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"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law."
Galatians 5:22

Principal's Corner

Got Fruit?

The theme "Fruit of the month" for October was JOY. Pastor Carl Boersma of the New Life Reformed Church led our chapel and shared with the students the difference between happiness and joy. Many things can make us happy, but these circumstances are often temporary. JOY means so much more than just being happy. The Bible tells us that JOY is an attitude that Jesus gives us when we have Him in our heart. When Jesus is in our hearts and we know that we have a home forever with Him in heaven, we have real JOY.

Pastor Boersma also introduced the students to Sadie the Church Lady. We think that Pastor Carl has much more JOY than Sadie does. SCCS thanks Pastor Boersma for sharing his JOY with us.

Since we are overflowing with the JOY of Jesus, the students participated in a JOY project for the Olthoff family. The students brought in items that would bring JOY to Ben and his family. The items were divided into five baskets for each member of the Olthoff family.

The next Theme Chapel will be on November 16 at 2:15. Pastor John Lee of the Bethel CRC will be our guest speaker on the Fruit of PEACE.

– Joe Dirksen



Jesus
Others
You



FAIR SHARE REPORT

August 1 – November 3, 2009

25% of the fiscal year

CHURCH	BUDGET	RECEIVED	PERCENT
First CRC	\$166,188	\$ 36,977	22.3%
Bethel	\$182,693	\$ 57,614	31.5%
Covenant	\$111,551	\$ 28,054	25.1%
Faith	\$222,533	\$ 54,000	24.3%
Bridge of Hope	\$ 36,994	\$ 4,552	12.3%
Partner Society	\$ 79,110	\$ 6,018	7.7%

SCCS Board Minutes
October 12, 2009

Members Present: 11 of 12 members were present.

1. Board President Nick Lantinga opened with devotions and prayer.
2. BG&T: Currently we have 12 families outside of the Sioux Center School District.
3. Finance: A Fair Share Summit is scheduled for Nov. 3. There was some discussion regarding a Capital Campaign with the funds being designated to the playground and technology. Monthly reports were reviewed and found to be in good order.
4. SIAC: Data binders have been completed.
5. Guild: Approval for Marching Band Uniforms and Flags was given with approximate cost of \$1,500.
6. Administrator's Report: SCCS's enrollment has been certified with the Department of Education at 381 students (K-8). Board members are invited to a Learning and Socializing School Board Symposium on Nov. 19. The BEDS State Reports were completed.
7. Approval for the Christmas Project of Bee Keeping in the Ivory Coast was given. Ron Rynders will be spearheading this project challenging our children with a vision for missions.
8. School visit reports were given.
9. Arlyn Schaap gave a presentation on OCCS's Preschool.
10. Jodi Hulstein closed the meeting with prayer.
11. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 16, with Vice President Doug Tinklenberg leading the meeting. This date is one week later because of Parent/Teacher Conferences on Nov. 9.

Respectfully submitted: Jodi Hulstein, Secretary.

Mrs. Loomans, 2nd Grade Paraprofessional

My name is Donna Loomans and I live in Rock Rapids, Iowa with my husband Ross. Ross is employed as the General Manager at Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative. We have 2 children. Ryan lives in Worthington, Minnesota and is employed as a power Lineman for Nobles Rural Electric Cooperative. Our daughter Jennifer has just graduated from Mayo School of Health Sciences with a degree in radiology. She is currently living at home while she is looking for a job. She is presently employed part time at Aeropostale in Sioux Falls while she finishes her Bachelors degree.

I enjoy spending time with my family, walking and golfing if the weather is nice. I also do lots of reading.

I am very excited to be a part of Sioux Center Christian School. Christian Education has always been a very important part of my life. I have attended Christian Schools all my life and have 30 years teaching experience in Christian Schools around the area. I am currently working as a paraprofessional in Mrs. Sybesma's 2nd grade classroom.



*Welcome
To Our
School!*

NW Iowa Traveling Art Exhibit Visits SCCS

During the month of October, The NW Iowa Traveling Art exhibit was on display in the SCCS library. Each year, Mrs. Siemonsma, 6-8th art teacher, chooses two or three pieces from 6th and 7th grades from the previous school year to represent Sioux Center Christian in the art exhibit. This year, 99 artworks are displayed in two traveling exhibits. Students' ages range from kindergarten to junior high representing schools throughout the NW Iowa AEA district. The exhibit will continue to travel from school to school until May when entries will be returned to students. Participating students for this year are: 8th grade – Nick Bonnema, Katelyn Franken; and 7th grade – Tara Tilstra, Jamie Gesink and Rebecca Nymeyer.



Speech Competition Was a Success

Once again, our sixth through eighth graders were invited to participate in the Interscholastic Speech competition held on October 19 at the Christian School in Rock Valley. Seventy-one of our students rose to the challenge of preparing and delivering a speech for the judges. We want to thank Donna Brue, Glenda Bos, Kris Tinklenberg, and Katie Haan for helping prepare the speech givers. Thank you, ladies! The students did a wonderful job, and the evening was a fabulous opportunity for everyone involved.

“We Know Where We’re Going!”

By Mrs. Rebecca De Smith

“If you don’t know where you’re going, any road will take you there.” This familiar quote from Lewis Carroll reminds us that with unclear goals and a lack of direction, how will we know what we need to accomplish and whether we’ve actually achieved anything? I think of this quote often in my curriculum work at SCCS. The time spent in reviewing, revising, implementing, and assessing curriculum is key to giving teachers and students a direction in learning and growing.

During the 2009-2010 school year, we will continue to look at the area of math. Last year we reviewed and revised our foundational statements, philosophy, and K-8 standards. This year we will be learning about math Focal Points—three key math concepts to be mastered at each grade level. We will also review textbooks to see which ones will be the best tools for teaching math at SCCS.

We also started reviewing our language arts curriculum. This is a huge task considering the many components it encompasses—reading, writing, listening, viewing, drama, penmanship, grammar, mechanics, usage, phonics, and spelling! We will look at each part of this important curricular area, revising as necessary, so we can have the most effective LA curriculum to serve as a basis for all other curricular areas.

During this school year, teachers will be implementing our updated science curriculum. Each teacher is teaching fewer science units, but in greater depth. We will review our scope and sequence in the spring to see if any adjustments need to be made in our topics and/or resources in science for next year.

This year, we will also be paying close attention to the Iowa Core Curriculum. These state recommendations encourage schools to provide relevant, rigorous curriculum, instruction that is engaging and challenging, and assessment that not only evaluates student learning but also directs our teaching on a daily basis. Implementing the I.C.C. is an exciting way for us to challenge teachers as well as students.

A strong curriculum makes a strong school. The teachers at SCCS will continue to work with purpose and direction to make our curriculum the best it can be in order to educate our students for work in God’s kingdom.



The mission of Sioux Center Christian School is to develop in each of God's children a knowledge and understanding of Christ and His creation so that they can obediently serve God and others as they work and play.



Grandparents Day for Kindergarten and Others

The Kindergarteners were excited to share their day with their Grandparents/Special Friend. The highlight of our morning was our debut performance for Sioux Center Christian. The children sang two songs and recited a poem and their memory verse. To top it off, they shared hugs with their Grandparents/Special Friend. Next, some Grandparents/Special Friends braved the cool weather to join us at recess. Then, we headed back to our classrooms to show our Grandparents/Special Friends what it is like to be a Kindergarten student! We wish they could come every day!

Each classroom teacher prepares for these visits in their own special way. Many students were given the opportunity to share class work with their visitors that was written just for them. Filling the hallways are pictures and stories about special times and special people. This day is a perfect time to talk with the special people in our lives and to listen to stories from days gone by. The conversations revolve around the familiar "I remember when...."

Grandparents/Special Friends Day is a great opportunity for our students to share their love of God and knowledge of the world. The format was altered to fit the half school day. Grandparents were encouraged to visit classrooms all morning. In between visits they were invited to attend an ongoing program highlighting singing and poetry by each grade level. The fifth and sixth grade choir and the seventh and eighth grade choir closed the program with a variety of songs that they have been working on. Coffee and cookies were available in the cafeteria for a time of visiting and reminiscing. As grandparents, teachers, and students reflect back, we treasure these special moments that we can share with each other.

We are thankful for our many grandparents and special friends that teach us to "*Love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our strength.*" May we continue to work together as we "*Impress them on our children. Talk about them when we sit at home and when we walk along the road, when we lie down and when we get up.*" With joy in our heart we acknowledge that "*The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*"

