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Principal's Corner

Greetings from your Principal. It is my privilege to introduce the school theme for 09-10: The Fruit of the Spirit. Our theme verse is taken from Galatians 5:22-23a: *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."*

The fruit of the Spirit is a gift God gives to His children to help them live lives that please Him and show His love to those who don't know Him. As the students discover more about the fruit of the Spirit, they will learn that God uses us as His instruments to show His love to others. The students will learn more about Jesus and how each fruit is an extension of His love. The students will discover how to grow and nurture the fruit of the Spirit in their lives and realize the importance of each quality. Our goal is for the students to understand that the fruit of the Spirit is given to us as a tool, equipping us to show God's love to those around us.

SCCS has planned several chapels that will focus on this year's theme. The following are the chapel topics:

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| Sept. 21 | LOVE – strawberries because they are shaped like a heart and remind us of God's love. |
| Oct. 19 | JOY – oranges because when you put a section of an orange in your mouth, it makes a smile, reminding us of the joy we have in Christ. |
| Nov. 16 | PEACE – cherries because they are shaped like globes reminding us to work toward peace and shalom with everyone around us. |
| Feb. 1 | PATIENCE – banana because you have to be patient for a green banana to turn yellow, we must be patient with each other.
KINDNESS – grapes because these are a fruit you can share with someone else reminding us to share our gifts and talents with others. |
| March 15 | GOODNESS – pineapple because they are hard on the outside, just like we are sometimes, but God's goodness still lives in us.
FAITHFULNESS – watermelon because it grows from a very small seed to a large melon just as God is faithful to us as we grow in Him. |
| April 19 | GENTLENESS – peach because the skin is soft and reminds us to be gentle with each other in our words and actions.
SELF-CONTROL – apple because an apple is a reminder of the Garden of Eden and we must use self-control. |
| May 24 | End of the year celebration. 7 p.m. at the Dordt Chapel. |

All of the chapels begin at 2:15 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is welcome to attend. After each chapel the theme groups will be meeting in the classrooms to focus on a special aspect of each fruit. Area pastors will be a part of each chapel. The students should wear their theme shirts on chapel days. – Mr. Dirksen

FAIR SHARE REPORT

August 1 – October 6, 2009

16.7% of the fiscal year

CHURCH	BUDGET	RECEIVED	PERCENT
First CRC	\$166,188	\$ 26,313	15.8%
Bethel	\$182,693	\$ 30,789	16.9%
Covenant	\$111,551	\$ 18,776	16.8%
Faith	\$222,533	\$ 19,000	8.5%
Bridge of Hope	\$ 36,994	\$ 1,743	4.7%
Partner Society	\$ 79,110	-\$ 592	-0.7%

SCCS Board Minutes
September 14, 2009

1. Board President Nick Lantinga opened with devotions and prayer. Ten of the twelve members were present.

Committee Reports:

2. **BG&T:** The new 2000 bus route will be adjusted in September.
3. **Executive:** Executive Board members are encouraged to submit their mandate(s) to the respective committee(s) before our next board meeting of Oct. 12. Mandates should include an explanation of the opportunity and a time line. The Board Orientation data was reviewed and goals were set.
4. **Finance:** A payment plan for a past due tuition account was accepted and approved. Monthly reports were reviewed and found to be in good order. NICSTO applications and contributions are underway.
5. **SIAC:** ICAM results are in and have been tabulated.
6. **Administrator's Report:** Special notation was made about a Para being hired through the community school for our use with a 2nd grade student. The Annual Progress Report has been filed with the Department of Education. The BEDS report will be done in Oct. Theme shirts were given to the board members.
7. **Other Business:** Committee assignments and teacher/staff assignments were handed out and reviewed. Gwen Marra gave a presentation on Statewide Voluntary Preschool. Doug Tinklenberg closed the meeting with prayer. Next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12.

Respectfully submitted: Jodi Hulstein, secretary

Swimming Is Off to a Great Start

By Mrs. Kobes

Swimming lessons have been offered at SCCS ever since the original pool was built. At that time swim lessons were given only to our older and bigger students since the old pool didn't have a walk-in area for younger and smaller children. The swim program each year ended with the "fishy swim meet". It was a wild and enjoyable time with lots of crazy relays and always had a "cannonball" competition off the high dive.

The decision was made that we would serve our students and community better if we began our swim program at an earlier age. Presently we offer swim lessons for our 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Our 3rd and 5th graders go first semester and our 2nd and 4th graders go second semester.

We are so blessed to have a well-run and cared for swim facility close by and also be able to avail ourselves of many Dordt students who are trained life guards and WSI swim instructors.

Swimming is a wonderful fitness activity, but more importantly we see the need to teach our children how to be wise when near water. They discover their abilities and also learn to respect the water and be safe while enjoying water activities.

We are one of only a few Christian schools as well as public schools that have the opportunity and means to offer swimming as part of our physical education curriculum. We are so thankful that our education committee and board are committed to supporting and continuing this program.

Sixth Graders Attend Camp Foster

By Alan Bandstra

On the 10th of September, 38 sixth graders spent the day at Camp Foster near Spirit Lake. They rode horseback on trails, paddled canoes in the lake, navigated a low ropes course, and shot arrows at targets. Strapped in harnesses, students took turns climbing a thirty-foot wall and soared to breath-taking heights in the "Flying Squirrel," while suspended from the end of a rope held by their classmates.

The point of the trip was to build community, teaching students first-hand what it means to encourage and trust each other. Late in the day, Guidance Counselor Crista Smidt brought closure to the activities. Near a crackling campfire, as rays from a sinking sun transformed bur oak branches into cathedral-like arches, Miss Smidt read these words from I Corinthians 12: "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ...."

Community building will not stop with Camp Foster. Throughout this year, the teachers and Miss Smidt plan to carry on the theme with periodic activities and follow-up discussions. They pray that the Spirit of Christ will make his home in the communal hearts of the class as students continue to learn about themselves and each other and as they look ahead to junior high.

Dutch Student Teacher

My name is Marco Knol. I am 21 years old and I am a student teacher from the Netherlands. In the Netherlands, I am studying education at the Gereformeerde Hogeschool in Zwolle. For the next four weeks, I will be student teaching in Mr. Bowar's 5th grade classroom. I will be doing some investigation about how things go at an American elementary school. I want to compare this with the teaching in the Netherlands. It is my goal to take as many positive things back to the Netherlands as I possibly can.

Guild Update

By President Tracy Kollis

The SCCS Guild is off to a busy start. We kicked off the year with the Old Fashioned Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 19. A business meeting/dessert social was held on Tuesday, Sept. 22 where the new guild officers were introduced. Guild officers are: Tracy Kollis, President; Kim Nibbelink, Vice President; Isabel Castelan, Secretary; Tara Dekkers, Vice Secretary; Val Zonnefeld, Treasurer and Sue Van Regenmorter, Vice Treasurer.

There are a variety of fund-raisers planned again for this year. If you have not already ordered your pies and cinnamon rolls, we are selling those right now as well as Hy-Vee Coupon Cards and SCCS Merchandise. Call the school office for more information. As in the past, we continue to collect Box Tops, Campbell's Labels for Education, Pizza Ranch Box Tabs and have added the Land O' Lakes milk caps. You can redeem your pop cans at Brommers and have the cash donated to SCCS, or bring your clothes to the second-hand stores in Sioux Center and Rock Valley.

Following are some other guild event dates you can mark on your calendar:

October 30 - Fall Soup Supper 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (This is also Grandparents Day!)

December 3-4 - Scholastic Book Fair (at SCCS Library)

February 19 - Winter Soup Supper

March 20 - SCCS Auction (It is auction year - plan to attend or donate to the auction which is held once every three years)

April 22-24 - Bake Sale (in conjunction with the city-wide rummage sales)

April 29 - Spring Meeting

We have appreciated all your support in the past and ask for continued support, whether it be by time, prayer, monetary or other donations. Thank You!

Welcome, Mrs. Torres!

My name is Veronica Torres-Carcoba. I was born in Queretaro, Mexico. I've been in the United States for almost 4 years. I'm a senior at Dordt. Before I came to the USA, I lived in Canada. This summer I got married. My husband's name is Andres Acosta. He is from Colombia. We like to play sports, watch movies, and go camping. I am student teaching with Mr. Van Dam, and I really enjoy it. Thank you for welcoming me. Dios les bendiga. (God bless you all.)

Grandparents and Special Friend Day

Please join us on **October 30**, in the morning, for our annual Grandparents and Special Friend Day. Classroom visiting will take place from 8:45-11:00 a.m. Each grade level will be giving a short program in the gym throughout the morning. One change we have made is that there will not be one large program in the gym this year. Each grade level will have a scheduled time to perform. Cookies and coffee will be available in the lunchroom. SCCS has an early dismissal on Oct. 30, with the Guild Soup Supper in the evening. Come and join us for both!



Got Fruit?

By Mr. Bowar

Got Fruit? We do!

The Sioux Center Christian School community is focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit during the 2009-2010 school year. Taken from Galatians 5:22-23 teachers, students, parents, staff, and board members are living the theme in several ways.

Why is the theme important? Here's a "Top 10" list of why we feel a school-wide theme is a great thing:

1. **Worship:** Monthly chapels – where we sing, see skits, listen to speakers, and more – explain the different parts of our theme verse are explained and how we should live it out.
2. **Growth:** Everyone at the school studies the theme, constantly praying to grow in the knowledge of God.
3. **Community:** Students, staff, and teachers meet in small groups after chapels to discuss important ideas and questions related to our theme.
4. **Focus:** The theme helps everyone focus on a common goal: bearing more fruit!
5. **Knowledge:** We all strive to learn more and more about God.
6. **Service:** Students in upper grades do various service projects related to the theme.
7. **Connections:** Parents and pastors are invited to join in worshipping with us at chapel.
8. **Leadership:** Older students have the opportunity to teach and guide younger students.
9. **Support:** We learn how to serve others and help them to also bear fruit.
10. **Fun:** We have a great time learning about God and His fruit!

We encourage everyone to join us in learning more about the God's fruit this year! Area pastors have volunteered to share God's Word with us during our chapels, and parents and students have been invited to be "special guests" at certain chapels. Come join us!

