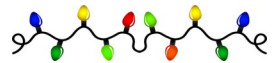





# PCA Eagle's Nest News

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## Celebrating the Season of Christmas - Jesus Birthday!

 **The K-5 Christmas Program & Open House was a success!** Thank you all for your attendance. Students, you did a great job and thank you to Mrs. Batchelor and Mrs. Marshall for your patience and direction with the students! We enjoyed the cookies and thanks to those who baked them! Another good program presented by our school!

 **Don't miss the PCA Christmas 6th - 8th Gr. Open House/Band & Choir Concert**

This Friday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m., our 6th-8th grade band & choir classes will be performing. Won't you join with our Junior High students to celebrate this beautiful Christmas holiday?

 **Coming Quickly! PCA Classroom Christmas Party** Friday, December 22nd from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Those mothers who signed up to plan and lead the parties for each classroom are:

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| Kindergarten: Meredith Benson & Laura Richey                      | 1st grade: Jamie Taylor & Heather Heaton |
| 2nd grade: Pam Friel & Sarah Scruggs                              | 3rd grade: LeAndra Harris & Cherie House |
| 4th grade: Jessica Hardy  | 5th grade: Angie Wall                    |
| 6th - 8th grade: Food only - Teachers will let the students know. |  |



We will dismiss at 2:00 that day for our Christmas break. Thanks for volunteering!

## Girls Volleyball Meeting



**For Girls grades 4- 8!**

**Coach Tony wants to meet for a volleyball meeting next Tuesday, December 19th at 3:15 p.m.**

**Any questions, see Mr. Clausen.**

## PCA ACTIVITY CALENDAR for December

- Tues, 12 5:30 p.m. Boys BB HOME game vs Lostant A & B teams
- Thurs, 14 5:30 p.m. Boys BB HOME game vs Holy Family A, B, C
- Fri, 15 6:30 p.m. Christmas Open House & 6-8 Band & Choir
- Fri, 22 2:00 p.m. dismissal for Christmas Break

### January 2018

- Mon, 08 8:00 a.m. Classes resume
- Tues, 09 5:30 p.m. Boys BB HOME game vs Deer Park A,B,C
- Thurs, 11 5:30 p.m. Boys BB game @ Deer Park A,B, C
- Fri, 12 End of 2nd 9 weeks with noon dismissal
- Sat, 13, Tues, 16, Thurs, 18, Fri, 19th Prairie Conference Boys Bball Tournament



### December

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| 17- Elliott Weddell    | 7th grade         |
| 18 - Michael Glass     | 3rd grade         |
| 18 - Mrs. Wilson       | 1st grade teacher |
| 19 - Jack Nickelsen    | 3rd grade         |
| 22 - Gabriella Hollars | Preschool         |
| 22 - Claudia Nordstrom | 8th grade         |
| 22 - Braxton Bickett   | Kindergarten      |



**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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Psalm 143:1-12: 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness! 2 Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you. 3 For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead. 4 Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled. 5 I remember the days of old; **I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.** 6 I stretch out my hands to you; **my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.** Selah 7 Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. 8 **Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.** Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. 9 Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge. 10 **Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!** 11 For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! 12 And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

As I know, you are aware we are engaged in a life and death battle. It threatens to bring us down. That is not just rhetoric, it is the real and intentioned plan of the Devil to devour us! Often when we least expect this reality comes thundering home to us. **Verses 3 and 4** in this Psalm is what many of us have lived. If that is where the Psalm ended we would be right in our desperation. As the darkness closes in we read v8, “let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.” God is **always faithful** to show us the way we should go, He will deliver, He will be our refuge, He will teach us His will.

The conditions for the rescuing hand of God are clearly seen: “for in you I trust”, “for to you I lift up my soul”, “I have fled to you for refuge”, “teach me to do your will”.

In times of trial and testing it at times appears as morning will never come. God's message to us is encapsulated in v12 where God promises that as we honor God, not ourselves, God will “show up”! For to attack God's people is to attack Him and God will prevail. Please cling to these Truths my dear Brothers and Sisters!!

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## TEACHER'S NOTES FOR YOU!

### Music Notes – Mrs. Marshall



**What a glorious celebration we shared Friday night!** The K-5 students performed a total of 12 songs, 21 read scripture and 23 sang vocal solos. Thank you students for all your hard work! Thank you to everyone – parents and friends, teachers and staff, bakers and servers – who helped make the celebration possible. Thank you to everyone who attended and your kind words. All for God's glory!

A special helper was accidentally left off our program! **Thank you to William Marshall who very professionally ran our sound.** William kept the music flowing!

 **Your musicians had the joy of Mrs. Vickie Holmes teaching their K-5 music classes yesterday.** She is a phenomenal musician, who makes music fun! Ask your student about their time with her.

### Band Beats – Mrs. Marshall



On Thursday, we will be having a dress rehearsal. All band students, please bring your instruments!

**This Friday 12/15 is the big day – our junior high choir and band Christmas concert!** The sanctuary will be filled with joyous instrumental and vocal music starting at 6:30 pm.

**Please watch for a letter given to each of your students with details.** All musicians, both choir and band, need to report to the sanctuary by 6:00 pm. The Thompsons will be taking professional group pictures!

## **Sunshine Preschool Note ~ Miss Elisha**

Theme: Christmas

Bible topic: *Baby Jesus Is Born: The Angels and Shepherds*

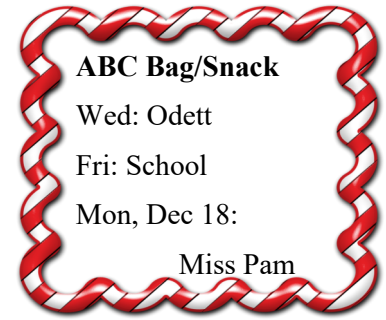
Bible verse: Luke 2:11: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;  
He is Christ the Lord!"

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***PARENTS REMINDER: Preschool Christmas Program ~ Friday, December 22 at 10:30!***

## **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 and introduce using a book mark as a guide in reading sentences.

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, naming opposites, 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 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 review 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 visit Mexico. If anyone would like to make us a Mexican snack, we would love it. Please let me know what you can bring. We will have the "Taste of Mexico" on Friday with a Piñata.

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."

1 Corinthians 16:13,14



***Faith, Hope & Love ~ this is what Christmas is about!***



## 1st grade ~ Mrs. Wilson



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

In Phonics, we are reviewing compound words and suffixes, in addition to learning new daily special sounds.

In Math last week the students had fun working with ribbon thermometers and measuring liquids with cups, pints and quarts. We will continue to review telling time to the hour and half hour. This week we introduce the quarter and relate it to money. We will also introduce the 9 subtraction facts and review 9 addition facts.

All the students did a wonderful job at the Christmas program on Friday night!

We will add three new Christmas poems to our Poetry Binders this week. The students enjoy learning new poems and some have even started to try to write some of their own poems!

Please continue to log your child’s minutes in the December Book-It Reading Calendar. Thank you!



## 2nd grade ~ Mrs. Bickett



“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6. This is our verse for this week and next. We will recite this verse next Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be focusing on the Christmas story this week and next. We will have spelling test 15 on Friday.

By the end of the week we will have completed our last chart of special sounds in Phonics class. We are continuing to learn the rules for adding suffixes to root words and where to divide words into syllables. We are learning what a glossary is and how to use one in our spelling books. We are continuing our poetry unit in English class. We have written couplets and will be writing haiku poems and cinquapins. In math class we are learning about mixed numbers, the 13 subtraction family, how to add four addends and how to write cents two different ways. We have finished our history books and will now begin our health books. We will learn the letters Oo , Uu, and Bb this week.

Students will be picking their pieces for the speech contest this week. In second grade students may do a poem, a Bible passage, or a fable. Students will need to memorize their piece and recite it for our in house competition which will be at the end of January or beginning of February. Two students from each category may be chosen to go to the speech contest in Peoria in March.



## 3rd grade ~ Mrs. Cleary

Animal notebooks are in progress! The children are very enthusiastic about completing them. Parents should oversee that they do it correctly according to instructions and neatly. So far so good we are having a lot of fun in class assembling and discussing what needs to be done.

Christmas is quickly approaching. I would like to ask parents to please send one small picture of their child for a surprise art project. A school picture would be nice but anything you would like for a treasured memory.

In Math we still are working division. However math multiplication facts are becoming an issue. Some students are behind and have not passed their facts family. We are now working in 6’s. Please work with your child at home to help them along. A little practice will go far!

In Bible we are talking about what “Walking In Love” is. We are reading the Scriptures that tell us what our Lord Jesus Son of God did that showed love. It is an endless flow of healing and friendship that we realize how truly loving and wonderful He is. As we apply that to our lives we look to find ways to be just like Him.

Spelling list 15 this week. Test Wednesday.

English - Parts of a book and using a dictionary & atlas.

History - We are reading about Benjamin Franklin.

Health - Our next chapter is all about nutrition!



May God’s peace be with all of you during this hectic time of year!

## 4th grade ~ Mrs. Odell



We are reviewing the year's verses this week.

We will be going on our "in-town" field trip Thursday. We hope to have around 20 items for the mitten tree and it should be a wonderful time at Country Comfort. The Lord has gifted us in so many ways and it is such a privilege to share with others.

We will test on spelling list 15 Wednesday and then begin list 16. We are learning dry measurements and fractional equivalents in math. We will begin to write a book review on "Saved at Sea". We are finishing a chapter on "War for Independence" in history and we are finishing "matter" in science. We are choosing speeches next week so the children can have theirs to begin memorizing during Christmas break. They might need help/counsel from you in making their decision.

I pray that your family will have an incredible time together focusing on Christ and the beauty of His magnificent plan for us. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## 5th grade ~ Mr. Clausen

Thank you for your prayers this last week. It is always amazing to see God work in circumstances that we would not have planned. during these times he shows himself so much greater than us. He shows his faithfulness and loving-kindness watching over us even when we are unaware. I thank him for his work in this preserving me and carefully looking after me.

There will be a History test on Friday covering chapters 1-9. Science test on Friday will cover chapters 1-6.

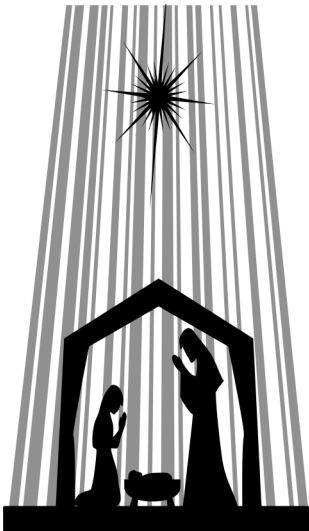
We will be beginning our personal narratives this week. Student will work on them in class as well as independently. The final draft will be due next week.

## 6th grade Science ~ Mr. Cornman

6th grade: The earth's magnetic field, magnetic poles, the source of the earth's magnetism.

7th grade: A Medley of Mammals: Anteaters, shrews, furry fliers "the bat" and primates.

8th grade: Reviewing for semester test chapters 1-6.



### Jr. High Choir Notes - Mrs. Holmes

Band & Choir concert – this Friday, 12/15/17 at 6:30 p.m.

All jr. high students are required to attend!

A note is being sent home today with your band/choir student with further details.

Students need to be in the sanctuary no later than 6:00 p.m. for pictures. All students should "dress up" for the performance.

We look forward to celebrating Christ's birth with joyful music!

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*



***CHRIST is the heart and soul of Christmas!***



## **Mrs. Cook's Jr. High News:**

**History:** 6<sup>th</sup> graders are preparing to study Western Expansion and the first six Presidents of the United States. When we return we will be working on a research report about a person of notable historical importance. We have been working on resource use in English class. Please make sure each student has a flash drive as well as note cards when they return.

**History:** 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been studying the church and art of the Middle Ages. We are making faux stained glass windows for open house this Friday. They should be studying notes for the upcoming chapter 10-12 test on Tuesday of next week.

**History:** 8<sup>th</sup> graders have ALL passed their constitution test!! We are working on completing those small civics books in class this week. These are due when they return from break. They all did a great job with this course of study which required a great amount of group work and outright understanding of the Constitution.

### **Language Arts:**

6<sup>th</sup> graders are finishing up the oral presentations today with Victor's. They wrote how to papers on a Christmas themed project and are presenting those to the class. Make up project from illnesses or absences will be scheduled Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday in class. If they have not presented their 5-7 minute project, then they need to schedule with me. Ray T. has spoken for Thursday. I still have: JT, Micah, and Roman to schedule. Students should drop in before school tomorrow and let me know.

7<sup>th</sup> graders are beginning a poetry unit and reading Dr. Doolittle. We will be studying many great poets and imitating their writing with our own thoughts. Hopefully, we can produce submissions to ACSI!

### **Spanish :**

7<sup>th</sup> graders are moving along nicely! I am proud of their efforts. We are working on chapter 15 right now.

8<sup>th</sup> graders should be working on vocab and Bible verses. We are also on Chapter 15 in Vocabulary and in our textbook. Daily work is assigned. There will be no test before the break as we will not cover chapter 16 until we return. That test will be over chapters 14-16. There will be a verse quiz next Tuesday, and there will be vocab quizzes as we proceed. This group is also doing an excellent job in their studies!

7<sup>th</sup> grade home room will be doing a suggested soup can or vegetable can donation and a white elephant gift exchange. New, homemade, or gently used items that you might like to have, but nothing embarrassing. We want to keep this inexpensive and in the spirit of giving. This will be on our party day. ALL Junior High will bring snacks for the fabulous feast on party day. Girls bring food snacks and boys bring a beverage. Girls should bring enough for 40.

**YOU ARE INVITED!**



### **Princeton Bible Church Choir Presents a Celtic Christmas**

You are invited to the Princeton Bible Church presentation *Season of Joy: A Celtic Christmas Celebration* on Sunday, December 17 at 10:15 am and again at 7:00 pm in the Princeton Bible Church auditorium. The 25-voice choir will sing Irish-flavored Christmas songs, telling the story of Christ's birth, assisted by a cast portraying an Irish family: Dale Cook, Maria Hartsough, Thomas Cook, and Matthew Cook. The public is invited to join in this unique Christmas celebration with a wee bit of Irish fun.