

The Pathfinder

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105

Nurture - Develop - Educate

Principal's Message

Power, Love, and Self-Control (Part 2)

"...for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (II Timothy 1:7). Last month, I focused on the word power, which the believer receives from the Holy Spirit. We teach our students that the power from the Holy Spirit enables us to live without fear and be salt and light to a lost a dying world. This month we will look at the word love that comes from God.

Here are some Bible verses regarding love:

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love" (I John 4:18). "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (Colossians 3:14). "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (I Corinthians 13:4-7). "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (I Corinthians 13:13). "Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses" (Proverbs 10:12). "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God" (I John 4:7). "This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us" (John 4:9-12). "We love because He first loved us" (I John 4:19). "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" (John 3:16). "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "A friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17). "Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins" (I Peter 4:8). "Jesus answered, 'The most important is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these'" (Mark 12:29-31). "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23). "And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother (I John 4:21). "And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

With Thanksgiving coming up, please take time to thank God for how He continues to bless our school. Also, please remember to thank God that we can teach our students about the love of Christ, allowing opportunities for our students to share Christ's love to other people, and how we can rejoice in His death, burial, and resurrection (I Corinthians 15:3-4), which is the perfect example of love. Finally, remember to thank God for pouring His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for your continued support,

Jeremy Copenhaver

Peoria Christian School Board News

School Board Meeting: Nov 2, 2020

The Board sang from PH292. President Adam Fynaardt read from Romans 12:1-2 and opened with prayer. All members were present.

Minutes of the October Board Meeting were read and approved.

- Glenn Meinders visited the school and gave a favorable report.
- For our Christmas fundraiser this year, we will be supporting the Children of Promise orphanage in Cambodia that Mr. B. has served at in the past.
- A discussion was held on our CSI pension obligations.
- The Fall Board Workshop with Chad Dirkse has been postponed until a later date due to COVID-19 concerns.
- The Ed Committee reported that Michelle De Haan has accepted the office secretary position.
- The Building Committee reported that the furnace in the gym has been fixed.
- Next meeting: Monday, December 7th, 7:00PM.

Spencer Fynaardt closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Spencer Fynaardt, Secretary

2020 Christmas Project

Established by an active and visionary evangelical church in early 2001, Siem Reap Children of Promise Orphanage, in Siem Reap, Cambodia, has been providing a beautiful and happy home for orphans and widows to receive Christian love and care and training in a safe and secure environment for almost 20 years. It is presently serving 40 children, some who are true orphans and others who have been separated from their parents because of neglect or abuse. Their motto is: "We will show you our faith by what we do." James 2:18.

This orphanage is Peoria's Christmas project for this year. Donations may be made to ICAHATTOWAK, Mr. B's separate bank account for the orphanage from which the funds will be transferred electronically into the orphanage's bank account in Siem Reap, with 100% of the donations going directly to the orphan's food and clothing fund. You are invited to a PowerPoint presentation about the orphanage on November 25 here at Peoria Christian School. Mr. B will lead this presentation which will begin at approximately 12:35 on that day. Any questions, please feel free to contact the front office (office@peoriachr.org or 641-625-4131).



A Note from Music

During the month of November in Music:

The 1st/2nd graders have enjoyed listening to the songs in the Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saens. So far they have listened to songs about a lion, hens & roosters, wild donkeys, and tortoises. They have fun guessing what animal is being depicted in the music each week. We have 10 more songs to go!

The 3rd/4th graders just finished singing Old Brass Wagon and doing a folk dance with it. They had great cooperation to make the song go smoothly!
Soli Deo Gloria, Mrs. Ansley

Pre-K & Kinder

It is hard to believe that we have made it through the first quarter and are two weeks into the second quarter of school! We just finished our science unit on transportation and the kids were surprised by how many things that people have made are based on things God created. We will now be learning about non-living things. When the second quarter began, so did having school on Monday for the kindergarteners. Adding this new day has also added a new subject, social studies. We are beginning with a unit on community helpers. We thank God for all the people who help our community!
~Mrs. Klaasen



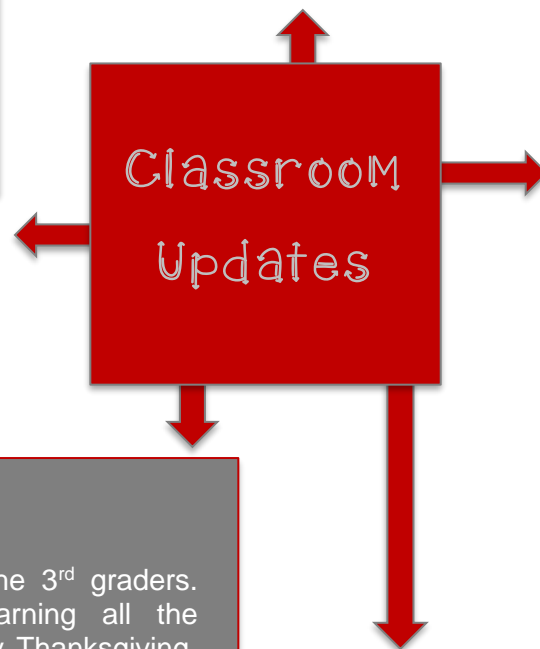
Spanish Spotlights

Enjoy reading what each grade has been focusing on this month in Spanish!

- 1st Grade:** Numbers! Play war with your child, using only one card.
- 2nd Grade:** Animals! Ask your child to name a farm animal.
- 3rd Grade:** School Supplies! Ask your child to get his/her "mochila" ready for school.
- 4th Grade:** Animals! Ask your child to name an animal they might see on a safari.
- 5th Grade:** Foods! Ask your child to name a food they like to eat for dinner.
- 6th Grade:** Foods! Ask your child to name a food they like and don't like in spanish.
- 7th and 8th Grade:** The verb "Ser"! Ask your child to use the different forms of 'ser' in sentences.

We've also been working on reading several Bible verses, reciting the Lord's prayer, or learning new Bible words. Each class does something a little different, so ask your children if they can recite any Bible words or prayers for you!

Dios les bendiga. ~ Mrs. McConnell



1st & 2nd

In 1st/2nd grade, we are switching from History to Science for the second quarter. Students are excited to have science and have already learned that a scientist is someone who finds out things about God's world. We will begin by learning about science process skills, which help a scientist find out and use information. These skills are observe, classify, measure, infer, predict, and communicate. We look forward to using our skills to find out things about the world that God has created for us. ~Mrs. Van Wyk

3rd & 4th

It is an exciting time for the 3rd graders. They will be finished learning all the lowercase cursive letters by Thanksgiving. They will then begin to learn the uppercase letters and start completing assignments solely in cursive. In Bible, we are continuing our look at the first two earthly kings of Israel: Saul and David. We will finish learning about Saul and spend most of the next month focused on the life of David. In science, we have been learning about our digestive system. It is fun to see what happens when we eat, especially when we get to eat food for our experiments.
~Miss Taft



7th & 8th

This past month our class talked about what we wanted to make as our bazaar project. We concluded on creating a wall décor item with Psalm 8:1, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Kevin Van Der Hart cut out the shape of Iowa and etched the passage into the wood. The reason that made us think about this for our project was because of the bulletin board in our classroom. There is a poster with all of Psalm 8 on it and each of us were required to bring in a picture to put on the bulletin board. With the picture that we each brought in, we were to explain how we are **ROOTED** in God's Word, how the picture **REFLECTS** his marvelous wonders, and also to **REMEMBER** and **REJOICE** in God's magnificent work! Keep your eyes open at the bazaar for this unique and one of a kind wall hanging!
 ~ Submitted by Jocelyn Veenstra, 8th Grade



5th & 6th

In 5th and 6th grade, we have been studying WWI. Students have been learning how society's attitudes changed as the war carried on. In the beginning, they had high spirits and were very optimistic. However, as the war continued they began to dislike war. We began to understand what it may have been like to be in the war after reading a journal entry of a British soldier. He described what the conditions were like in the trenches. We see what life was like during the war, and are so very thankful for the life we have been given.
 ~Mrs. De Zwarte



Resource Room

Peoria Christian has answered 52,662 IXL questions this year. While answering those, we have mastered 1,159 and are proficient in 1,392 standards. The students work on all types of math or language arts questions depending on how they perform while working the Diagnostic Area every Friday. For example, one eighth grader might work on eighth grade math Numbers and Operations questions such as "What is the cube root of 125?" The ending question that stands in their way of mastery will be harder such as "What is the cube root of 512?" All while a different eighth grader works on filling in gaps in fifth grade math such as "Subtract. 0.4-0.2=?" We are blessed with the opportunity to have an individualized portion of education to patch and enrich the brains God has blessed us with!
 ~Mrs. Fynaardt



WHAT'S
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ANNUAL BAZAAR

“The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8. Please plan on joining us for this fun filled evening! More details in the attached flyer. Thank you for supporting Peoria Christian School.

DELICIOUS DONATIONS NEEDED!

We need your delicious baked good and confections for the bake sale at the annual Peoria Christian School Bazaar. Cookies, bars, pies, bread, rolls, cupcakes, fudge Christmas Cookies & candy, honey, jelly, jam, canned salsa etc. Your items must be in the gym by **noon on November 13th**. Styrofoam trays and bags are available at the school. Questions? Please contact Clarice Meinders (641-780-0126; email glenmeinders@iowatelecom.net).

FACILITATORS

We want to praise God for supplying for our special facilitator request (Philippians 4:19). If you would still like to help facilitate or know someone that does, please email or call Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org or 641-625-4131) as we are always in need.



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NOTE FOR PARENTS

We are so excited, because it is almost time for the annual Bazaar! **Please remember students are the responsibility of their parents after school lets out** on Friday, November 13. Optional childcare starts at 7pm in the school building.

CHAPEL

Our next chapel will take place on Friday, November 20th, and Pastor Bob Johnson (1st Reformed, Pella) is scheduled to be our speaker. Chapel starts at 8:30 AM in the gym. Please come and join us.

BAZAAR SUPPER

We are in need of help serving dinner Friday, November 13. Shifts are from 4:45-5:45, 5:45-6:45, and clean up. Sign-up sheets are available on the east table in the Peoria CRC basement and in the school office. Please contact Suzy Veenstra to sign up or if you have questions (641-780-8856; veenstrads@outlook.com).

VETERANS DAY LUNCH

We are planning a Veterans Day Lunch for **November 10**. If you are a Veteran or know someone who is, please save the date on your calendar. We would love to be able to honor you on this special day. We have a special lunch and assembly starting at noon. Please make sure to RSVP to office@peoriachr.org with the number attending. Lord willing, we hope to see you there! Parents, that would like to attend please RSVP as well.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Please save the date of Thursday, November 12th, for this event for our 5th – 8th grade students. This year we are planning to combine with Sully Christian School and have a middle school music festival with just their school. The live performance will be at Sully Christian School at 7:00 PM. Come support our students as they share their gifts and talents that God has given them. Hope to see you there!



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 HAPPENING



Rooted in God's Word



"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8

CLASSROOM BASKETS FOR AUCTION

Pre-K/K: "Picnic" Basket

Collapsible Wagon, Table Cloth, Napkins, Blanket, Bug Spray and MORE!

1st/2nd: Desserts & Sweets

Candy, Mints, Cake Mixes, Frosting and MORE!

3rd/4th: Mexican

Chips & Salsa, Cheesy Dip, Pinata, Napkins and MORE!

5th/6th: Activities to Do!

Puzzles, Apples to Apples, National Parks Trivia and MORE!

7th/8th: Freezer Meals

Meatballs, Cheesy Potatoes, Sliders, 5lbs ground beef and MORE!



Nov 13
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Coffee Time: 3:00-4:30

Bake Sale: 3:00-6:30

Browse-n-Buy: 3:00-6:30

Supper: 5:00-6:30

Live Auction: 7:00 in the gym

Childcare: 7:00 in the school

Supper Menu:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Party Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Buttermilk Brownies & Ice Cream
~Freewill Donation

Fun for the Kids too...

Please plan to join us for games, prizes, and activities for kids of all ages starting at 7:00!

New this Year: To Go Meals!

Meals will be available between 4:30-5:30. To request one, please contact Suzy at 641-780-8856 by 12:30 on Friday, November 13th.



Like us on Facebook to get updates and to see items that will be auctioned!

Thank you for supporting Peoria Christian School! Please contact Lisa Ver Meer (780-8542) or Heidi Van Wyk (780-9755) if you have any questions or have an item to donate.



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NOVEMBER	
November 10	Veterans Day Lunch & Assembly
November 11	12:15PM Dismissal ~ Curriculum Mapping
November 12	7PM 5 th – 8 th Grade Fall Music Festival at Sully
November 13	Fall Bazaar
November 18	2:35PM Dismissal ~ Staff-In-Service
November 20	8:30AM Chapel ~ Pastor Bob Johnson
November 25	1:15 Dismissal ~ Thanksgiving Break
November 26-27	NO SCHOOL ~ Thanksgiving Break
December	
December 2	12:15 Dismissal ~Curriculum Mapping
December 11	2:15 Dismissal ~ Christmas Program
December 11	7PM Christmas Program at Peoria CRC
December 18	8:30AM Chapel ~ Pastor Dale Slings
December 22	1:15 Dismissal ~ End of 2 nd Quarter
December 23 - January 1	NO SCHOOL ~ Christmas Break
January 4	School Resumes

PCS WISH LIST

Are you looking for a different way to help support our school? The PCS Wish List is a list of school supplies that we need. You may purchase the items and then donate them to the school. All donations may be dropped off at the school office. This month we are requesting donations of these items:

- ~Standard Postage Forever Stamps
- ~Armless Office Chair (for use in front office)



Legacy of Grace

SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION

726 North "E" Street • Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

October 20, 2020

Dear LOG STO Donor,

First and foremost, Thank You so much for your previous financial support of the LOG STO. Your generosity has provided a quality Christian Education experience to many children in families without the financial means, many at poverty level or below.

This year the State of Iowa has again given the Legacy Of Grace Student Tuition Organization (LOG-STO) the opportunity to raise \$489,751 for tuition assistance.

LOG-STO is in its 14th year of existence. Our purpose is to raise funds in order to provide scholarships for eligible students to attend a Christian School. **The State of Iowa gives a 65% tax credit on all donations** to this great cause. LOG-STO is proving to be extremely beneficial in its effort to help families be able to afford a Christian Education for their families.

Unfortunately, in 2019 we were unable to collect \$133,142 of our state allotment of credits. This has caused extra strain on families and schools and their budgets. The families representing LOG-STO have one of the highest eligibility rates for receiving tuition grants for Christian education in the whole state of Iowa. This means the families that send their children to our schools are sacrificing much and are extremely dedicated to providing a Christ-centered education for their children.

On the back side this letter is a donation form. We encourage you to visit with your tax preparer and ask them about the **Student Tuition Organization Tax Credit** to consider the potential of this program to benefit you by reducing your tax liability. You can also increase the 65% benefit of your gift by donating stock, grain and any possible Required Mandatory Distributions (RMDs) if you are 72 years of age. Please call one of the individuals below to better understand one of these options. We also ask you to pray and seek God's guidance in this matter in order to help us meet this years' needed funds. Thank you for your consideration!

We want to emphasize that your gifts should not replace the present giving that you do for Christian education.

In Christ,

Joel A. Groenenboom
President of the Board
(641)295-2003

Mike Vander Hart
PCS LOG Representative
(641)780-7705

**Please keep this letter for your tax records.
This gift is tax-deductible under IRS rules for 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organizations.**

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(We are unable to distribute tax credits without name, address, and social security number)

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Check here if you would like your acknowledgement receipt emailed to you.
Be sure to include your email address above.

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