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"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." ~ II Corinthians 5:20-21

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Administrator's News

By Mr. Bryan Bartels, School Board President

Have you ever chosen to disobey knowing you could be punished for it? Years ago when I attended the United States Air Force Academy, I chose to skip a class to finish a term paper. I knew the punishment for missing a class could be severe, but I hoped the judge, my Cadet Air Officer Commanding, would perhaps understand. She understood all right, but still issued the maximum punishment of a month of confinements to barracks and numerous weekend marching tours. She showed no mercy when I explained it was a first offense and the crime committed was intended to help my academic standing. She said for good order and discipline, I must be punished.

It is like that with our sin. No matter the reason, action, or thought, the disobedience must be punished. Romans 6:23 outlines the cost or wages of our sin as much more severe than marches or confinements but as death, eternal death. Unlike my Academy Commander, God showed Mercy and gifted His Son, Jesus to pay for our disobedience. Romans 6:23 declares, the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. God sent His Only Begotten Sinless Son, Jesus, to take our punishment and pay for our sins with His death on the cross and He (God) made Him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21). Finally, God confirms our forgiveness and eternal life through

appointing our Savior Jesus Himself to be our Judge.

Isaiah 33:22 states, "The Lord is our Judge...the Judge is our King, He will save us!" In Acts 10:42, Jesus is appointed by God to judge the living and the dead. As our judge, Jesus confirms the punishment of our sins have been paid in full by Him. As our judge, he declares us as His Righteousness! So here is more assurance of our Judge's ruling. Our Judge Jesus tells us in John 5:24, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgement, but has passed out of death into life." Brothers and Sisters in Christ, be assured, Judge Jesus is our Savior and Redeemer! He further decrees in John 6:47, "Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes has eternal life."



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Mar 4	Elem Chapel – Isaiah Fern, Good News Church	Mar 17	Family Night Out – Panera Bread Bellevue, 4-8 PM
Mar 5	HS Chapel – Tyler Brown, Citylight Church	Mar 18	Elem Chapel – Rachel Baxter
Mar 5	Noon Dismissal for Kindergarten	Mar 19	HS Chapel – Rick Melrose
Mar 5	Kindergarten Konnection, 1:30 PM	Mar 20	WAT Pep Rally & Spirit Day (80's Day)
Mar 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins	Mar 20	Grades Sent Home
Mar 8	His Legacy Banquet, Livestock Exchange Bldg., 5:30 PM	Mar 20	PTF Movie Night, 6:30 PM
Mar 10	MS Chapel – Pastor Brian Rice, Christ the King Church	Mar 24	MS Chapel - TBA
Mar 11	Elem Chapel – Jon Hood	Mar 25	Elem Chapel – Jon McNeal, Common Ground Ministries
Mar 12	Ryan Jantz, LifeSpring Church	Mar 26	HS Chapel – Dan Hauge, Grace Bible Church
Mar 12	Third Quarter Ends	Mar 31	MS Chapel – Giri Kumar, Christ for the City International
Mar 16	No School – Teacher In-Service	Apr 4	Drama Club Performance
Mar 17	MS Chapel – Charles Wilson, Omaha Street School	Apr 9-13	Easter Break
Mar 17	MS Orientation, Pre-K –MS Campus, 6:30 PM	Apr 17	Spring Program



Events & Info

Children’s Scholarship Fund 2020/2021 –

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 <https://csfomaha.civicore.com/familylogin> to apply for this scholarship. The deadline for completing the ONLINE application is Friday, May 1.



Walk-a-thon News – By Mrs. Clarahan

WOW, what a great kick-off to our 18th year of Walk-a-thon fundraising for Cornerstone! As we get things rolling, please remember to turn in all of your paperwork by Wednesday, March 18th. Our next pep rally will be on Friday March 20th. It will be celebrating the 1980's. Having lived through the 1980s, I'd just like to ask that you help your students make wise choices when dressing up for our "crazy" days. We want to make sure that our choices glorify our Creator in all that we do. If you have any questions about the Walk-a-thon or how you can volunteer to help out, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Woell or me, at jclarahan@ccsnebraska.org. Watch your email for more information as the date of our event (Friday, May 1st) grows close.



You are invited



Annual Middle School Orientation

Please come join the middle school teachers as we discuss the adventure of middle school. Some topics discussed will include curriculum, homework, daily schedule with passing periods, dress code, and athletics. We will be speaking on the transition to middle school and how to guide your student during these important years. This is a great time to meet teachers and learn the routines and expectations of our CCS middle school!

- Tuesday, March 17
- Middle School campus in the Range
- Presentations and Q & A at 6:30 p.m.

This event is for parents only. In the spring, the fifth grade classes will visit the middle school classrooms for orientation

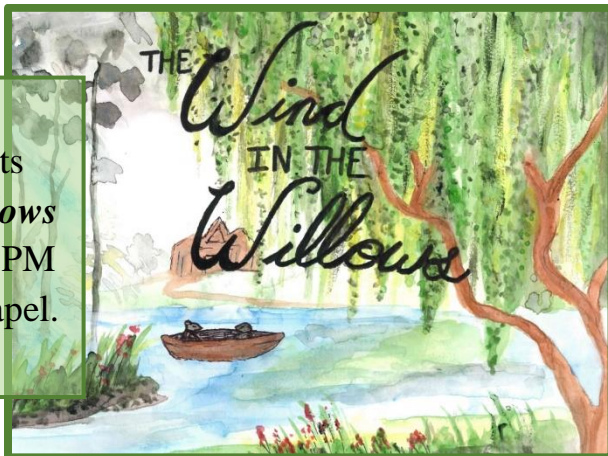
FREE! FREE! FREE!
PTF Family Movie Night
 We will be showing **Peter Rabbit**
 Friday, March 20th, 6:30 PM
 High School Chapel Area
 Bring your own chairs, pillows
 and blankets.
 Concessions available for purchase
 or bring your own snacks.

Join us for our March
 Family Night Out at

848 Cornhusker Rd. Bellevue, NE
 Tuesday, March 17, 2020
 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Archery Competition – By Drew Severson
 Cornerstone Junior, Rheece May, won 2nd place at a NASP archery competition hosted in Lincoln on Saturday, March 22nd. Seventeen Cornerstone archers competed in the event against over 200 other archers from all over Iowa and Nebraska. The Cornerstone archery team has three tournaments remaining in the 2020 season. It has been a great season and we are proud of the entire team!

The Cornerstone
 Drama Club presents
The Wind in the Willows
 Saturday, April 4th, 7 PM
 In the high school chapel.
 All are invited.





(More post cards and Bio poems are posted outside the computer classroom).

Fair Weather – by Jenny Cook, Middle School Teacher

Seventh grade students have just completed reading a novel by Richard Peck titled *Fair Weather*. This story was about the Colombian World’s Fair in Chicago. The post cards students created are pictures of events from the fair and a written message home about what was experienced while attending the fair. The Bio poems are based on the eccentric, witty and simple characters of the story. If you enjoy reading historical fiction with amusing plots, pick up *Fair Weather*, by Richard Peck. It is quite a story.

Buster

Brother and son
 Brother of Lottie and Rosie
 Who feels happy and crazy
 Who is annoyed, ignored and loved
 Who fears Silas and getting in trouble
 Accomplished meeting Buffalo Bill
 Resident of Christian County
 Becker

By Noah Lester

Tip

Old, raggedy, crazy,
 Dog of Silas Fuller
 Buster, Silas, Lillian Russel the horse
 Love, Aggression, joy
 Going to Chicago,
 Live so long
 Go to town with Grandpa,
 Resident of Christian County, USA
 Fuller

By James Wichert

Lottie

Mature, smart, and tough
 Sister of Rosie and Buster Beckett
 Lover of her sister, mother, and Everett
 Had experienced excitement,
 surprise, and independence
 Feared riding the Ferris Wheel, her mother,
 and being high in the air
 She accomplished cleaning the cook’s kitchen, and
 getting her aunt out of widow’s weeds
 Wanted to be with Everett, and wanted to
 experience fun
 Christian County
 Beckett

By Leah Hargrave

Grandad

A drifter and spittoon user
 Relationships with Mamma, Tip and Buster
 Always is in town with his dog
 He feels old and loud
 He fears Mamma getting mad at him, losing money
 and being lonely
 Accomplished getting his dog, buggy and his horse
 Likes the Buffalo Bill Show and Ferris wheel
 He lives out in the country

Fuller

By Tom Manning

Christ

Loving, Forgiving, Stronghold, Powerful
 Almighty, Strong Creator
 Lover of all things, Father of all living things
 Who feels powerful. Forgives all man’s sin. Waiting for you
 He loves when people pray. He loves Happiness, Joy and loves church
 He gives happiness, peace, good state of mind
 He wishes that all people that he has created would worship him because he is the true God the Master of
 Heaven

By Jeremiah Whalen



Miss Heather Loewen

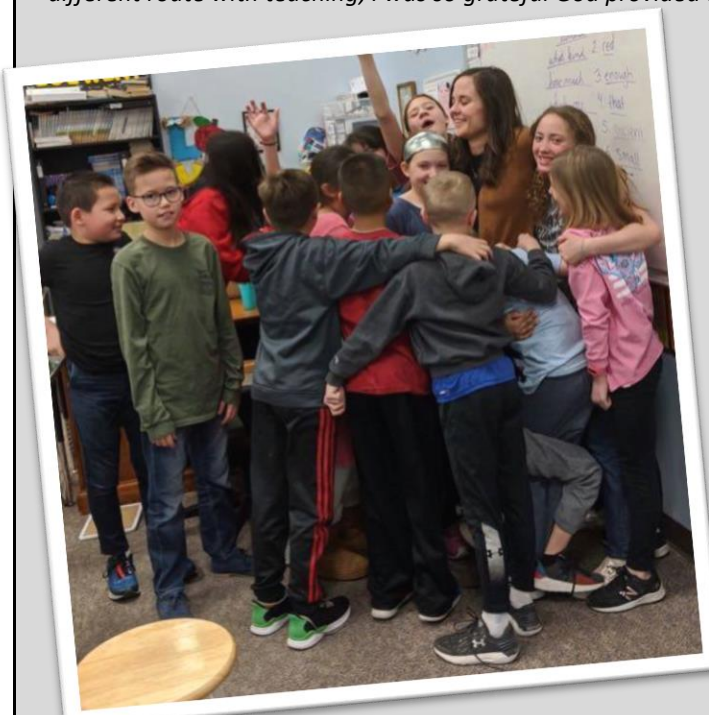


Our staff spotlight for March, Miss Heather Loewen, is one of our 4th grade teachers. Heather grew up on a farm in Meade, Kansas, with her mother and father and two older sisters. She graduated from High School in 2013 then moved to Omaha to attend Grace University.

At Grace, Miss Loewen earned her Elementary Education and Biblical Studies degree. She said, *“Moving to Omaha has been the biggest thing that has shaped my life, both spiritually and relationally. It was at Grace where my eyes were opened to how big God is and how important community is.”* She graduated from Grace in 2017 with the Teacher of Excellence Award and the Servant Leadership Award.

This is her third year of teaching. She taught 4th grade at Ezra Millard Elementary before coming to Cornerstone. She feels she learned so much in public school, but didn’t feel like it was the right fit for her. God brought her to Cornerstone after that year, and now she is in her second year of teaching 4th grade at Cornerstone.

Miss Loewen said, *“I couldn’t have asked for a better team to work with as I learn and grow in my teaching. I knew about Cornerstone since my first year at Grace University. I met Teri Lynn Schrag at her church, Omaha Chinese Christian Church, where I was helping to teach the children while their parents were having a conference. After that, I had a practicum with Jan Morrison in 1st grade. I knew there was something special about this school, so when I was praying about going a different route with teaching, I was so grateful God provided a place for me here.”*



Coming to Cornerstone not only provided Heather with a place to teach, but also an adventure in her personal life. Last July 4th Heather was ‘set up’ on a blind date with, Kit Christopher, the nephew of one of her student’s parents. The blind date went really well. After Parent-Teacher conferences on February 6th Heather & Kit became engaged. They are planning on getting married exactly a year after their blind date, on July 4th.

Miss Loewen’s students overwhelmed her with their hugs and well wishes when she shared her engagement news.

The newlyweds will be moving to Vancouver, Washington after the wedding. Kit is currently working on his real estate license in Washington and Oregon. Heather said, *“This has been a bittersweet time, as I have found Cornerstone to be more than just a job. It has served as the best place for me to grow, spiritually and professionally. The love of the people at Cornerstone has blessed me more than I could have imagined.”*

Fun Tidbit: After college, Heather moved into a house in Omaha with 4 other girls. Four out of the five of them are teachers. Heather said, *“This has been such a great way that God has provided friends who are in the same stage of life. While living here, God has been teaching me a lot about what it means to live in community with neighbors. Therefore, I have joined the owners of Myrtle and Cypress (a coffee shop that I love in my neighborhood) once a week to share a meal and pray together to know how to love our neighborhood.”*

Favorite Scripture: 1 Samuel 12:24 *“Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.”*

