

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you  
I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." ~ Isaiah 41:10

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## From the Superintendent's Desk

By Dr. Teri Lynn Schrag, Superintendent

I am a person who likes lists. I have lists written on Post-It notes on my desk to help organize my time within the school day, notes on my phone for safe keeping and maintaining a portable list, notes written on my desk calendar, and lists in my head. These lists keep me focused, help me remember, and manage my schedule. In my walk with the Lord, this affinity for lists also holds true. And one list that is dear to me is the "list" found in Micah 6:8, "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

This Scripture penned by the prophet records the words of Micah. He was an 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C. prophet from the village of Moresheth, twenty miles outside of Jerusalem. This book has three major divisions, each introduced by the word "Hear," and includes alternating announcements of disaster and expressions of hope within each division. He reproaches unjust leaders, defends the rights of the poor against the rich and powerful, while looking forward to restoration and peace within the nation of Judah. (<https://www.bible-history.com/old-testament/bookofmicah>, 2020) and as this short book draws to a close the Lord gives this most remarkable list as He answers that question that we all have. How can I please God? What does He require of me? I love the Lord and want to honor Him, but what should I focus on? We know that this "doing" is not what make us righteous before the Lord, but instead is an outpouring of our love for the Lord and our desire to be near to His heart.

With brevity and clarity, the Lord responds to this question over 2800 years ago to those He loves, to me today and to you. Our God answers, "My child, I have told you already what is good. Please be a person of justice- in all things, be a person of kindness- to all people, and walk near to ME- at all times."

*But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people. ~ Titus 3:4-8*

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# October

- Oct 7 Elem Chapel – Esther Beasley, Child Evangelism Fellowship
- Oct 7 First Quarter Ends
- Oct 8 HS Chapel – Prayer Chapel
- Oct 13 MS Chapel – Charles Wilson, Omaha Street School
- Oct 13 Beyond the Bell – K-2<sup>nd</sup>
- Oct 14 Elem Chapel – Eric & Wendy Hofman
- Oct 15 No School – Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Oct 16 No School – Teacher Workday
- Oct 16 Harvest Party, 7 – 9 PM

- Oct 20 MS Chapel – Giri Kumar
- Oct 20 Beyond the Bell – 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>
- Oct 21 Elem Chapel – Jon McNeel, Common Ground Ministries
- Oct 22 HS Chapel – TBA
- Oct 23 PTF Family Movie Night, 6:30 PM
- Oct 27 MS Chapel – Jacob Salmans, Reality Church
- Oct 28 Elem Chapel – Jeff McDonald, Avery Presbyterian
- Oct 29 HS Chapel – Mr. Hood



## Events & Info

### Parent – Teacher Conferences

All Conferences will be held at the Pre-K – Middle School  
Thursday, October 15, 2:00 – 7:00 PM

**Grades K – 5 Conferences** will be held in 15 minutes increments.

Click the Sign Up button.



**Middle and High School Conferences** are on a first come, first served basis and are held in five minutes increments. No appointment is necessary.

Please be conscientious of your time with our student's teachers. If you would like to discuss a concern further, please schedule an appointment with the teacher by calling the office or sending an email.

### PTF Family Movie Night

October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30 PM  
At CCS



### Beyond the Bell

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|----------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, Oct 13            | Tuesday, Oct 20                          |
| K – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grades | 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> grades |
| Seuss-sational Science     | Space: It's Out of this World            |

### Medication Information –

According to the Nebraska State Medication Act and school policy, written parental permission is required for any medication given at school, including non-prescription medication such as Tylenol, etc. Students are prohibited from giving any medication to other students. If your child needs to take any prescription medication while at school, or carries an inhaler at school, parental permission and a physician's signature is required to be on file at the school office. All medication must be in the original container or prescription bottle. Pick up an **Authorization for Administration of Medication** form at the school office or access it on our school website: <http://cornerstonechristianschool.org/resources/forms/>.

## Second Graders Work Hard in Arts & Science

### Second Grade Spider Poems

(see more Spider Poems in the hallway by Mrs. Pformiller's classroom)



**Spider Poem - by Alex**

Spiders are black, Spiders are cool,  
 If it weren't for spiders,  
 Bugs would rule.  
 They have eight legs, they are scary,  
 They have eight eyes,  
 But they are not hairy.



**Spider Poem - by Molly**

A spider is scary,  
 They molt all the time,  
 A wolf spider has eight legs.  
 They eat bugs.  
 They can be black or brown,  
 They sleep in their web.



**Spider Poem - by Clara**

A spider has eight legs,  
 we all know,  
 A spider eats bugs,  
 found on rugs.  
 I'm scared of them as you can see,  
 I hope one doesn't land on me.

### Earthworms



Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade had a hands on experience as they learned about earthworms in their invertebrate science unit.



### We Have A Celebrity In Our Midst!

Meet Courtney Moore,  
A new American  
Girl Doll.  
She is surprisingly  
similar to our own  
Ms. Courtney Moore –  
Athletic Director and  
Middle & High School  
teacher.  
They were even born in  
the same year – 1986.



## Harvest Party

In the Range

- Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 PM
- Games and Prizes
- Concessions available for purchase
- Costume Contest
- Students - \$1 & Parents - donation
- There will be a raffle for gift boxes

All money received will go to selected  
mission/ organizations



## Eighth Grade Self-Portraits

See more self-portraits  
in the range



By Greg Friesen

8th Grade students have  
been working on Photo  
editing in Computers class.  
Their most recent project  
was drawing and painting  
a self-portrait. They used  
a photo to trace outlines  
and then painted and  
shaded their "cartoon-like"  
self-portrait. Most turned  
out pretty realistic!



## Excerpts from Seventh Grade Personal Narratives

### **Out of the Wake** by Caleb Jantz

A couple of weeks ago, my dad suggested that we go tubing for the first time. After I heard this, I immediately embraced the idea with open arms. I couldn't wait to go tubing, and it was way more fun than I had thought it would be. Except there was just one little problem, I didn't have a fast-enough boat. I have a small motorboat, but that only goes like ten miles an hour. Then, a miracle happened. One of my church friends told us that they were going camping at the same lake where I had planned to go tubing, and they said that they had a pontoon boat that we could borrow. So, that morning my family and I set out on the hour-long drive to the lake where I was going to go tubing. When I got there, the pontoon boat was at the dock, and my church friend was there, ready to go over some simple safety rules, such as where the life jackets were, how to put up the little flag when someone was in the water so that they wouldn't be run over. When we were done discussing all the rules and safety procedures, I was ready to drive out onto the lake, and start tubing. Then, as we were driving the pontoon boat out to the middle of the lake, I headed to the back of the boat to find a seat. When I opened the seat, a decent-sized green frog was sitting there on the seat, probably because it was hot inside the seat, so I threw it out into the lake and let it swim back to shore. Can frogs swim? I don't know. That frog probably didn't make it back. Other than that, the drive out of the middle of the lake was uneventful.

### **Chia's Kittens** by Ella Cook

Later that evening I headed toward the shop to check on Chai, and I immediately noticed she was nuzzled in her basket. I went over to her, and I pet her reassuringly. I realized she was having her kittens, that is when I decided to stay with her. Not long after, Chai started having contractions. I did not see her give birth to her first kitten, when I looked into the basket it was there. I was excited and disappointed all in one moment. It looked so ugly at first, but after Chai began to clean the kitten, I was so relieved for it looked so adorable I just wanted to snuggle it. The next kitten came about half an hour later and it was also not cute. After the second kitten was born it had been an hour, so I decided to take a break. As I was trying to leave the shop, Chai looked at me and she told me "Don't leave, I'm in pain". My heart fell because I could see the pain in her eyes, so I took my chair and sat down with her, speaking soothing words to comfort her. Another half an hour later, Chai had her third kitten. It surprised me that almost immediately after the kittens are completely cleaned, they started to feed on Chai's milk. I didn't know if Chai was finished but I stayed with her. Thirty minutes later the fourth and final kitten was born. I was excited for Chai and her kittens and I was relieved it was complete. For the next two weeks, I couldn't touch the kittens, so I just looked at them longingly. I enjoyed watching all the kittens, but the runt became my favorite. On the day that marked two weeks, I notice they were starting to open their eyes and I knew it was safe to pet the kittens. They were so soft; I felt like I wanted to cuddle them all day long. I spent so much time with them, Chai felt comfortable leaving them in my care. That's when I knew I was a second mother to them.



### Mrs. Jacqueline McNeel



Our staff spotlight for this month is Mrs. Jacqueline McNeel. Jackie was born in Lancaster, California, and then lived in Percival, Iowa, and Palmyra, Nebraska. She met her husband, Jon, at Colorado Christian College.

They lived in Golden, Colorado, Morrison, Colorado and Bennet, Nebraska before moving to Glenwood, Iowa. They recently moved to an acreage and have taken on the task of remodeling the entire house!

Jackie & Jon have four adult children, Shawnta, Hunter, Trenton and Colton and three beautiful grandchildren – the newest was just born on September 1<sup>st</sup>.



Jackie has worked as a paraprofessional with special needs for 17 years in Nebraska and Iowa before coming to Cornerstone. This is her third year at Cornerstone. She describes her role at Cornerstone, *“I get to hang with Justin and the 6<sup>th</sup> graders making sure his medical needs are taken care of and helping the teachers with different tasks. My favorite part of my job is being able to speak God’s truth and love into these young adults and learning from their faith perspective.”*

**Fun Tidbit:** Jackie loves being outside, riding bikes, canoeing & disc golf. Her newest hobby is riding the tractor on their acreage.

**Favorite Scripture:** *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord and shun evil.”* Proverbs 3:5-6

