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And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Administrator's News

By Mrs. Teri Lynn Schrag CCS Superintendent

Scientists tell us that smell is the most influential sense that our brain possesses. Smells are stored in our long-term memory and is a powerful trigger for emotions and memory.

"From a first encounter with a smell, we begin forming nerve connections intertwining recognition of the scent with nostalgia and behavior. Incoming smells are first processed inside the nose and the smell information is transmitted to the key regions of the brain's system associated with emotions and memory, which in turn, influences how we react to the scent." (The science of scent, Psychology Today, 2014).

Knowing this, we see the Lord's grace for Peter in John 21. It is early morning after the events of the crucifixion and resurrection. Peter's mind must have still been on his rejection of Jesus on the night of His trial, his denial of His Lord and dear friend in a time of suffering and sorrow. Peter had stood by the fire in the courtyard and three times vehemently denied even knowing His Lord. The sounds and smells of that night were still fresh in his memory, the chill of the air and the smell of the charcoal fire that warmed the courtyard.

And on the shores of the sea, Jesus restored Peter. He built a fire and prepared a breakfast of fish and bread. But I believe it was the smell of the charcoal fire that caught Peter's attention first. The same smell as the night in the courtyard, the memories of denying his Lord, the humiliation of it all.

And Jesus in His compassion, His grace, and His love walked with Peter and asks him, "Do you love Me?" not once or twice, but three times. Restoring Peter in love, Jesus spoke to the

innermost part of Peter, to his emotions, his memory, his heart. Jesus used how Peter was created to restore him to grace; three times Jesus spoke of restoration as the charcoal fire burned nearby.

So how is the Lord speaking to you today? Demonstrating His forgiveness, His compassion, His grace. Can you hear His voice, calling you back to Him in love? And He says to you as He said to Peter, "Follow Me."

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me." John 21:15-17, 19

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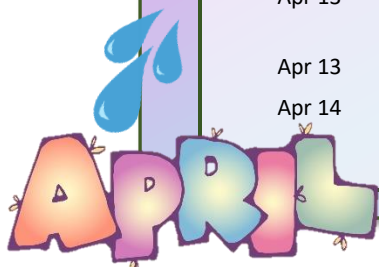
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| Apr 4 | Elem Chapel – Jamie Spurlock,
Southwest Church of the Nazarene | Apr 16-20 | Teacher Appreciation Week |
| Apr 5 | HS Chapel – Mark Dommel | Apr 17 | MS Chapel – Teri Lynn Schrag |
| Apr 6 | Midterm | Apr 17 | Family Night Out,
Chuck E. Cheese, 4-8 PM |
| Apr 6 | WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day,
Classic Disney Day | Apr 18 | Elem Chapel Alicia Perry,
Waypoint Church |
| Apr 9-13 | Terra Nova Testing – Grades 4, 6, 8 & 10 | Apr 19 | HS Chapel – Jon Hood |
| Apr 9 | PTF Meeting, 7 PM | Apr 20 | Arts & Academic Meet,
Lincoln Christian School |
| Apr 10 | MS Chapel – Alex Ehly,
Christ Community Church | Apr 24 | MS Chapel – Ryan Jantz,
LifeSpring Church |
| Apr 11 | Elem Chapel – Jackie Weiss,
Children’s Evangelism Fellowship | Apr 25 | Jon Hood |
| Apr 12 | HS Chapel – Worship Chapel | Apr 26 | HS Chapel – Teri Lynn Schrag |
| Apr 13 | WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day,
Space/Stars Wars Day | Apr 27 | Spring Program,
Salem Baptist, 7 PM |
| Apr 13 | Grades Sent Home | Apr 28 | Junior/Senior Prom |
| Apr 14 | MS/HS Talent Show,
Pre-K–MS Campus, 6 PM | Apr 30 | Winter/Spring Sports Athletic
Awards Night
Pre-K–MS Campus, 7 PM |



Events & Info

Shalom Home, Rajahmundry, India –

Thank you elementary students for your offerings for the children of the Shalom Home in Rajahmundry, India. As of March 28th, the students have given \$556.52 to the orphanage.

Pastor Vijay uses these offerings for the children at the home, the widows’ ministry, and the pastoral training center. Thank you for your prayers and gifts for the precious children at the Shalom Home in India!

Supporting Valérie – by Brianna White, Cornerstone Junior

As a group, the high school girl’s Bible study decided to sponsor a child from another country. We chose eight year old, Vaérie Singbeogo, from Burkina Faso. So far, we have raised over \$100 for Valérie. In a letter she wrote to us, Valérie told about her favorite things, her family, and that she was so glad to be sponsored. One of the things she asked was that we would pray for her deaf-mute sister Marina. Valérie, from her letter and picture, has such a light in her and also from what she’s said has faith in Christ. Though, the donations from chapel help, the girls need help raising money to continue supporting Valérie and her family.

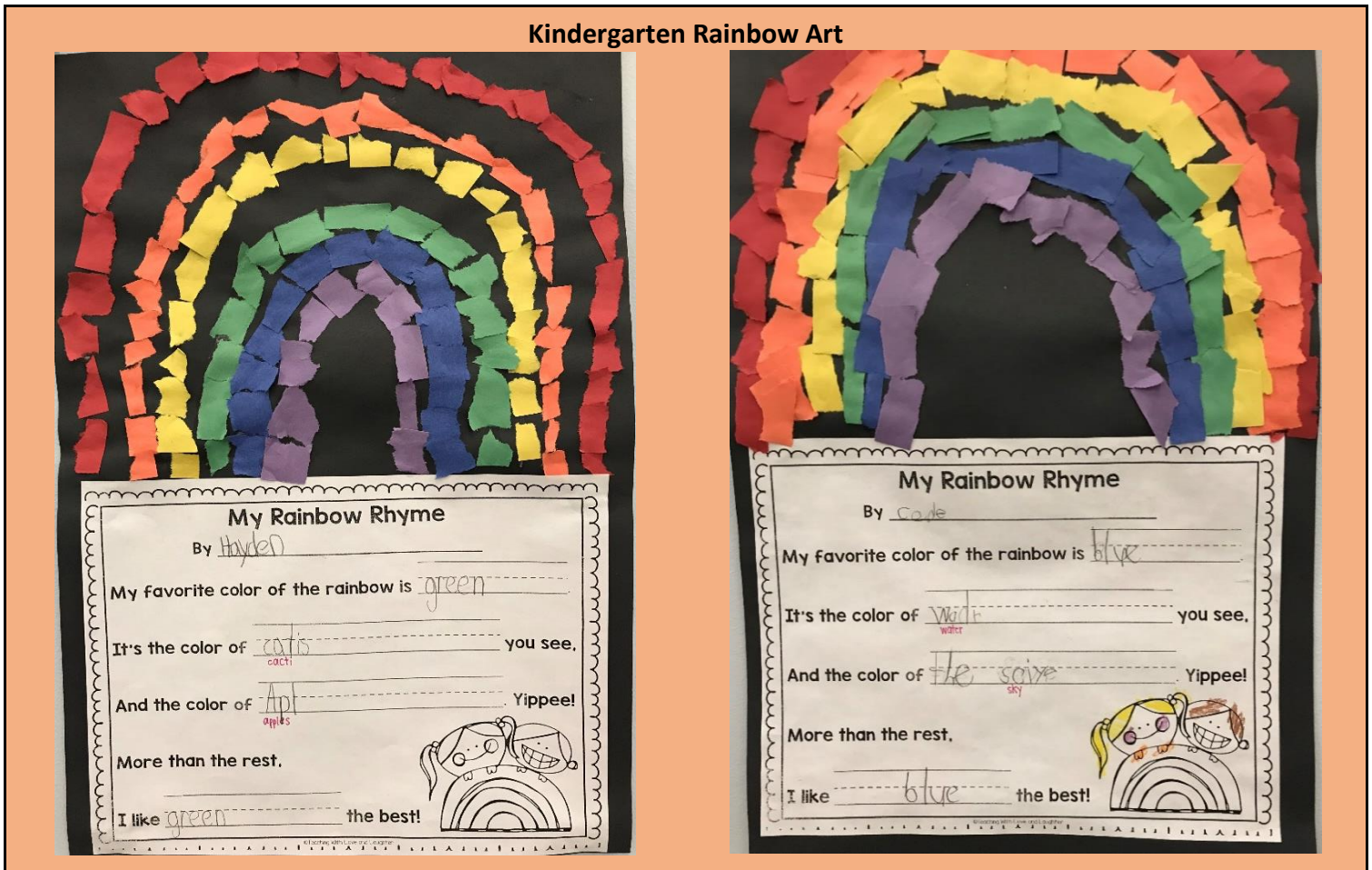


Valérie Singbeogo
Birthday April 15, 2009
Burkina Faso (Africa)

Children’s Scholarship Fund 2018-2019 –

Children’s Scholarship Fund of Omaha (CSF) believes that all families, regardless of income should be able to choose the best educational setting for their children. The mission of CSF is to provide partial tuition scholarships so children from low-income families can access the private or parochial K-8 education of their choice. By providing scholarship assistance during the time a child’s educational foundation is being established, CSF believes that it is helping prepare children for continued success. Scholarships are awarded based on income and drawn through a lottery system. Families awarded the scholarship for the duration of their student’s educational career. Visit www.csfomaha.org/scholarships to apply for this scholarship. The deadline for completing the ONLINE application is Friday, May 4.

Kindergarten Rainbow Art



WAT 2018

by Julie Clarahan

The countdown is on! As of today, we are 1 month from the 16th Annual Walk-a-thon. Even though there are some fun things going on in April, we need to remember that everything we do and say should glorify God. So, please keep that in mind as you help your students with their dress-up day costumes.

The next pep rally will be on Friday, April 6th. The dress-up theme is Disney Day. Now, there's been some confusion about this day. You can dress up as just about anything Disney except Marvel and Star Wars characters.

Our final pep rally will be on Friday, April 13th. The theme for this day is Star Wars or Space Day.

As always, there should be no face paint on our students at school for these days. Of course, let's not dress up as anything scary or villainous either.

Also, we would greatly appreciate it if they could leave their lightsabers or other similar toys at home.

Pep Rally times are as follows:

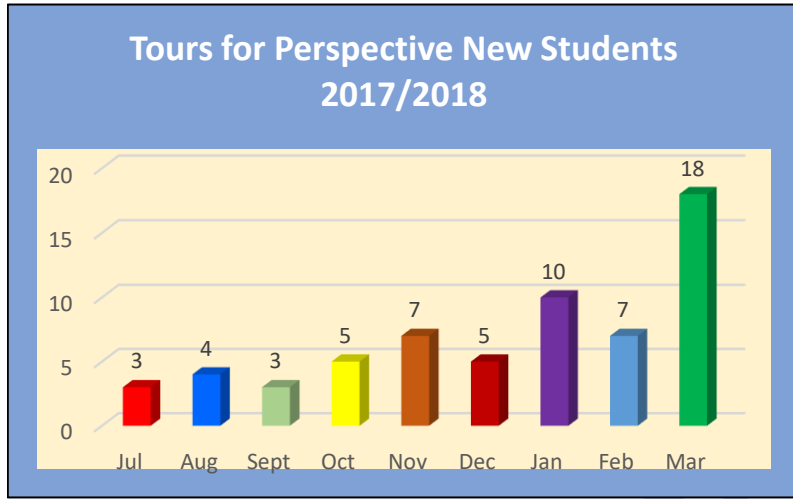
- Elementary at 1:00 pm
- Middle School at 1:45 pm
- High School at 2:55 pm





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Spring
Program
April 27, 7:00 PM
Hosted at
Salem Baptist Church



**Family Night Out
Chuck E. Cheese**
April 17, 4- 8 PM
Be sure to tell them
you are from Cornerstone.



**GFWC Nebraska Federation
of Women's Clubs, Inc.**

Each March the Nebraska Federation of Women's Club observes "Youth Art Month". It highlights the importance of youth art education and encourages public support for quality school programs.

On March 24th several Cornerstone students received ribbons for their artwork.

Kindergarten

- 2nd Place – Ian S.
- 4th Place – Amelia M.
- 4th Place – Grace A.

1st Grade

- 3rd Place – Molly G.

2nd Grade

- 4th Place – Aspen N.

3rd Grade

- 4th Place - Kylie H.

4th Grade

- 2nd Place – Hannah E.
- 4th Place – Kale O.

5th Grade

- 3rd Place – Leah H.
- 4th Place – Erin N.
- 4th Place – Elizabeth A.

6th Grade

- 4th Place - Lily H.

8th Grade

- 2nd Place – Grace M.



Photos courtesy of Mrs. Clarahen.

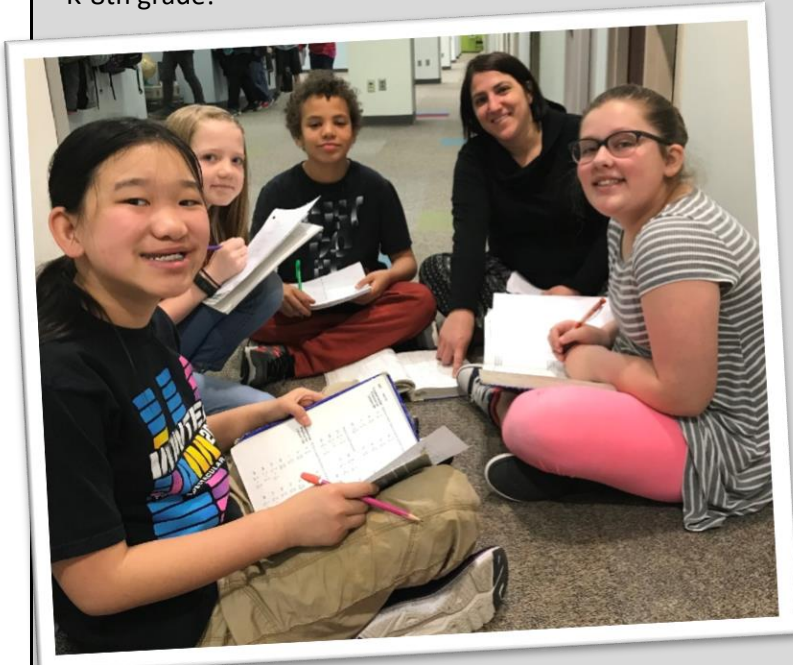


Ms. Amy Welte



We are pleased to spotlight Ms. Amy Welte this month. She brings her expertise to our school in the area of resource. Three years ago, she started our own in-house resource program at Cornerstone. But, her connection to Cornerstone began several years prior as she served our school as a resource teacher with Bellevue Public Schools assigned to CCS.

Amy says, "I have enjoyed starting the resource program here. I get to work with students in K-8th grade!"



She grew up in Weeping Water Nebraska and went to high school at Lincoln Christian. Amy is the youngest of three children. Her family all live close to each other and like to get together whenever they can. She lives in Bellevue with her four children, Jonathan -17, Christian - 14, Lucy - 13, and Nano - 10.

Ms. Welte has an associate's degree in Early Childhood and taught pre school for a few years before completing a bachelor's degree in education. She also has a master's degree in special education. Before coming to Cornerstone she taught in Omaha Public Schools, Alaska and Bellevue Public Schools. Altogether, this is her 13th year teaching.

Fun Tidbits – Amy enjoys camping and loves to travel. She has gone on several missions trips including Africa, Papua New Guinea and Mexico.

Favorite Scripture Verse – *"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."* ~ Exodus 14:14 NIV



Saturday, April 14th
 6:00 – 7:30 PM
 Pre-K - MS Campus
 Kids 5 & under – Free
 Students – \$2.00
 Adults – \$3.00

This April will be the 3rd Annual CCS Talent Show; put on by the National Honor Society. Everyone is invited to come and attend an evening of dazzling skills, tricks, and talents. Awards will be presented to the best middle school, high school, and all-around performance. All proceeds will be donated by the National Honor Society to a local Omaha charity.

Quiz Bowl Victory – by Mr. Bookless, High School Math Teacher

On March 27th the High School Junior Varsity Quiz Bowl team participated in our first ever conference tournament. The team included four Freshman, Daniel R., Bridget B., Rachel S., and Trevor S. After winning on a tie breaker question in the Semi-Final round, the team went on to face the hosting team, College View Academy, in the Championship. As time expired the teams were again tied 45-45. The teams were both given a tie-breaker question, only beating the other team by a split second Cornerstone buzzed in and won the game. Making Cornerstone the JV Conference Champions!

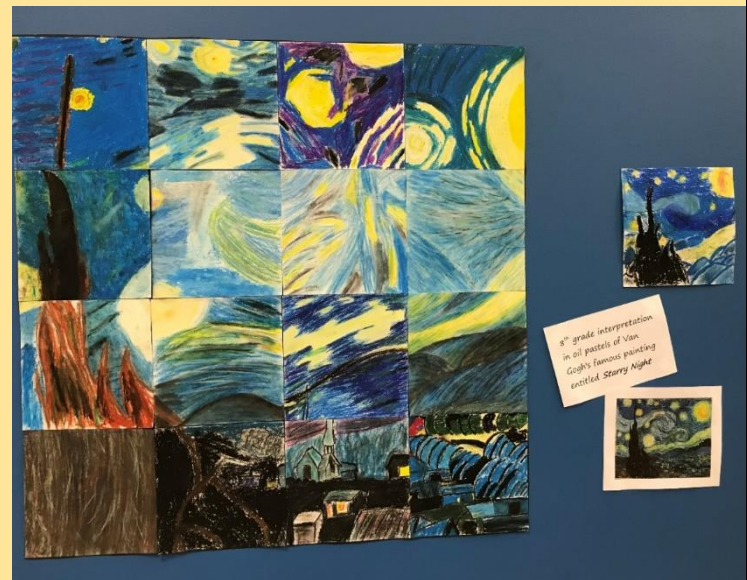
Bridges Builders – by Mr. Huebert, High School Science Teacher

On Saturday, March 3, 2018, AP Physics students from Cornerstone Christian participated in the Nebraska 2018 Model Bridge Contest held at the Edgerton Export Center in Aurora, Nebraska. Of the 22 bridges that were tested, Akela Dramse and Lane Kieser placed 9th and Caleb Will placed 13th. Akela Dramse and Lane Kieser’s bridge weighed 14.4 grams and supported a weight of 36.9 lbs, for an efficiency of 1162.4. Caleb Will’s bridge weighed 15.1 grams and supported a weight of 27.7 lbs, for an efficiency of 832.1.

Caleb Will received an Award of Merit, a trophy and a check for \$50 for, in the opinion of the judges, neatness of construction, good craftsmanship, and general eye-pleasing appearance. Congratulations to our CCS AP Physics students! The contests is supported by the Grand Island Engineers Club, the Nebraska-Kansas Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Mid-State Chapter of the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers.



Middle School Van Gogh Art



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