



PCA Eagle's Nest Weekly News

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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.

Thank you for those responses in signing up!

Communication between the school and parent is so important. The office uses 3 ways of communication:

BCRA alerts ~ sign up at bcnews.com; Facebook ~ Princeton Christian Academy, (this is a closed group so you will have to request to join); and our school's website @ princetonchristianacademy.org. If a school closing happens, we use these forms of communication along with informing WZOE 1490AM radio station.

Weekly news note

A weekly news note is posted on the website every Tuesday. This keeps you updated with the school calendar, school info, sports events, teacher's notes to you, and so much more! We cannot express the importance of visiting the website weekly to see what is shared by the office and your student's teacher. A true benefit for your student and you to be on top with school happenings!

If you do not have computer access, contact the office.

4th grade RECORDERS

4th graders will be using recorders in their music class this year. These cost \$4.00 each. Payment can be made at the school office.

Calendar changes

Please note on your school calendars a date change. Pastor Appreciation has been changed from October 12 to the morning of October 19th due to scheduling conflicts. New calendars were printed but just in case you have an old one! :) And also, the girl's basketball game scheduled on Tuesday, Sept. 13th has been cancelled and moved to Thursday, Sept. 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Family School in Oglesby, IL.

Thank you!

Thanks for your prompt response with the return of the lunch menus! The office appreciates the menus returning quickly to be able to begin to prepare for the month ahead! Any questions, please feel free to call the office!



Don't forget to continue to collect your box tops and labels! Box tops first turn-in is in October and the labels we collect year round. A complete listing will be coming home with t-shirt order information in the next few days! Thank you!



PCA Calendar 2016-17

Thurs, Aug 25	}	Girl's Basketball Practice 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Mon, Aug 29		
Tues, Aug 30		
Wed, Aug 31	8:30 am	SonShine Preschool Orientation
Thurs, Sept 1	5:30 pm	Girl's Basketball game @ Lostant
Mon, Sept 5		NO SCHOOL ~ Labor Day
Tues, Sept 6	5:30 pm	Girl's Bball game @ Deer Park
Wed, Sept 7	8:00 am	SonShine Preschool begins classes
"	6:30 pm	PBC AWANA begins for pre - 6th grades
"	6:30 pm	PBC Youth begins for 7th and 8th grades
Wed, Sept 8	5:30 pm	Girl's Bball game at Dalzell

Happy birthday to:

August

24 ~ Morgan Richards 5th gr
27 ~ Violet Scruggs PreK
27 ~ Emmeline Murray 2nd gr
31 ~ Mrs. Cook teacher
31 ~ Alice Scruggs 1st gr

Have a fantastic day!

Kindergarten Tidbit - Mrs. Whitlock

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

Best quote so far; One child said, "We did our homework." Another child responded, "Wow, we are doing homework!"

Fun story: The first day of school several kindergartners left all their lunch supplies at the cafeteria table and went outside to play. I guess they thought someone would clean it up for them. Lots of teachable moments. They are all doing great as this is a big change in their lives.



Please check your child's pencil grip when he/she writes. They should grasp the pencil/crayon with their thumb and pointer toward the writing tip and rest the pencil on the side of the middle finger. It is important to get this correct position. Thank you.

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 Vachel 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. Hope many of you got to see the double rainbow on Thursday evening. It was so vivid and awesome. 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." Please practice at home.

God knows about all the animals, fish birds and each of us. He loves us so much.

God sure is powerful and very smart!

First grade – Mrs. Wolbrecht

First grade has had a great start! The students and I are settling in to a routine and I am enjoying so much getting to know each one of your children better! The students were excited to have our school of guppies join our class this week! Students will have much review the first two weeks of school before we delve into new concepts. We are reading together and later will divide into reading groups.

Bible: We will go back to the beginning and learn about creation this week. Our memory verse is found in the first book of the Bible, Genesis. We will have a verbal test on Friday.

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

Spelling: We will have a pre-test Wednesday and our final test on Friday.



man	net	ran	sit	sun
cub	bus	hot	a	the

Language/Phonics

We are reviewing our vowel sounds, deciding which vowel would help make a word. Students are spending time writing and sounding out words. We play around the world with phonics flashcards quite a bit this week.

We will begin our book about community leaders on Thursday and our Health book on Wednesday.

~1st grade continued~

Students have the following specials each week:

Monday Chapel, Music
Tuesday Library
Wednesday Art and PE
Thursday Spanish, Computers and Miss Patty will read to the students at 12:45
Friday - Library

LIBRARY: Students may check out books twice a week, AS LONG AS THEY RETURN THEIR LIBRARY BOOKS PREVIOUSLY CHECKED OUT.

If you are interested in reading to the students once a month on either Tuesday or Friday between 12:40-1:00 or 2:00-2:30, please let me know. We are in the beginning stages of planning our field trip with Kindergarten to Boggio's (most likely in the first couple weeks of October).

The students are hoping for donations to our classroom of:

Legos, Lincoln Logs, Educational PC Computer games (that do not require the internet), board games.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your children. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

In His Hands,

Mrs. Wolbrecht

2nd Grade - Mrs. Bickett



And we're off and running!!! Our first three days of school have gone pretty smoothly. The second graders are doing a good job of learning and following procedures. They are well on their ways to earning a coupon (or two) this Friday when we cash in our collectibles.

A homework sheet should have been in your child's take home binder yesterday. Reading homework will not begin until next week. Students will have spelling homework this week and a verse to work on. Math homework will also begin next week.

Your child should have gotten a pink Home Reading Record sheet on orientation night or in their folder last week. Please put the sheet into their take home binder so that I can keep moving their submarine down into the ocean as they read pages. Students need to read 140 pages to receive their first reward.

Please remember to send a water bottle and snack to school with your child each day. Staying hydrated and not being hungry really helps your child be able to focus during class. Thank you!



3rd grade - Mrs. Cleary

Third graders are off to a great start! Mastering classroom procedures and hallway behavior has been our focus. Ask your child about the Do B's. We added patience and I'm sure there will be more.

Studies are coming along great. Penmanship skills are being developed. They are great readers! I found some budding entomologists in the group and we already have a caterpillar called Fuzzy who has started into the cocoon stage.

Next weeks spelling List 2:

potato	station	airplane	penmanship	<u>Vocab words:</u>
tomato	clumsy	fruit	arithmetic	content - satisfied; pleased
beach	daydream	label	science	declare - to say; to make
twice	butterfly	lesson	language	known

We are reading in Genesis about God's great qualities.

4th Grade



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 tomorrow. We are starting to study insects in science this week so if you find any interesting specimens, the kids may bring them in for observation.

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!!



We are so blessed

to have you here

at PCA!!!



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Jr. High News: Mrs. Cook



6th History –We are spending this year studying the Western Hemisphere. This includes exploration events including both North and South America. Also there will be an in depth study of Canada, the United States, and Central and South American cultures and geography. The focus is on geography, culture groups, and historical events.

7th History- We will begin this week with a study of ancient history beginning in the garden of Eden. We will study ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, and the ancient Middle East during this first unit.

8th History- This class is an overview of American History with emphasis on geography, government, and historical events. Students are required to complete a constitutional study and test in order to complete this class. That study is taught during the second quarter.

All history students should expect daily quizzes over notes, occasional projects, and map assignments.

Projects will be assigned throughout the year. Students will have written rubrics of what is expected as they are assigned. These may include: power points, posters, art, written reports, current event speeches, and dramatic presentations.

All history classes are taught with Christian perspective.

Language Arts:

6th L. Arts- Students will have weekly spelling assignments and should expect to test every Friday. These begin next week. There will also be time devoted to writing and grammar. Our text this year is meant to introduce literary devices, so our writing should see much improvement as we imitate the masters of literature. We also will try to work in some novel reading and book reports.

7th L. Arts- Students should expect all of the same focuses as those in 6th grade, but with more opportunities for writing and with more mastery of concepts. We will read at least four novels one of which will be a Shakespeare work. Please note the annual trip to Navy Pier will be a combined trip with the 8th grade and parents interested in going need to sign up for that with Mrs. Kiser early.

All classes should expect opportunities to select and perform speeches at our local speech team meet in the spring.

Opportunity for drama is open to all students in the Jr. High. Stage help, lighting, sound, and acting will be available.

7th & 8th grade Spanish: This year students will do a more in depth course. The students should expect light homework, a daily vocabulary practice or quiz, conversational practice, scripture memory, and occasional projects.



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

Homeroom : We are going to be introducing our new sponsor child, Allison to all of the classrooms very soon & look for upcoming bake sales fundraisers.

Math :

All classes have been doing basic review & getting back to routine. 7th & 8th grade have their first quiz tomorrow. Every-

The best kind of friend is the one you could sit on a porch with, never saying a word, and walk away feeling that was the best conversation you've had!