



PCA Eagle's Nest Weekly News

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• **Track Meet:**

May 09, Mon., 9AM Bureau Country Meet

• **PCA Upcoming Events**

May 02-06 Teacher Appreciation Week

05 Thursday National Day of Prayer 8:15AM in gym

05 & 06, Thurs. & Fri. PCA Plant Sale

06 Friday 2:15P Jr High Performance for DAR at Prouty. Choir students leave at 2P. Arrive back to school at 3P.

11 Wednesday Grades 1,2,3 Field Trip to Rockford Discovery Museum

13 Friday 5th grade trip to Warnecke Woods

17 Tuesday 6:00P Awards Night (note: date change from Monday, May 16)

20 Friday Last day of Preschool; No afternoon bus service

25 Wednesday Last day of Kindergarten with K graduation at 2 p.m.

26 Thursday No school for Kindergarten class

27 Friday PCA Student Play Day (Kindergarten welcome to attend!); 7 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation

Reminder Parents!

A reminder to parents driving on field trips: Please be sure that your license and car insurance is recorded in the office. This is important!

Parents with students riding the bus! Please note the days that bus is not available.



Friday, May 20, Tuesday, May 24 & Wednesday, May 25 No afternoon bus

Thursday & Friday, May 26 & 27 No morning or afternoon bus

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page on the internet! Pictures and messages come through this handy social media thing! :)

FYI! Our church and school has an opportunity to participate in "Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign." Baby bottles are available to fill with your extra change, dollar bills and checks. These bottles will need to be returned by Friday, June 17th. The monetary donations will go to the Abigail Women's Clinic in Mendota, this area's local Pregnancy Resource Center. You can pick up your baby bottle at the office window if you choose to participate.

At the center, your donation provides:

2 weeks of supply of baby formula	\$25
3 weeks supply of diapers	\$35
1 car seat for safe travel	\$75
1 crib for sound sleep	\$175
Pregnancy classes	\$250
A new life!!	Priceless!

Thanks for your consideration in giving to this important community ministry. You are helping those who struggle with aborting or keeping their precious baby! A matter of life and death!

PCA PLANT SALE ~~~ Thursday & Friday, May 5th and 6th! Stop by and visit our little garden corner for your selection!

A garden wish list has also been compiled. Please be on the look-out as your visit garage sales and shops. Items needed: Pots up to 6 inch diameter, plastic trays with no compartments to hold plants, potting soil, watering cans, work gloves, plastic mini blind slats (to use as markers), eagle mascot for the garden and a garden bench! Thank you!

Teacher Appreciation Week is here! And thank you for the first two days of food!! We certainly do appreciate how you pamper us!



The school year is winding down and I would like to remind the parents and students who use the church library to be aware of any books you may have checked out and need to be returned in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please see me. Thank you for using our library! Miss Patty (Patty Cabeen)

National Day of Prayer ~ *Wake Up America*

Please stay after you drop your children off at school this Thursday, May 5th, at 8:15 a.m. as we will have a time of prayer in the school's gymnasium. "For Americans, the ability to gather, worship, and pray are critical among the blessings offered by our free society. We recognize that this country was founded upon a bedrock of faith, and we understand the critical role that Divine Providence has played in our nation's history—from the time our forebears first set foot on these shores to the present day...In the words of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, "Without God, there could be no American form of government nor any American way of life."

"America has always been a nation steeped in faith—spiritual roots that must be embraced, celebrated and cherished. America's reliance on God over the years has been her commitment to prayer. And it is time to WAKE UP AMERICA and to submit ourselves before the King of Kings in repentance as we seek His direction for us and this country. " (these comments taken from John Bornschein, the vice Chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force)

Join with our school as we stand in prayer for our community, our state and nation! We need prayer!

Summer Band Sign-Up

If you are interested in summer band, go to the Logan Jr High School music page. You will find a link to click into and this will give you the information needed.

PCA Track Results

Prairie Conference Track Meet

Both our 7th Grade Boys and 7th Grade Girls placed 5th overall in Conference

- Our 4x100 Team of Steve Gyurkovics, Matthew Harris & Josiah Scott, Grady Thompson placed 4th with a time of 1:05.97
- 4x400 Relay Team: Mathew Harris, Elijah House, Miguel Jones and Grady Thompson placed 3rd with a time of 5:33
- Miguel Jones placed 6th in the 400 m run
- Cozy Wolbrecht placed 6th in three events: Hurdles with a time of .27 seconds, 1600 M Run with a time of 7:10 and the 800 M run with a time of 3:13

PCA Girls 8th Grade placed 3rd overall in the Prairie Conference – we only had one athlete in this division:

- J'Kira Wolbrecht placed 1st in the Long Jump, 14'3 1/2", 2nd in the Hurdles with a time of 19:40, 1st in the 100 with a time of 13.89 and 2nd in the 400 M run with a time of 1:12.90

Our 7th grade girls team placed 5th overall in the conference

- Regan Cook Placed 2nd in the 200 M with a time of 35.40
- Elena Martinez placed 5th in the 800 M Run, 3:30 and 6th in the 1600 M Run, 7:27
- Andrea Imsland placed 5th in the Discus with a throw of 38'
- Leah Wilson placed 4th in the Long Jump at 9'10"
- 2nd place was taken by our 4x200 Relay Team of Zoe Searl, Gracie Pollok, Leah Wilson and Regan Cook
- 4th place was earned by our 4x100 Relay Team of Claudia Nordstrom, Ellie Weddell, Andrea Imsland and Maracole Wolbrecht



Way to go Eagles! Your coach, parents and fans are so very proud of your hard work! We have another meet tonight in Mendota at the old track at 4:00. Our final meet is next Monday, 9am at Hall High School! Rest, stretch, and do your homework! Mrs. Wolbrecht

This past weekend was a very busy weekend here at the school!

Thank you, Jr. High cast and helpers, for the two performances of *Little Women*. It takes a lot of effort to do a production as this and what a great learning experience! We are so proud of you all and pray that you have good memories to take away with you! Thank you, Mrs. Cook, for your patience and teaching! A great job!

A **HUGE thank you** to Bill and Cara Murray for ALL that you did for the Food Fest held on Saturday! Those in attendance had a great time with delicious food, kids games, hot pepper challenge, ice cream challenge, bake sale, chubby bunny contest and so much more! We made almost \$1200 due to the kind and generous donations from the community and our school family!! Thank you for all the wonderful gifts given by organizations and businesses. We hope that everyone enjoys those blessings you received! There have been pictures posted on Facebook and it truly was a great fundraiser for PCA! Pastor Curtis Odell won the Chubby Bunny contest. J'Kira Wolbrecht won the ice cream challenge in age 9 and up with Gus Anderson winning under age 9 group. Congratulations! And thank you, Mr. Odell, for smoking all that brisket and pulled pork! meat! It was super! Thank you to all who supported PCA by coming out on such a rainy day!!!

Next! We had some very busy 7th graders that worked together to hold a silent auction with various baskets and baked goods being offered on Friday and Saturday nights. The proceeds made from this project generated \$300 from this past weekend! This will be used towards the Science lab projects. Thanks to all who contributed there also!



Our school participation in the **Box Tops for Education** program has paid us a check of \$265 for the submission period of Nov. 2, 2015 to March 1, 2016. Isn't it great to receive money for those tiny little box tops?! Please remember that our school's coordinator, Beverly Neff, volunteers her time to manage this program and some days she sits for hours cutting and separating.

Please give her a thank you as she plays a very big role in our school receiving this money. Thank you, Beverly, for loving on us in this way!

Remember to continue to turn in your box tops all year round! There will be a mailing prior to June 1st. Many box tops expire then so they must be mailed prior to that date. The next mailing will not be until Sept. 15th so any that expire before then need to be turned in now!

A few weeks ago, immunization/health packets were sent to preschool, 1st and 5th grade families for the upcoming new school year preparation. If you did not receive any information, please let the office know. Please be reminded that physicals, vision, dental and immunizations are due by August 1st, 2016 for any student entering preschool, Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades. A cover letter with grade requirements was included in the packet to let you know what is required. Kindergarten will also need their birth certificate. We will make a copy and give you back the original. Please make those appointments now so that you can mark this off your list!

Six Flags



Reading logs due Friday, May 6th!!!

**If God had a refrigerator, would
your picture be on it?**

**Princeton Christian Academy's
5K/10K Run/Walk**

**Saturday, June 11th at 8:00_{am}
at Zearing Park**

Run to beat your personal best or grab a group of friends for a fitness walk! Participate in this family-friendly event to not only benefit your health but to also benefit a great school! All ages and skill levels are encouraged!

Kindergarten Tidbit - Mrs. Whitlock



What an exciting week we had last week. The chicks hatched and we ended up with 23. Wow! It was a great experience for the students. Our field trip was a bit dreary on the outside but our inside bubbly selves were as excited as always. Thanks to all the moms that came along. The museum and zoo were awesome. Using our umbrellas and boots added to our fun. The armadillo was so interesting. Favorites included the huge rhino, the up close lion, lemurs, the giant python, the bat cave and the giraffes. The museum provided water play and piping, lots of ways to explore balls, Brio land, a town to explore and pretend, the butterfly wall, the movie theater with costumes and back drops to make a movie, tractors and loaders to drive, dump and explore levers and buttons, a chicken coop to climb in, cows to milk, wheel barrels to load and push, a Lego room, sand porch and a musical bridge.

Beth Schultz is wondering if any moms could meet right after drop off at school some day to start planning our graduation celebration? Please, talk to Beth if you are interested.

The children are to start picking a few stories in our Readers that they might like to read for graduation.

We are working on our poems and memory verses. Graduation is on Wed. May 25th at 2:00 in the sanctuary and refreshment following in the gym.

This week we are using stories with addition and/or subtraction facts. We will make tally marks for numbers and write our number words. Before and after numbers will be reviewed. Before numbers are still tricky. Keep working at home with those. Students will write the correct addition or subtraction fact when shown a concept card. We will review clocks and count coin combination nickel and pennies. The ten addition family will be introduced. There will be an evaluation.

In Phonics we will read and write some of the color words. We will make words with blends and spell them. There will be a written and oral evaluation. We will think of and write words which begin with our special sounds and spell them the way they sound. Sentences will be completed with words we choose. We will review special sounds and blends.

In Bible we will learn about Paul and Silas. They worshipped and praised God in prison. Where can we worship and praise God? Worship is our present to God. God wants us to tell him about our day, the good and the not so good things that happen. Paul and Silas were rescued from their sins and Jesus was their Savior. The ABC's of faith will be reviewed. We will read in Revelation 7: 9-12 of the description of heaven. We will discuss what that will be like. Our memory verse is "Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!" Psalm 147:1

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Mrs. Whitlock

First grade – Mrs. Wolbrecht

Bible – As we draw the end of our First Grade year, we are reviewing the promise, birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are reminded through this week's study to put our hope in Him.

"For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

1st grade continued:

This week's spelling words are:

old **cold** **fold** **gold** **child** **mild** **wild** **blind**
find **kind** **mind** **comb** **climb** **father** **some**



We continue to study plants and insects in science. We are able to hear a little cheep-cheep from our incubator this morning and are hopeful we should have chicks in the next couple of days!

The kids were great for our afternoon substitute, Mrs. Friel, on Monday. Mrs. Friel managed things while I went to a track meet. I will be gone next Monday, May 9, for our Bureau County Meet. I've made the students aware there will be a sub that day.

Don't forget, next Wednesday, May 11, is our field trip to Discovery Center Museum in Rockford. We will meet in the classroom for attendance and plan to leave the parking lot no later than 8:30. If you've decided to join us, please send \$4 for your ticket to the office no later than Monday, May 9.

Just a reminder that, although the weather is warming up, students do need to dress according to the code laid out in our handbook. No tank tops, short shorts/skirts, flip flops. Thank you!

In His Hands, Mrs. Wolbrecht



2nd Grade - Miss Luft

Our verse this week is 1 Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." This week we are learning about how Paul and Barnabas encouraged the believers. We will work hard to encourage each other this week by making cards and letters of encouragement.

We will have spelling test 32 this Friday, this is our last official spelling list in our spelling book. After this week we will be reviewing the more difficult words from previous lists and I will add a few words as well.

Don't forget our field trip to the Rockford Discovery Center is next Wednesday, May 11th. My chaperones are Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Batchelor, and Mrs. Freeman. We will leave PCA at 8:00 and will return before 3:00. Students and chaperones need to bring a completely disposable lunch and drink. Please write your child's name on their lunch bag. Students may bring a small amount of money for the gift shop. Items range from \$2.00 to \$30.00.



Third Grade - Mrs. Scott

In third grade this week:

The field trip on May 11th is actually only \$4 for extra people as I originally thought it would be! We will try to leave school between 8:15 and 8:30 and be back by 3:00 pm. I have 3 drivers and 16 people just from our class at last count. Please let me know if you are coming so I can plan on you!

We're studying missionaries in Bible class like Hudson Taylor and Mary Slessor! We are still memorizing the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19 - 20, "Therefore GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Our spelling list for this week is:

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| 1. dolphin | 11. aboard | 21. compare |
| 2. confusion | 12. thoughtful | Vocabulary |
| 3. apologize | 13. creation | 22. event – an important happening |
| 4. carrot | 14. visitor | 23. surrender – to give up control of something |
| 5. position | 15. peaceful | |
| 6. engine | 16. young | 24. reputation – what people think and say about a person |
| 7. machine | 17. adjective | |
| 8. calculator | 18. capture | |
| 9. prairie | 19. famous | |
| 10. sleigh | 20. Matthew | |

3rd grade continued:

I also want to remind parents to **please read the folders that the children bring home**. The purpose for these folders is for the parents to look through to see what each one is doing and what still needs to be done. Please don't sign the seat work paper until you have seen your child's behavior and school work. Please do sign it though so that I know you are aware of how your student is doing.

Also another reminder, please don't send your daughter to school on Tuesdays in a dress. **PE class is very difficult in a dress!** Also it would be nice if girls had a pair of gym shoes that they just kept at the school so they won't forget them.

I hope you have a great week.

★ Fourth Grade - Mrs. Odell

We are beginning to learn Romans 10:14-15 for our Scripture memory portion. We are also reciting Proverbs 4:10-15.

We will be learning about prepositions this week in English. We are testing list 33 in spelling on Wednesday. In history we will begin to go into "World Wars" and we are doing health now instead of science.

Enjoy your week!!

★ Spanish

Spanish K-6 - Mrs. Anderson

> Kindergarten: Food

> 1st thru 6th: The Lords Prayer, cont. & Review

★ 6th - 8th Grade Science - Mr. Cornman

6th grade will be studying elements that make up the earth's crust, oceans and atmosphere.

7th grade will be starting the new chapter "Ecology, Harmony in God's Creation."

8th grade is finishing up the chapter on containing many diseases, how to tell the systems visible signs, pathogens and cures.

★ History, Language Arts, Grammar, 7/8 Spanish - Mrs. Cook

6th History: We are beginning our last study of the year on South America today. Students should begin reviewing the maps of the year for our end of the year testing. Also keeping up with daily readings is recommended.

7th History/ 8th History: We are studying the Russian Revolution and the Great Depression this week. Next week we will study WWII.

6th Language Arts: Our current novel *A Wrinkle in Time* is an American classic science fiction piece. We are looking hard at theme and motif as we try to keep up with our empathetic characters in there crazy alternate universe. The strong "Christ Figure" in this book makes an easy analogy for sacrifice.

Also we are finishing up a unit on modifiers in English and should test on Thursday of this week.

7th grade English has been working on basic Spelling rules review. We will test on Friday over this short unit.



Thanks to all who made the production of PCA's *Little Women* a great success. Also thanks to all the stage helpers and cast party moms!!



8th grade & Jr. High Math - Mrs. Anderson

- > 8th grade - Continue Trigonometry Unit: Sin, Cos, & Tan. Quiz Friday 5/6, Test Tues 5/10
 - > 7th grade - Trigonometry unit - Pythagorean Rule, Sin, Cos, & Tan. Quiz Friday 5/6, Test Tues 5/10
 - > 6th grade - Quiz Wed 5/4. Begin unit on Business Math: banking & interest. Test Tues 5/10
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Following is the essay Anna Grey submitted to the local Elks Lodge. She won 1st place in the local, 1st place in the district, and 2nd place in state. Congratulations to Anna on a wonderful accomplishment!

“Every morning when I wake up, I make choices. I choose to attend a Christian school to practice my beliefs; I choose to speak publicly to express my opinion; I choose to follow news because we have free press; and I choose to assemble and petition when my rights are in danger. The 1st Amendment guarantees me all those rights, and thereby protects my freedom.

On the other side of the world there are people living under dictatorships. Every morning when they wake, the only choices they have are to obey their government or suffer the consequences. Death is on their shoulders. From the time they are little, they are taken away from their families. Their government chooses what they will do and what they are taught and they learn to trust no one. Communism is reaching its goal by tearing apart the family unit. The all still have a human right to believe and choose in anything they want, but their actions are stifled by mistrust, and dishonesty.

Our fore fathers formed one nation, even with their differences of opinion. They desired the freedoms of religion, speech, and the press, and the rights of assembly and petition. Winning their ultimate goal, they formed a strong government. they wrote and agreed upon a document, the Bill of Rights that would be the foundation of our Constitution, government, and nation. If the Bill of Rights had not been passed, we wouldn't be living in a federal government, but possibly instead a communistic one.

It all started with our fore fathers who came from a government that controlled their freedom of religion. We as Americans can worship any time and day of the week, and practice our religions and beliefs, or not practice anything at all. Our government does not control where we practice our religion, or where we don't. We do not have to go underground to hide what we believe in. If ever our rights of religion are taken away, we'd become what many nations of the world have become: godless and enslaved to their government.

The freedom of speech gives us the right to express our feelings and opinions. Our fore fathers were trying to pull out of the British tradition, of not having a voice. We are Americans are given a voice; we can publicly proclaim our opinions for or against our government through free press and rights of assembly and petition. In a communistic country one can become a literal target by publicly criticizing the government. Without our freedom of speech, we could be completely controlled by our government.

The comparison between America and a communistic country is real. I am so thankful for America, that I am still able to have my freedoms through the 1st Amendment. History has shown how Communism has failed, and what it has done. So we as Americans should not take for granted the freedoms we have, but rather thank God for them and exercise them.”