



## PCA Eagle's Nest News

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# welcome back!

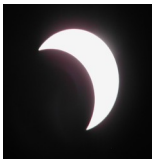
PCA Families!! We are excited to see what God is going to do this school year 2017-18!

And here we go!

### Hot Lunch news

There will be no hot lunches until the Tuesday after Labor Day. We are hoping to get a September lunch menu to you soon! White milk is available for .30 per day. You may pay daily or you may send a few dollars to apply to your child's account, whichever is the easiest for you.

### Did you see the eclipse yesterday?



If you were going by the parking lot yesterday (Monday) around noon to 1:30 p.m., you noticed some PCA families standing there looking up at the sun. We were so fortunate to have the cloud cover move away for our families to view the eclipse. What an amazing opportunity to see the moon move in front of the sun to remind us of what an AWESOME Creator God we serve!

### Thanks for signing up!

The sign-up sheets for concessions, class parties, special events, etc., are still on the tables as you come into the school foyer. If you have not had a chance to look at these, the sheets will be there until Thursday for you to view. Thanks for your faithfulness to PCA in volunteering in your child's classrooms.

The office wants to thank you parents for all the forms you have turned in. We realize that it gets tiresome to keep writing info on these forms, but they are very important for your student's files, especially if there happens to be an emergency. If student files are missing any forms, you will be getting a reminder in what is needed.

### Any concerns or questions?

Please parents, at any time, if you have any concerns or questions about PCA, feel free to contact the office. Remember that your child's teacher or Mr. Odell is there for you also. We want your experience with PCA to be a memorable one this school year with all the learning your child deserves.



Miss Elisha and Miss Pam welcome you to  
**Preschool Orientation on August 30th**  
**at 8:30 a.m.**

(first morning session will be Wednesday, Sept. 6th)

**Exciting year ahead!**

## One more time! Communications between PCA and parents! Important!

Please take a few minutes to sign up for alerts/cancellations for PCA with your mobile phone called BCR Alerts. Steps are as follows:

Go to [bcrrnews.com](http://bcrrnews.com) and click on 'Sections'. Click on 'Contact Us' and you will find BCR Alerts located towards the bottom of the list. Go into this tab to sign up and choose Princeton Christian Academy.

It is not difficult to do and you are welcome to click on other things such as severe weather alerts, activities for area schools, and community notifications. We are so thankful for this tool as it is a vital link between our parents and staff as to information going out to you in keeping our families notified.

Also, another very important weekly form of communication is the school note posted on the school's website at [princetonchristianacademy.org](http://princetonchristianacademy.org) every Tuesday during the school year. The staff takes precious time to organize this note for you so please take the time to read and follow your child's schoolwork and activities. We also have a Facebook page. If you have any questions/concerns at any time, feel free to call the school's office at 815/875-2933 or talk with your child's teacher.



Beginning Wednesday, September 6th! 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Preschool through 5th grades! Mark your calendars and invite your friends! A great time for learning Biblical Truth, playing games, singing, crafts and so much more!

Also, PBC Youth begins for 6th through 12th grades! We would love to have you join with us!

### PCA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

#### August

Tues, 22	3:15-4:30pm	Girls Bball practice
Thurs, 24	3:15-4:30pm	"
Mon, 28	3:15-4:30pm	"
Thurs, 31	3:15-4:30pm	"
Wed, 30	8:30am	Preschool Orientation



#### September

Mon, 4	No School Labor Day	
Tues, 5	5:30pm	Girls bball home game vs. Deer Park
Wed, 6	8 - 11am Preschool begins	
"	6:30-8pm	AWANA begins at PBC
Thurs, 7	5:30pm	Girls bball home game vs. Dalzell
Tues, 12	5:30 pm	Girls BB @ Trinity Catholic Academy
Thurs, 14	5:30 pm	Girls BB @ Lostant
Fri, 15	8:30 am	Grandparent's Morning
"	End of progress report term and	
Fri, 15	NOON DISMISSAL!! Teacher In-Service	

## Happy Birthday to you!

#### August

23 - Gabriel Glass 7th grade  
27 - Violet Scruggs Kindergarten  
27 - Emmeline Murray 3rd grade  
31 - Mrs. Cook History, Drama, Grammar, Spanish  
31 - Alice Scruggs 2nd grade

#### September

02 - Nick Mecum 8th grade  
07 - Delilah Gyurkovics Kindergarten  
10 - Gus Anderson 4th grade  
10 - Christian Rosario 7th grade

**Have a blessed and happy day!**



***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.***



William Marshall of Neponset, IL, a sixth grade student at PCA, recently attended Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center's Official Visitor Center in Huntsville, AL. The weeklong educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), while training students and adults with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and problem solving.

Marshall was part of the Space Camp program, which is designed for trainees who have an interest in space exploration. Marshall spent the week training with a team that flew a simulated space mission to Mars. The crew participated in experiments and successfully completed an extra-vehicular activity (EVA), or spacewalk, and returned to Earth in time to graduate with honors.

Space Camp operates year-round in Huntsville, Ala., and uses astronaut training techniques to engage trainees in real-world applications of STEM subjects. Trainees sleep in quarters designed to resemble the International Space Station and train in NASA-inspired simulators.

More than 750,000 trainees have graduated from Space Camp since its inception in Huntsville, Alabama in 1982, including STS-131 astronaut Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, European Space Agency astronaut, Samantha Cristoforetti and NASA Expedition 48 astronaut Dr. Kate Rubins. Last year, children and teachers from all 50 states and 69 international locations attended Space Camp.

William's team, Dorado, won the Commander's Cup Award. The award is for the top team in engineering and STEM products. Each team is scored on their projects throughout the week, receiving points like the NASA astronauts when they are evaluated. William's second rocket launch sent his rocket above the clouds! also, he had the opportunity to meet retired astronaut Michael Foreman.

William is the son of Daniel and SDawn Marshall of Neponset. His mother, Dawn, teaches band and elementary music at PCA.

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### Music Notes – Mrs. Marshall

Music is a gift from God and it is a joy to share this gift with your children!

We are off to a great start in **K-5 music**. We use the God Made Music curriculum and will listen to and make a variety of music throughout this school year. Every week, I will give you a quick summary of what each class heard and learned.

K – Begins meeting next week

1<sup>st</sup> – Music can describe a scene – Morning by Greig

2<sup>nd</sup> – God created music – Symphony 3 by Mendelssohn

3<sup>rd</sup> – Music was present when God created the universe – Uranus by Holst

4<sup>th</sup> – Hymnals contain a musical message of praise to God – Mars by Holst

5<sup>th</sup> – Begins meeting next week



Take a leap of faith and watch what God can do!

## TRUTH TO TEACH BY

August 21, 2017

Psalm 19:7-9,14

**7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. 14 Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable in you sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Read this the other day: "Some 1500 years ago, the warrior-chief of a primitive Germanic tribe bluntly questioned a visiting missionary. 'Why should I believe in this Jesus you tell me about?' The man of God answered, 'Because in Jesus Christ you will find wonder upon wonder – and all true.'"

Truly, the greatest wonder is that God has chosen to rescue believing mankind from their "lostness". As we read in the above text: Truth awakens us to reality. We must know the gravity of our condition as human beings. We tend to defect. We are false lovers. We are traitors – compulsively, blindly. We want the wrong things. We are doomed. Ecclesiastes 9:3 – "This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one fate for all men. Furthermore, the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil and insanity is in their hearts throughout their lives. Afterwards they go to the dead." Sounds depressing, negative even perhaps fatalistic yet we must face the fact something is not right. Sin and suffering are what's wrong. However, there is hope: Colossians 1:21,22 "And you, were once alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him." May we be filled with wonder and resolve to rejoice in the reality of Christ. Let us be proclaimers of the goodness of God found in Jesus Christ alone!



## **Band News ~ Mrs. Marshall**

**Band and lessons will begin the week of September 5<sup>th</sup> (after Labor Day).**

Lessons will be on Tuesdays and Advanced Band on Thursdays. Beginning Band will start at a later date and be on Wednesdays. Lessons will be in the music room and band will be in the church sanctuary.



**Please let me know if your student will be taking lessons with me, so I can create the schedule.** Beginning students need lessons. I encourage all students to take lessons, whether with me or another musician!

**If you signed your child up for band during orientation, but were unsure of which instrument, please connect with me.** We can determine which one and ensure they will have everything (instrument, music, accessories) they need to play.

**Please make sure your child has everything they need to play before lessons and band begin.** If their instrument needs repairs or maintenance, bring the instrument in now, so we can send it to the shop.

**Thank you for your supporting and encouraging your musicians!**

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## **TEACHER'S NOTES FOR YOU!**

### **Kindergarten Tidbits ~ Mrs. Whitlock**

The new kindergartners are off to a good start and are eager to learn to read.

We know our first letter sound I, i and will be adding U, u. We are choosing the correct picture card name that contains the letter sounds we know. The students are finding and circling the I, i and U, u in a group of letters. We are mixing up the alphabet and naming the letters correctly. We need lots of practice to be sure we know what each letter name is out of order.

In Handwriting we will write I, i and U, u.

A few new songs begin our day, help us line up, and teach us about the creation of God.

We are singing and saying familiar nursery rhymes and learning the new poem,  
"The Little Turtle" by Rachel Lindsay

1-5 is being reviewed with felt animals counting and matching the correct number.

We are also identifying same and different concepts. The students are putting numbers in the correct order and saying the numbers when out of order. Colors and shapes will be reviewed but we are doing great.

Our Character building is self control.

Our Bible story is God's creation. Talk to you child about all of God's amazing wonders. We are making a book of God's creation and singing a counting song. The memory verse this week is Psalm 24:1a "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." We will recite this verse on Friday from memorization so keep working on it at home.

**God sure is powerful and very smart!**

### **1st grade ~ Mrs. Wilson**

It is a busy first week in First Grade! In Phonics, we are learning to identify vowels and consonants, as well as applying the short vowel sounds and consonant sounds/blends to read words. In arithmetic, we are counting, recognizing numbers, completing patterns and using our "thinking caps" to solve story problems. In Bible, we are starting in the beginning and learning about how God created our world and everything in it.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

## 2nd grade ~ Mrs. Bickett



Welcome to a new school year! We're off to a great start! We're enjoying being with each other and learning our procedures and classroom rules!!

In Bible class this week we are learning about Abraham and how he obeyed the Lord. Our verse is Psalm 78:1, "O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth." Students will be expected to be able to recite this verse on Friday. When practicing with your child, please have them say the reference before the verse and after the verse.

Spelling list 1 should have come home with your child today in the front of your child's take home folder. Please take a few minutes each night to go over their spelling words. We will have our first spelling test on Monday. Future spelling tests will be on Fridays. Homework reading will begin next week.

## 3rd grade ~ Mrs. Cleary

A new school year has begun!! We had a great start to the week. The children are getting used to being back in the discipline of school and being in a more structured environment. We are working on procedures and the "rules of the road". I would give them an A for their first day. They did fantastic!

On Monday, we had an amazing time watching the solar eclipse on our classroom monitor. In live coverage, we we could follow the path of the sun across United States. It felt like a front row seat!

As we put away our supplies, we noticed that there are a few missing items for some students. Parents, please check the take-home notebook to see if your child still needs anything. Many children still need head phones for computer class.



As the week unfolds, I will continue to cover a variety of topics and introduce each subject. We will have fun getting to know each other and begin our journey through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. By next week, our time together will follow a daily schedule and the children will be on a normal routine.

Watch for take-home note to review homework procedures.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.... Thank you for the privilege of teaching your children!

## 4th grade ~ Mrs. Odell

Again, I wish you a "Happy New Year"! We are off to a wonderful beginning. I do look forward to knowing the students better, and you, too! This is going to be a great year growing in learning and relationships.

We have started off by memorizing II Tim. 3:16, and Phil. 4:8 and we are starting Psalm 1, too. These kids are so good at memorizing! We will also be "digging" into study methods of God's Word. We will be using different study, discovery, and reference tools.

We are reviewing concepts in math and we will test on list 1 in spelling next Wednesday. We are starting to discover the rain forest for enrichment. It's not in our current science books, but we will have fun learning about animals, plants, the environment and people groups.

We have started a bit of homework. Your child should be studying spelling and math facts as often as possible even now.

Your child is welcome to prepare an "All about Me" poster. We will get to know one another just a bit better as they share.



Our afternoons are long and we are realizing that we have time to have a snack break around 1:30.

**Have a fantastic week walking with the King!!**

## 5th grade ~ Mr. Clausen

Welcome back! We have a great class this year!

We are jumping in right away with spelling list #1. We are reading and discussing Samuel's choice in Literature. Our memory verse is Romans 15:4.



We are also working on a lot of procedure and organizational skills this week.

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## Junior High News

### 6th, 7th & 8th grade Math ~ Mrs. Taylor

This week all mathematics classes will review and discuss class expectations. They will be tested on their retention of math facts and rules from last year. If needed the classes will review the math facts and rules from last year before moving onto new material. No need to study as this is not a graded test and is to test recall and mastery skills. \*Please check into the online grade book with your son or daughter as it an important tool to us to stay up to date on class grades and missing work.

### 6th, 7th & 8th grade Science ~ Mr. Cornman



6th: We are starting off studying about photosynthesis then special plants i.e. climbers, cactus, Venus-fly traps and others.

7th: We're starting off studying ecology, anatomy, metabolism, then going to animal environment and habitat.

8th: We're starting off studying matter, then studying the 6 steps of a hypothesis and how to apply to an experiment.

## Mrs. Cook's Jr High News:

\*History: Our classes have started quite well. We are settling into procedures and working nicely.

\*Language Arts: 6&7<sup>th</sup> Pleas, make sure that your student has a flash drive with them by next Monday.

\*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Test 1 will be on Friday. Study those word lists! We are reviewing the parts of a good story and reading a historic fiction piece this week.

\*7<sup>th</sup> Grade is beginning work in Literature today. We spent most of yesterday's on the live stream NASA watching the awesome eclipse. We are also beginning our studies of English today.

I look forward to a great year of writing and reading together!

Any parents not signed up for the Shakespeare at Navy Pier who would like to chaperone, please sign up in the lobby this week or contact Mrs. Kiser. We cannot arrange last minute tickets for this.



**For I know the plans I have for you, declares  
the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to  
harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

**~Jeremiah 29:11 NIV**