you are not going. Each person needs to bring a sack lunch and drink. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather. The students are free but adults and siblings will be charged \$3 for the museum and \$9 for the Zoo. Please check with the front desk for paper work needed for driving and pay your fees as we are to pay with one check. We will return to the school between 3-3:15 pm.

This week we will look at being generous in Skills Development along with a look at "gases". We will identify pairs, couple and dozen amounts. We will have fun sentences with riddles and categories.

We continue to practice our poems with our partners and individually reciting our graduation memory verses.

We will pick correct endings to sentences and write the words. We will practice spelling one, two vowel words, sight words and our number words.

There will be lots of review in Numbers of addition facts 5,6,7 and 8 addition families. We will review smallest to largest numbers in a group of three.

Whole, half and quarter circle will be reviewed along with counting by 2. The will be clock review using our own individual clocks.

We will learn subtracting all of a number and counting mixed coins.

Our new special sounds in Phonics will be "ow" (as in bowl and owl), "er", "ir" and "ur". The children will be asked to identify words and use them in a sentence for blends and special sounds. They will be asked to write a dictated special sound, blend or word.

We will play "Capture the Card" for blends, special sounds and words.

In Science we will continue with "God's Plan for the Seasons. We will finish our season books.

We have chick eggs in the incubator and hope to have some baby chicks in less that 21 days.



Our Bible time story is Zacchaeus. We cannot hide anything from God. God loved Zacchaeus and God loves each of us. Zacchaeus was very unhappy at first but when he met Jesus his life changed. As we believe in Jesus and ask him into our hearts we will be changed too. We also should show love to other people we meet so we can tell them about Jesus.



We celebrated two "Spiritual" Birthdays this month as they have asked Jesus into their hearts, asked for forgiveness of their sins and choose to live for Him. It has been a special time.

Our memory verse is 2 Corinthians 5 :17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Kindergarten Graduation... Reminder parents: If you are interested, please order graduation invitations by TOMORROW, Wednesday, April 25th.

1st grade ~ Mrs. Wilson

In Bible we will be learning about Witnessing to Others and Phillip and the Ethiopian. Our memory verse this week is "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

In Phonics this week, we are reviewing our suffix rules, compounds words, homonyms, A-B-C order, rhyming words, and syllables, in addition to learning new special sounds.

In Math this week we are learning the 13 Addition Family, adding 3-digit numbers, measuring sides of a shape to find perimeter, and learning to solve word problems by converting measures. Long combinations with 3 numbers will be included on our oral math tests for the rest of the school year.

Last week we started our ABC Countdown to Summer Break with Apple Day! We had lots of fun investigating apples, seeing if apples float and apple seeds float, tasting apples, and bobbing for apples! This week we will have fun with Bubble Day (Monday), Crazy Sock Day (Tuesday), Donut Day (Wednesday), Exercise Day (Thursday), and bring your Favorite Book to School Day (Friday).

Please keep reading and logging your minutes on the Six Flags Reading Log. Please return to school by May 1st.

Mark your calendars! We will be joining 2nd Grade on a field trip to the Putnam Museum on Tuesday, May 15th. We will leave at 8:10 am and be back no later than 3:00 pm. There is no cost for students, but parents are \$12.00 and siblings are \$7.00. You can pay at the museum the day of the field trip. Please let me know if you can drive and how many can fit in your vehicle



2nd grade ~ Mrs. Bickett

No homework this week due to testing. Testing is going well!

I will Praise Him as I pray
I will Rejoice through the day
I will Adore His matchless love
I will Incline my heart above
I will Sing. His peace is mine!
I will Exalt my Lord divine!

"I will praise You, Lord, with all my heart..."
~ Psalm 138:1 ~

3rd grade ~ Mrs. Cleary

Spelling – List 31 Test Weds.

History – Booker T. Washington - Quiz on Weds.

Next George Washington carver

English – Finished Chapter 13 – Adjective, Adverbs, Commas

Chapter Test on Friday

Bible – Jesus and his miracles. Wonderful gospel stories

Memory verse Matt. 14: 27-29 Thurs - Quiz on 28 and 29

Math – Fraction Frenzy! We will be focused on this the next few weeks.

Math test on Thurs. on equations and measurement conversions.

Health – We are doing some team presentations on parts of the Human body: the eye, ear, nervous system, brain and nose. What fun to learn the amazing features Our God has made for us to use!

Science – Weather and Rocks

A note to be sent out soon for our Field trip to Wildlife Prairie Park in Peoria! The children are very excited. Also we would like to have a kite day here at the school. We will keep you posted.

Blessings to all! Happy Spring! Mrs. Cleary



4th grade ~ Mrs. Odell

We are beginning to learn Proverbs 4:10-15.

Our Springfield trip was wonderful! The weather was fine and the children were great! We thank our parent chaperones/drivers, Mrs. Towne-Peldonia, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Hardy and Mrs. Bachelor.

We are testing this week, so our daily academics are not as regularly scheduled. We are keeping our spelling list 31 test tomorrow though and then onward to list 32.

Enjoy your week!!

5th grade ~ Mr. Clausen

This Friday is **Symphony Day!** Students are looking forward to an excellent field trip!



Students should wear nice clothes for this field trip. We will be dressing up in our best. Girls: skirts or dresses will work. Boys: "handsome clothes" please. Boys should wear dress pants or khakis with a button up shirt and dress shoes. If you can wear a tie, great! I can lend extra ties if needed.

Students should also bring lunch money. We are planning on going to The Spotted Cow after the Symphony. \$6 or \$7 should be enough for lunch (a little extra for ice cream might be nice). We will leave at about 8:10 a.m. Be early! We should get back in time to finish up a little school work before heading home at 3:00.

Science ~ Mr. Cornman



6th - We will be starting into our Health books: Safety First, Keeping Safe at Home.

7th - Lepidoptera: Scale - Winged Insects, Butterflies & Moths

8th - Laws of Fluids: Pascal's Principle. Force = Pressure x Area ($F=PA$). Gas Laws: Boyle's Law: $P_1/P_2 = V_2/V_1$;
P = Pressure, V = Volume

Mrs. Cook's Jr. High News:

History: Our history classes are slow this week due to the fact that we are taking our standardized tests in the mornings. Memorize those lines folks!

7th Graders are jumping ahead to chapter 21 and beginning our studies of W.W. II. They are all eager learners and we look forward to studying the major factors of this terrible time in our world's history. However, we will look for ways that God was working as we study it; we will certainly look at the world views of the time in relation to the Word of God.

6th and 8th graders will resume our studies with mapping. 8th graders have an assignment due on Thursday in their map books.

Language Arts:

6th graders are reading chapter 5 of *Across Five Aprils* today. We will review chapters 3-5 and quiz over them tomorrow. We have also been studying literature writing techniques of some great modern short story writers. Hyperbole, metaphor, and suspense have been our focus. We will practice these in a short story of our own on Thursday and Friday. Spelling List 23 will be tested on Friday.

7th graders are reading *Tom Sawyer*. Tonight we are reading Chapters 16 and 17. Also, we are working on some grammar to help clarify our writing. This class is really developing their skills! We are working on pronoun usage within the sentence structure. Test over this will be next week. Students will begin a short story draft later this week. Our focus will be creating theme and motif, both of which we have already covered.

Spanish:

8th graders are taking a break and helping with set design. Later this week we will be skit writing! I am so excited!

7th graders will have a quiz over vocabulary and our verse on Thursday and be writing our first real descriptive paragraphs.



Please remember to come watch our play this weekend. Invite neighbors, friends, and family. We will take a cast picture on the stage directly after each performance. On Saturday it would be helpful for parents who could to help strike the set and store items. Also, we may still need a few servers at the cast party. 8th graders: Frozen Pizzas, 7th graders: hot dogs/buns, 6th graders: chips and soda, 5th graders: desserts.... Actually any donations are appreciated! We do love our sweets. Thanks to all the parents for time, money, and costuming help. It really has been a group effort, and this year has been a real joy!

Music and Band – Mrs. Marshall

K-5 general music only has four more classes before the end of the year!

K- We reviewed how music can move and started learning about treble clef.

1st- We reviewed types of notes and markings. They are great at identifying and counting!

2nd- We learned about the life and music of Johann Strauss II. Alice shared her ukulele!

3rd- We learned about key signatures and started ties and slurs.

4th- Everyone earned their white belt! We are working on "Gently Sleep" to earn yellow belts.

5th- This Friday 4/27 is their big symphony field trip! We learned about concert etiquette, what to expect and observe.

The concert is a fancy occasion! Students are expected to dress up (school appropriate dresses, skirts, slacks, collared shirts, ties and dress shoes). They can bring every day clothes to change into back at school.

It is crucial that everyone arrive on time (early is better). We had a student miss out last year, because they were late!

Parents, please feel free to stop by or contact me if you have any questions. Thank you!

Band Parents

All musicians need to bring their instruments on Thursday, May 3rd for a combined rehearsal.

Sign up sheets for junior high summer band were handed out last week. I highly recommend this group for all your musicians! It is a lot of fun, an opportunity to meet local musicians their age and play in a larger group. Please see me for any questions or a form. Thank you!

