

The Pathfinder

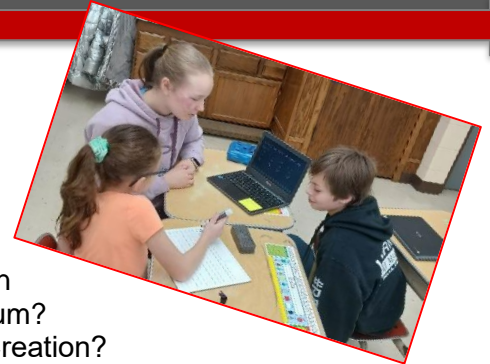
Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105

Nurture - Develop - Educate

Principal's Message Christian Education

When you hear the words Christian education, what are the first words that come to mind?

- God?
- Christian Teachers?
- Chapel?
- Distinctively Christian?
- Bible class?
- Home/family/church working together?
- Biblical Vision?
- Biblical Mission?
- Christian Education Week?
- Prayer?
- Christian curriculum?
- God's Creation?
- Proverbs 22:6?
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9?
- Ephesians 6:4?
- II Timothy 3:15-17?
- Matthew 28:19-20?
- Peoria Christian School?



This year we have Christian Education Week planned for April 4th – 8th. This is a week where we take time to celebrate and thank God for allowing our children an opportunity to attend Christian Education and specifically Peoria Christian School. Here are 3 specific items that we want to thank God for allowing at our school:

- Continuing to be able to teach from a Reformed Biblical Perspective
- Continuing to be able to teach students to defend a young earth viewpoint
- Continuing to be able to pray for, pray with, and personally disciple our students

Thank you for your continued support,

Jeremy Copenhaver

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

"...and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (II Timothy 3:15-17).

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Peoria Christian School Board News

School Board Meeting: March 8, 2022

August Board Minutes

The Board sang from Psalter Hymnal 432, "For the Beauty of the Earth." President Spencer Fynaardt read from Galatians 5:16-25 and opened with prayer. All members were present except Jeff Vander Molen with notice.

- Minutes of the February Board Meeting were read and approved.
- Spencer Fynaardt and Dennis Veenstra reported on their school visits and had positive reports.
- From the Ed Committee, a motion was approved to allow PCHS students to lead the songs for the April 4th chapel (Hallelujah, Because He Lives, Your Grace is Enough).
- From the Ed Committee, a motion was approved to allow an additional field trip for Pre-K/Kinder to visit the park and have a picnic on the last day of school.
- From the Ed Committee, a contract given to a potential new 5th-6th grade teacher was not accepted. The candidate also had multiple contracts from other schools.
- Mr. Cope reported on the School Choice Rally at the Capitol. The Rally had a great turnout, and our students toured the capitol, and met with several different people both from the Iowa Congress and from IACS.

- From the Promotions Committee, 4 families attended the Warm Welcomes event this year.
- From the Bus Committee, a motion was approved to amend the policy manual to say, "We will ordinarily follow Pella's delay/cancellation decision, but reserve the right to make our own decision."

Next meeting: Monday, April 4th, 7:00PM.
Dan Hol closed with prayer.
Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Van Der Hart, Secretary

TEACHERS

We are continuing to look for a full-time 1st/2nd grade teacher, a 5th/6th grade teacher, and a part-time Spanish teacher. Anyone interested in any of these positions, should contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org) for more details. Please pray as we look to fill these positions.



A Note from Music

Our Fine Arts season has drawn to a close for our Middle School students and they deserve a huge round of applause for jobs well done! All classes are now looking forward to our Grandparent's Day and preparing for that concert.
~ Mrs Ansley



Shark Costume

We are looking for a shark costume that we can borrow for the Grandparent's Day Concert. If you have one that we can use, please contact Mrs. Ansley at music@peoriachr.org.

Pre-K & Kinder

This past month we have been working hard in Kindergarten on tapping out and spelling CVC words. The students all liked that we have started having spelling tests. In PreK, we are continuing to learn how to properly form lower case letters. We are about halfway through the alphabet. This past month, we also enjoyed having guidance with Mrs. Van Maanen. She always has great reminders of how to be a good friend. We also had fun at our Valentine's Day party! We talked about how we should show love to others every day, but it is fun to have a special day to show love and friendship to others.
~ Mrs. Klaasen



1st & 2nd

The first and second graders have worked hard this month! We just finished a unit in Heritage Studies titled "Liberty and Justice for All." We talked about how God set up different levels of government, and how He placed a unique leader over each level of government. We discussed God's meaning of justice, and how He wants government leaders to act fair and right. The students also learned what it means to be a citizen in not only their community, state and country, but also a citizen of God's Kingdom. And with being a citizen in each of these, we have the responsibility to obey God by following the law. That's a lot to learn and remember! But we remind ourselves that we are privileged to live in a country where God has let us have freedom to learn all these things, through the lens of the Bible, and we do not want to waste this opportunity!
~ Mrs. Vos



3rd & 4th

In February, we had another visit from Mrs. Adams, for Ag in the Classroom. She talked about dairy farms and how we get our milk. They learned about tags and a few examples of different cow tags. They also learned about what the calves and cows are fed. They got to smell some calf feed and TMR. One definitely smelled stronger than the other! They also got to make butter by shaking cream in jars and had a taste of it with a treat. Mrs. Adams also gave us a little preview of what we can expect to see during Ag Day coming up in April. We have also been working on our science experiment for the upcoming science fair during Christian Education Week. It is almost finished, so we can start putting all our information together and make our conclusions. The students have done a great job recording their data these last few weeks. As we look toward March, we will be starting to work on our annual cursive writing contest. The 'judging' will take place the same day as the science fair. Their cursive writing is coming along nicely and many of them have very nice penmanship. With only five of them, it may be difficult to choose a winner this year.
~ Miss Taft

7th & 8th

This past week, on February 24, the fifth through eighth graders had the opportunity to participate in the local fine arts at Peoria, and some of our events went on to District Fine Arts on March 3. Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as for working for the Lord, not for man." Thanks to the judges: Marshall Fynaardt, Spencer Fynaardt, and Glenda Mathes for their time and helpful tips to make our performances better. And thank you to Mrs. Carolyn Bandstra and Mrs. Nancy Van Wyk for their help while we were practicing our speeches. We were glad we could share our God-given talents in this way. ~ submitted by Ashlyn Ver Meer



5th & 6th

This year the fifth and sixth graders have been learning about ancient civilizations. Starting with Mesopotamia, the first civilization after the flood; and have studied Egypt, Israel, and now India. Throughout history, we constantly see how God's hand is at work in all things. We've looked at how each civilization has glorified God by using the knowledge He has given them to further their civilizations and inventions. Some of these we still use today! As we study, we continually thank God for His sovereignty over all things. ~ Mrs. De Zwarte



Spanish

Enjoy reading what each grade will be focusing on this month!
1st Grade: The first graders are identifying body parts God has created.
2nd Grade: The second graders are using their God-given health to practice action words.
3rd Grade: The third graders are using God's order for numbers to count by fives.
4th Grade: The fourth graders are using their God-given knowledge to use Spanish greetings.
5th Grade: The fifth graders are using God's order for numbers to identify numbers 1-100.
6th Grade: The sixth graders are discussing the different talents God has given them to use in their future jobs.
7th/8th Grade: The seventh and eighth graders are identifying different animals that God has created.
 ~ Mrs. McConnell

Resource Room

In hopes of exponential growth, we have started up a competition and goal system with each classroom! The first goal is for each student to master two skills per week for a month. If they reach that goal, instead of IXL for one day, they get to choose their bonus such as dodgeball or extra recess. We hope this helps students monitor their growth, stick to a skill until mastery, and yearn to exceed expectations to beat out the other classes! Since the beginning of the year, we have seen a growth of +64 in math and +73 in language arts. Let the hard work & "games" begin! ~ Mrs. Fynaardt



HOSTESS SUPPER

The Promotions Committee would like to thank everyone that came to the Hostess Supper this year or were able to support the event through your prayers or financial support. We raised a total of \$60,441, which was a record amount. We want to thank each of you for your amazing support and most of all we want to thank God from whom all blessings flow (James 1:17).

DUTCH LETTERS

Please join us on Saturday, March 19, as we make Dutch Letters! Many hands are needed and we provide training if you have never made Dutch Letters. Orders will be available for pick-up in Pella from 2-4pm or at Peoria School Gym from 3-5pm. Contact Michelle De Haan or Nella Veenstra with any questions.

CHAPEL

Our next chapel is scheduled for Friday, March 25th at 8:30 AM. Jerry Vermeer is our scheduled speaker. We hope you can join us!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

This year Christian Education Week is scheduled for April 4th-8th. We have many items taking place that week but here are a few to mark on your calendars:

- Chapel on Monday, April 4th - speaker Jim Warden and PCHS are scheduled to join us to lead worship.
- Visiting Independence Village for a hymn sing on Wednesday, April 6th.
- Science Fair Judging on Thursday, April 7 starting at 1PM.
- Grandparent Day on Friday, April 8th including chapel at 8:30 AM led by Mr. Al Bandstra.
- Dress-Up Days with a Creation Theme:
 - Monday: Days 1 & 4 (wear white, black, neon or sun, moon & stars)
 - Tuesday: Days 2 & 5 (wear shades of blue or bird or fish)
 - Wednesday: Day 3 (wear green or camo or animal or tree)
 - Thursday: School Spirit Day
 - Friday: Peoria Orange Shirt & Jeans

SPRING BREAK

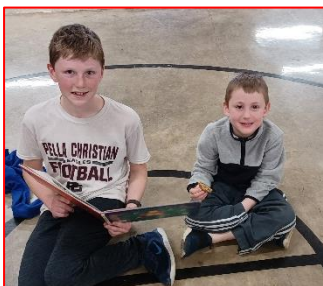
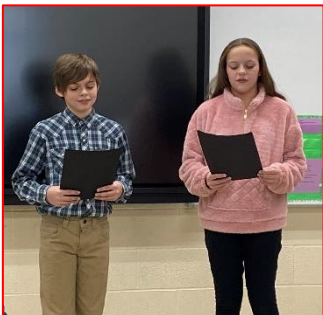
Spring Break will be from March 14th through March 18th. School resumes on Monday, March 21st.

SCIENCE FAIR

Parents, if your student in 5th-8th grade still needs a presentation board, they are available for \$2 in the office.

SAVE THE DATE

District V Track Meet on Wednesday, April 20th for 5th-8th grade.



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MARCH	
March 3	2:40PM Dismissal
March 3	District V Fine Arts at PCGS
March 9	Pre-K/Kindergarten Round-Up
March 11	1:20 Dismissal
March 14-18	Spring Break – No School
March 25	8:30AM Chapel, Mr. Jerry Vermeer speaking
March 25	Report Cards Sent Home
March 30	12:20PM Dismissal
APRIL	
April 4-8	Christian Education Week
April 4	8:30AM Chapel, Mr. Jim Warden speaking
April 8	Grandparent/Special Friend Day 8:30AM Chapel at Peoria CRC 1:30PM Program in Gym
April 15	No School – Good Friday
April 18	No School – Easter Monday
April 20	District V Track Meet at Lacy Complex
April 22	3 rd /4 th Ag Day
April 27	2:40PM Dismissal – Staff In-Service
MAY	
May 5	12:05PM Dismissal – Tulip Time
May 6	No School – Tulip Time
May 9-13	Spring Map Testing
May 13-14	Band Trip
May 16	PK-4 th Track & Field Day with Sully Christian
May 19	2:20PM Dismissal – 7PM 8 th Grade Graduation
May 24	1:20PM Dismissal – Last Day of School

PCS WISHLIST

We are blessed by the many of you who look over this list every month and contribute the items that are listed. We are thankful for you and for your donations! This month we are requesting donations of these items:

- ~ 8oz Styrofoam Cups
- ~ Forever Stamps
- ~ Post-It Sticky Notes
- ~ Nerf Footballs
- ~ Hula Hoops