

PCA Eagle's Nest Weekly News

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◇ **Bus Students and Parents!** Please remember that there is **no bus service for PCA tomorrow**, Wednesday, December 7th!! Rides will need to be arranged!

◇ Calendar changes:

*Monday, December 12th! Boys basketball game for the C team will be played at 6:00 p.m. at Chillicothe Baptist. What has been changed is the cancelled game for the A & B teams from last week will be played on Monday night at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Catholic in LaSalle, IL.

*We will be dismissing for Christmas break on December 22 with a 2:00 dismissal instead of on the 23rd. Please make this change on your calendars.

◇ **Students!** What a great presentation for family and friends! Friday night was spectacular and we are so proud of your accomplishments! Isn't it fun when it all finally comes together! Thank you for all your hard work placed into this and thank you to our music staff of Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Kiser! Great job!!!!

◇ **Listed below is the volunteer sign-up for the classroom Christmas party** on Thursday, December 22. Responsibilities are to plan and lead the classroom party from noon to 2 p.m. Please check with the teacher.

Kindergarten: Elisha Pollok and Heather Heaton
1st grade: Beth Schultz and Pam Friel
2nd grade: LeAndra Harris and Haley Whitlock
3rd grade: Jessica Hardy and Lisa Foster
4th grade: Jessica Odell and Meagan Johnson
5th grade: Laura Richey and Angela Mehlbrech
6th, 7th, 8th grades combined: Jodi Twidell

Don't Forget!



to send outer wear ~
coats, hats, gloves, and boots
as we go outside for recess!
As long as weather permits,
WE LOVE TO GO OUTSIDE!

JANUARY Lunch

menu came home last Thursday! Menu needs to be returned into the office by Thursday, December 8th! Thank you!

PCA Calendar 2016

Tues, Dec 6 6:00P Home boys basketball vs. Dalzell A & B teams
Wed, Dec 7 No afternoon bus service for PCA
Thurs, Dec 8 3:20P Girls Volleyball Information Meeting
Mon, Dec 12 5:30P Boys basketball at Trinity Catholic (make-up game) A & B teams
" " 6:00P Boys basketball at Chillicothe Baptist C team
Tues, Dec 13 12:30P PCA Band goes to Liberty Village
" " 5:30P Boys basketball HOME game vs. Peru Catholic A&B teams
Thurs, Dec 15 5:30P Boys basketball HOME game vs. Dimmick A, B & C teams
Fri & Sat, Dec 16 & 17 Deer Park Tournament C team
Thurs, Dec 22 2:00P Dismissal for Christmas Break
Fri, Dec 23 No School as Christmas Break begins!
Thurs, Jan 5 5:30P Boys basketball HOME game vs. Deer Park A, B & C teams
" " 5:30P Cheer Night for Girl Eaglets :)
Mon, Jan 9 8:00A School Resumes
Mon-Fri, Jan 9-13 Prairie Conference Boys Basketball Tournament

Happy birthday to:

December:

08 Mrs. Skaggs Secretary
09 Myla McCoy Kindergarten
10 Sarah Freeman 6th grade
13 J'Kira Wolbrecht 8th grade
17 Elliott Weddell 6th grade



Have a fun-filled 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.

◇Girls Volleyball Informational Meeting

Thursday, December 8th at 3:20 p.m. in the school cafeteria, Coach Clausen will be having an informational meeting concerning girls volleyball. Volleyball is open to 4th through 8th grades and we are planning again this year to have A, B and C teams.



◇Looking for...

The office is looking for someone to take over the concessions for home games. You would be responsible to do the buying of snacks, pop, etc. from Cosgroves/Walmart. You would have to make sure that concessions is up and running for the games. We have parents who volunteer to work during the games. If you are interested, please contact the office or Mrs. Wolbrecht. Thank you!

SonShine Preschool - Mrs. Pollok (Miss Elisha)

For December 7 & 9, 2016

Theme: Christmas!

Bible Topic: Christmas: Mary & Joseph

Bible Verse: 1:37: "The Angel said, 'Nothing is impossible with God.'"

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Band News

We will be going to Liberty Village next Tuesday afternoon at 12:30. If anyone would like to make a few Christmas pictures or write an encouraging note, we will take those to the residents there! Thank you!

Kindergarten Tidbit - Mrs. Whitlock

I was so glad to see all of our families at the Open House and Christmas Program. Thank you for stopping by our room and going on our Scavenger Hunt. Thanks too, for helping with the extra items for our room. I will send home a copy of the paper you signed up on. Thank you again so very much for your help.

The students are going to be excited this week. We will start our new "I Learn to Read" books during reading groups.

In Skills development we will look at "What is Missing", this could be a number, a group of objects or even a student. We will practice patterns, putting puzzles together, finding rhyming words and tying our shoes.

Proper formation of our names will be reviewed and practiced. We will write, sound, and read our letters.

The 90 family will be introduced and the 80 and 90 families will be drilled with flashcards and number formation presented with our number cards. We will write numbers up to 29 and there will be a number evaluation. Please, please practice number recognition at home. It is such a great help to your child.

We will be introducing twin addition facts with 0 and 1.

In Phonics we will say, spell, and read words. The one vowel rule will be reviewed. Every student needs to remember this rule. "When a word has just one vowel it usually says the short sound and we make a smile mark."

We will mark vowels, sound and read words. Reading sentences will include marking the vowel, underlining double consonants; including ck, nd, and nt. We will identify capital letters and periods or question marks. As the students read a sentence they will choose the correct final word that is missing for that sentence. Board work will include writing blends and words. We will play "Around the Room" with one vowel word flash cards.

In Social Studies we will continue to visit Mexico. If anyone would like to make us a Mexican snack, we would love it.

Bible Time story is about Esther. She was clothed with favor. The Lord surrounds those who love Him, His righteous ones, "with favor . . . as with a shield" Psalm 5:12. This was certainly true for Esther. Psalm 30:5 ". . . His favor lasts a lifetime." Esther was strong in a hard situation. She thought more of the Jewish people than herself. She was a selfless person and God protected her so she could deliver His people.



God will give all of us, that love Him, strength and confidence to face challenges.

Remind yourself that you are His child, you are indeed surrounded by His mercy and crowned with His favor.

Our memory verse is "Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be men of courage, be strong. Do everything in love."

First grade – Mrs. Wolbrecht

A First grade project!

If your family sponsors a child through a sponsorship organization, would you please submit the child's name to Mrs. Wolbrecht ASAP? We are planning to write Christmas notes to these children. Thank you!

A huge congratulations to each and every student of PCA. What a wonderful performance they blessed us with last Friday. Thank you to all who helped out!

This week in bible we are learning about Elijah and how he challenged the prophets of Baal. Students will discover what it is to pray in faith and speak boldly about the Lord to others.

Our memory verse this week: *"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths."* Psalm 25:4

Students will begin picking out their selection for the upcoming ACSI speech contest. Our in-house contest will be in February. More details to come!

Spelling List #13

chin	check	chick	much	ouch
born	fork	horn	horse	word
work	worm	world	says	was

In His Hands, Mrs. Wolbrecht



2nd Grade - Mrs. Bickett



We are learning about how Elijah was very bold in his dealings with King Ahab in Bible class. Our verse this week is 2nd Corinthians 3:12: "Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold." We will recite this verse on Friday.

We will be working on spelling list 14 this week and next week. Students will not be tested over these spelling words except for fun. In math class we have been talking about the temperature reference points. We will also learn how to borrow in subtracting.

We are learning about verbs in English class. We will also be working on writing a friendly letter.

Reminder: We will not be doing a gift exchange at the Christmas party on Thursday, December 22nd. Instead we would like to collect the money you would have spent on a gift (\$3) to help someone who is less fortunate.

3rd grade - Mrs. Cleary

"Bless the Lord, oh my soul! And all that is within me, bless His Holy name!" This week we continue to study the Sermon on the Mount and the Lord's Prayer. The children each wrote a prayer like a psalm and then shared it with their classmates. What a blessing to hear from their own mouth praises to the Lord! They are growing day by day in the knowledge and love of God as we continue studying and discussing His precious Word.

As we have passed a hectic week last week with the Open House & Christmas program, we are back working hard on accomplishing much subject material before the holidays including those math facts. The children are doing a great job in getting that accomplished but please plan to keep those minds busy over Christmas break. They need to be practicing all of them so that the short term memory of each table becomes cemented in their long term memory. Flash cards and math games are readily available online to aid their minds in getting confidence and making great gains in their math subject material.

Animal notebooks are due on or before the 22nd. Remember that I have boxes of pictures of all categories to share and to give. Please check in with me if you need anything.

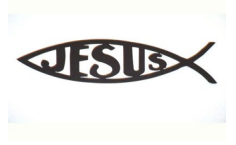
Lesson 15 in spelling this week.

Speech contest materials soon to be distributed to work on over the holidays. TBA!

Remember in our hustling and bustling of this season, the real reason for the season ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ!

4th Grade - Mrs. Odell

We are still working on John 1:1,2,14 – “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”



Money donations (suggested \$4-\$5 – the amount you would spend on an in-class gift exchange) world missions project are being accepted. This takes the place of drawing names in the classroom. We will delight in giving to families around the world that are in need.

I am sending home notes this week for donated ingredients. (I didn't quite get it accomplished last week.) If your child is able to bring their “ingredient” soon, it would be much appreciated. These will be used to make some simple recipes in the classroom. Our mitten line is filling up, too.

We need another driver or two for our next in-town field trip. We will leave around 9:40 on Thursday, December 15 and be gone for about an hour. We'll go to a nursing home and RP Lumber to deliver the mittens, etc.

On Friday, December 16, we will be presenting our “gifts” to one another. These are presentations that could include a song, poem, reading, dance, skit, magic trick or anything that is from the abilities God has given each child. Wow! We are so busy!

We test on spelling list 15 Wednesday and then begin list 16. The science chapter on “Matter” is quite long and we won't be testing on it until next week. The history chapter for the “American War for Independence” should take us through next week, too.

6th - 8th Grade Science - Mr. Cornman

6th grade: Early Ideas in Astronomy

Claudis Ptolemy: earth centered universe

Nicolaus Copernicus: planets orbit around sun

Johannas Kepler: orbital motions of planets

7th grade: Classifying the Animal Kingdom

Vertebrates: Animals with backbones

Invertebrates: Animals without backbones

8th grade: Studying for end of semester test on Chapters 1 through 6



6-8 History, Language Arts, 7/8 Spanish - Mrs. Cook

6th **History** –We wrapped up our studies of the American War for Independence today. Tomorrow and Thursday we will look at how our countries government was formed. We have been reviewing our past chapters as well. Students should study their notes for Friday's test.

7th History- We have finished our studies of the Middle Ages and both art projects are done. Stop by our room and see our coat-of-arms and our stained glass replicas. We have finished our readings and are reviewing for our test.

8th History- Constitution class has just FIVE more lessons! We are reviewing and practicing for the big test. A practice test will be given next Wednesday. The real test will be next Friday. Our goal is that each student pass with a 76 % or better. This class is doing quite well and I expect that they will more than exceed that goal.

Language Arts:

6th L. Arts- We are on a Spelling test break, as we prepare for the ACSI Spelling Bee Qualifier. We will have an in class bee this Wednesday.

Also we are writing a formal essay about our heroes. We will begin the editing process today. Final copies are due Friday and may be printed at school.

7th L. Arts- We did a smashing job on our text novel *The Voyages of Doctor Doolittle*. We are back to more serious studies of classical short stories. We will be looking for theme and motif this week as we read. Also, we are beginning a unit about proper verb usage. This should add some zeal to our writings.

Next week we will begin a poetry unit.

7th & 8th grade Spanish: 8th graders are moving right along with our studies. We are learning how to properly attach descriptions to our nouns. We are completing chapter 11 this week and should test next Tuesday if all goes well. Students should review their vocabulary for their vocabulary manual for chapters 8,9,10, and 11. I am amazed at how good their conversation has gotten!

7th graders have taken a break to enjoy some re-teaching from the book *Spanish is Fun!* This group is learning how to modify verbs so that they can say what they mean. They are putting forth great effort!



The Christmas Program was awesome. Thanks to Mrs. Cleary and Thomas Cook for the last minute help! Also thanks to all the parents for their patience in practice schedule changes and providing cookies. God was glorified! What a blessing!