



## PCA Eagle's Nest News

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**2019-20 Registration...** Parents, please remember to sign your student(s) up for the new school year! A discount of \$50 is applied to the registration fee, if paid before March 15. **ALSO**, the \$50 deposit secures your child's spot. A few of our grades this year are at max or close to it, so this is important! Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

### THINGS TO NOTE ...

- Please take time to check each page of today's News Note. There are lots of details and information regarding upcoming events. Thank you!
- **APRIL HOT LUNCH MENU** is due back into the office tomorrow, **Wed., March 13th**.
- **Town & Country Youth Art Show...** Select students from PCA will be presenting works at the Art show on April 6th from 10 am - 4 pm. The show is at the Westclox Artwork Center, 400 Fifth St, in Peru.
- **FREE Elks Orthopedic Clinic..** The next clinic date is Thursday, April 4th at Perry Memorial Hospital. If you have any orthopedic concerns regarding your child, you can schedule an appointment with Dr. Erickson by calling 1-800-272-0074.



No School Friday, March 15 through Friday, March 22nd.

Classes will resume Monday, March 25 at 8 a.m.

Enjoy your time off...hopefully with some nice weather, healthy kids, and time with family and friends!

### ACSI Elementary Speech Meet ... this Friday, March 15!

Christian Hills Academy  
9001 West 159th St  
Orland Hills, IL



A concession stand is available along with various breakfast items. Schedule is as follows:

8:15-9:00 Registration  
9:00 Opening Ceremony  
9:30 Competition begins  
11:30 Contest should be over and all may depart

When all the speeches have been completed, the students will remain in the classroom until all awards have been tabulated. Awards will be given out in the classrooms. There is no awards assembly.

Let's keep these kids lifted up in prayer...*Delilah Oliver, Jared Zawistowski, Liam Murray, Elissa Slevin, Gabe Heaton, Jonah Taylor, Myla McCoy, Colby Pollok, Isabella van den Berg, Kinsley Wall, Lily Bullington, Santiago Slevin, Joel Odell, Izzy Luft, Alice Scruggs, Brayden Bickett, Leah House, Jack Heaton, Emmeline Murray, Abby Harris, Elyse Anderson, Evan Wilson*

## PCA ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Tues, Mar 12 3-5P Play Practice  
4-5P Track Practice  
Wed, Mar 13 Hearing Rescreening  
Thurs, Mar 14 4th Grade trip to Ag Fair  
Navy Pier Trip for 7th & 8th Grade  
3-4P Track Practice  
Fri, Mar 15 **NO SCHOOL.** End of third 9 weeks  
ACSI Elem Speech Meet (Orland Hills)  
Mar 15-16 ACSI Jr. High Music Festival (Olivet)  
Mar 18-22 **NO SCHOOL.** Enjoy your Spring Break!  
Mon, Mar 25 8:00A Classes Resume

Mon, Mar 25 3-4P Play Practice  
Tues, Mar 26 3P Track Meet @ BVHS  
3-4P Play Practice  
Wed, Mar 27 Report Cards Issued  
Mar 28-29 Parent Teacher Conferences  
Thurs, Mar 28 3-4:30P Play Practice  
4-5P Track Practice  
Fri, Mar 29 ACSI Regional Spelling Bee  
3-4P Play Practice  
Tues, Apr 2 Fifth Grade's **Nation Fair**  
3-5:30P Play Practice  
4:15P Track Meet @ PHS



Congratulations to our

**Scholastic Bowl Champions!!!**

We are so proud of all of you!



## Grady Thompson Takes 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State Elks Hoop Shoot

Grady Thompson, a Princeton Christian Academy 8<sup>th</sup> grader, won third place in the State of Illinois Elks Hoop Shoot on February 23. There were 38,000 young people who competed in the competition this year from all over the state. There were three age groups for both boys and girls.

Grady began his competition for the title by winning the local level, which advanced him to the district level in Dekalb where he also won. At the State level Grady competed against 8 other boys in his age group. Each was required to shoot 25 free throws in a set of 10 and then a set of 15. Grady and three other boys made 10 out of 10 on the first set, and then 13 out of 15 on the second set along with two of the boys. The other boy took first place with 14 out of 15, but the three had to break the tie with a shoot out of 5 free throws. In the first round Grady and another tied for second place, shooting 5 out of 5, but in the second round Grady missed one shot, giving him third in the State.

Grady and his parents, Eric and Amy Thompson of Princeton, enjoyed an all expenses paid two-night stay at the Decatur Conference Center along with an awards banquet on Saturday to honor the winners and all who participated at that level. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks sponsored this activity and paid for the weekend for all the winning families.

Grady has competed in the Elks Hoop Shoot for several years, also winning third in the State when he was 9. Grady has been a member of Princeton Christian Academy's Eagle basketball team for four years, helping the team to win two Conference Championships and invitational tournaments at Malden and Ladd for the past two years.





**PCA is blessed with very creative and talented students!** I was delighted to experience their many gifts at our audition last Friday. Thank you for allowing your children to audition!

We had such great interest and excitement this year, that we decided rather than have to cut many acts, we would split the nights. Everyone who auditioned on Friday will have the opportunity to perform!

**Our Talent Show night Friday 4/5 will feature K-5 students and select junior high acts. Junior high musicians will be featured at our Spring Band and Choir Concert Friday 5/3.**

Both lists are posted by the music room door and at the front office. **Please verify which night your child will perform.**

We will only have one dress rehearsal for each of these performances! **Those students who auditioned are expected to work on their acts outside of school.** We do not have school time to rehearse those acts.

Your child must be prepared by dress rehearsal, as if it were the night of the performance. **Unprepared students may not be allowed to perform.** If your child needs help, please ask. Please ensure that your child is ready, so everyone can participate!

We are eagerly anticipating both evenings and thank you for your support!

*Mrs. Marshall*

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**Spring break is the perfect time to catch a live concert! Here's a great one!**

GEORGE HINCHLIFFE'S UKULELE  
ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN  
**8:00 PM Wednesday, March 20, 2019 - Chicago**



Playfully irreverent Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain offers up whimsical and expertly played covers of well-known songs, from Bach to Lady Gaga and anything in between. The internationally celebrated group makes its Symphony Center debut in what promises to be an evening of "superbly tuneful fun" (The New York Times).

Approximate concert duration: 134 minutes including intermission

Go to <https://cso.org/> or call 312-294-3000 for tickets



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## Jr. High Choir

The ACSI Music Festival at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais is this Friday and Saturday, March 15-16. There are 16 PCA students participating in this 2 day event. Here are some last minute reminders:

1. Students should be at PCA by 9:30 a.m. Friday
2. Medical/Photo Forms must be returned before we leave.
3. DVD order forms with \$10.00 must be returned before we leave. Orders are not taken after the concert.
4. \$25.00 paid to PCA office to cover the hotel costs per student
5. Casual dress on Friday. Concert attire on Saturday:  
Ladies: White blouse/skirt with sleeves & black skirt/pants or solid black dress  
Black from the waist down - shoes and socks must be black  
Gentlemen: Black dress pants, white/black long sleeve dress shirt; dark tie  
Black shoes and socks.
6. \$ for lunch on Friday and snacks if desired during the trip.

**Families are invited to the concert on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Centennial Chapel on Olivet's campus. Students may ride home Sat. with their parents. Please notify PCA in advance if your child needs a ride home with one of the chaperones.**

Feel free to call Mrs. Holmes with any questions or concerns. (815)878-5927 or the PCA office. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students! Thank you for allowing your child to participate.

**"I will sing of your love and justice; to you, LORD, I will sing praise." Ps.101:1**

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# **N a v y P i e r**

## **This Thursday, March 14**

Mrs. Kiser sent a detailed note home this week with 7th & 8th grade students regarding Thursday's trip. If you did not receive this information, please let Mrs. Kiser or the office know.

All travelers will **meet at the Princeton Train Station on Thursday at 8:10 a.m.** The train should arrive back in Princeton around 7:45 p.m.

Please bring cash for bus rides to and from the Pier (about \$5.00). Please have \$1 bills and change. Students will also need money for lunch at the Pier and possibly a meal on the return train ride. If students want to ride the ferris wheel at Navy Pier, it is \$14.

*What a great time this will be!*



# March

## Happy Birthday!

10 - Sianna Doran  
15 - Samantha Murray  
25 - Madisyn Shipp  
25 - Jennifer Zurinski  
25 - Steve Gyurkovics

6th grade  
7th grade  
2nd grade  
4th grade  
8th grade

26 - Kennedy Wall Kindergarten  
26 - Claire Grey 8th grade  
26 - Kimmie Imsland 6th grade  
28 - Mrs. Eggers Secretary  
31 - Lexie Knipper 3rd grade  
31 - Mrs. Whitlock Kindergarten Teacher

**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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Colossians 1:9-14; 3:1-4

9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 so as to **walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.** 11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 1 If then you have been raised with Christ, **seek the things that are above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 **Set your minds on things that are above**, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is **hidden with Christ in God.** 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

In this text we are given the pattern to sound biblical living that results in lives which reflect, in an unmistakable way, that we are redeemed people who truly have become "new creations" through faith in the saving work of God through Christ. The steps are clear; 1) "Be filled with the knowledge of his will" 2) "so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him".

Clearly this lofty wisdom and understanding will "show up" in our lives. Doctrines and ethics are inseparable. Right conduct must be founded on right thinking, but right thinking must also lead to right conduct.

### TEACHER'S NOTES FOR YOU!



**Sonshine Preschool Note ~ Miss Elisha**

March 11-13, 2019

Theme: Spring Time: Birds

Bible Topic: **Visits with Jesus: Nicodemus**

Monday: *Nicodemus Has Questions and Jesus Talks with Nicodemus*

Wednesday: *God Loves the World and The Way to Heaven*

Bible Verse: John 3:16 - "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."

Bible Song: Favorites

Letter: Y y

Number: Review All

Color: Purple

Shape: Diamond



**ABC Bag/  
Snack**

Wed, Mar 13 - Sutter  
Fri, Mar 15 - NO SCHOOL  
Mar. 18-22 - NO SCHOOL



## **Preschool Continued...**

Conferences are done, yeah! Thank you for taking the time to meet with me! It was good to have that time one on one to talk to you all!

Thank you for sharing your children with us! We appreciate your trust in us to help them learn and grow. They are all so precious and we love them so much. Let's continue on staying strong and being faithful these last few months of school.

God Bless You.  
In His Service,  
Miss Elisha



## **Kindergarten Tidbit ~ Mrs. Pease**

In phonics, the students will be working on these blends, br, dr, pr, and gr. We will continue to review the skills learned so far, especially long and short vowels.

In Math, the students will keep practicing telling time to the ½ hour (half past) and hour. We will do a little work with counting money. They will continue to work on basic facts and we will practice using our “quick tricks” to add.

This week's memory verse is “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Luke 6:31

Our Bible lessons will be about the Good Samaritan.

Following Spring Break, Mrs. Whitlock will return. She has asked for 12 empty egg cartons (1 for each child) and 12 (per child) plastic Easter eggs that open. This is for an Easter project she will be working on with the students.

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

Bible – This week we will learn about Giving and the story of the widow giving all her money to God. Our memory verse is “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.” Luke 6:38a

Phonics – This week we will review A-B-C Order and homonyms and learn a new suffix rule – when a root word ends with a y and the suffix begins with an e, change the y to i before adding the suffix.

This week's special sounds are -ire in fire and -ful in beautiful

Math – This week we will review the 11 subtraction family facts, counting by twos (even and odd), telling time, counting coins, and adding and subtracting with two-digit numbers.

Spelling – please practice week #24 words at home. There are no challenge words this week, as we do not have school on Friday. The spelling test will be on Thursday.

Good luck to Liam, Elissa, Jared and Delilah at the ACSI Speech Contest on Friday!



## **2nd grade ~ Mrs. Bickett**

Bible: Daniel is confident

Verse: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified: do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” We will recite this verse on Thursday.

Spelling: List 25: Bonus words: Wednesday, headache, breathe, onion, and vegetable. Spelling test 25 will be given on Thursday.

## **2nd grade Continued...**

Phonics and Language: prefixes: re=again, un=not; suffixes -ful=full of, -less=without; contractions, using commas in a series, and diagramming sentences.

Math: carrying and borrowing in the thousands place, multiplying by 5, finding  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a shape and a group, finding perimeter

Handwriting: Ss, Tt, and Vv in cursive

Science: We are taking a break until we come back from Spring Break!

## **3rd grade ~ Mrs. Glass**

Bible - Memory Verse: Romans 8:18. This week, we will be learning about Stephen who was an apostle, how he boldly taught others about God, how many came to Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Reading - We have started reading "The Swiss Family Robinson" book.

Math - We learned fractions last week. This week, we are learning to add our fractions. We will be learning our 8 x's. Also, we will work more with converting measurements.

English - We will be finishing up writing our "stories" and have a test over Chapter 8 on Thursday.

Spelling - List #25 - Test Thursday

History - On Wednesday, we will begin learning about Thomas Jefferson.

Health - We will be starting in Chapter 2 today.

Congratulations to those going on to ACSI Speech Meet this Friday, March 15th... Santiago and Lily for Bible, Izzy and Joel for Poetry, and Alice and Brayden for Fables.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be at the end of March. Information will be coming home this week.

Animal notebooks are due Friday, March 29th and will be displayed at the Science & Art Fair in April. Any questions on this project, let me know.



## **4th grade ~ Mrs. Odell**

Our Scripture passage this week is Matthew 5:16.

We are looking forward to a wonderful time at the Ag Fair! We will leave this Thursday morning, March 14, at 8:15 and will go to the Bureau County Fair Grounds. We will be back by 11:30. Any time we get a chance, we should thank our area farmers for their contributions to our community, our homes, and our lives!



Our next field trip is to Springfield and I am looking to May 3. It is not set in stone, but it is penciled on my calendar.

The children are successfully working on their state notebooks, but they are in need of some home-work on them. I would like them to be completed and on display for the Science, Art and Talent night.

We are beginning the oceanography chapter in science. We'll test on list 26 in spelling and begin 27 tomorrow.

Happy spring!?!

## 5th grade ~ Mr. Clausen

History Test on Thursday.

English: We have been working on our research report and will be drafting this week. The final draft will be due when we return from Spring Break.

Please remember that Nation Notebooks are due on March 25th! They should be done or very near done by now. We will be having our Nation Fair (displays) on April 2nd.



## Science ~ Mr. Cornman

**6th:** Short week. Quiz Wednesday/Thursday on section 6.4, then Molecules and Compounds.

\* The students need a white t-shirt or at least a lt. colored t-shirt for Science Project. We will be tie-dyeing for the Science Fair. Please try to have them in when they return from Spring Break.

**7th:** They will be starting to build Noah's Ark out of popsicle sticks.

**8th:** Continuing building a bridge out of toothpick

*Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Break.*



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

### History

6<sup>th</sup> graders are studying the causes of WWII and the negative effects of socialism.

7<sup>th</sup> graders are finishing up an overview of the explorers. We spend a lot of time here at PCA studying American History. I assigned the next unit on that topic as an independent reading assignment. We will cover the basics, but we will need to move onto French History and the American Wars before the end of the year. The third 9 weeks will have more current events opportunities for students.

8<sup>th</sup> graders have jumped headfirst into the Civil War. They should be composing an outline and finishing up those note cards. We will only have one week after we get back from break to put these research projects in order. Each student received a rubric and while ago. The intention was for them to divide their time wisely so limited to no work be done on it over break, however if they have procrastinated they will need to make up some of the prewriting during the break.

### Language Arts

6<sup>th</sup> graders will return to spelling after the Spring Break. Today they read *Keplik the Match Man*, a modern fable. We will be finishing our current novel and receiving a book report book tomorrow. *Where the Red Fern Grows*. We will compose a traditional book report after completion. This classic American tale should be read by March 29<sup>th</sup>. The report is due April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade This class is finished with *Romeo and Juliet*. We test tomorrow. We are also reviewing the differences between clauses and phrases this week. Next we write a short script, and then we will a research project. Our next book will be *Silas Marner*, which happens to be what our spring play is based on.

### Spanish

8<sup>th</sup> graders are working with direct objects this week as well as adding to our ever expanding vocabulary. We will be focusing on pronunciation and oral responses when we return.

7<sup>th</sup> graders are on chapter 20 which focuses on weather conversations and irregular verbs "hacer" and "ir". Expect to complete chapter 21 and our unit review when we return from break. The end of the book test will follow the next week. This class is doing exceptional work.