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November tuition is due November 10.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Student lead parent-teacher conferences are Nov. 6 & 7, 4:30-8:30 PM. Additional Junior High conferences will be on Tues. Nov. 11, 4:30-8:30 PM. Sign-up sheets are in the office. There are no conferences for Pre-school. **Our goal as a school is 100% parent participation. If you are unable to attend conferences, please contact your teacher.**

THANKSGIVING

DINNER is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 21st. Sign-up sheets for attending and donating food are in the office. All food must be brought in by Wed. Nov. 19.

BOYS BASKETBALL

There will be a boys BB parent meeting on Tues. Nov. 4 at 6:30 PM in the gym. Practice will begin on Nov. 10.



VETERAN'S DAY CHAPEL

There will be a special chapel on Nov. 11 @ 8:00 AM to honor our veterans. Please invite dads, moms, uncles, aunts, grandparents and siblings who are veterans to come. **Please RSVP at the office so we can present them with a Certificate of Honor.** Let them know that we would like them to dress in their uniforms.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As Community Christian School considers how to best begin our International Student Program, I am asking for your prayers. Please pray for wisdom of the board in determining policy. We are prayerfully considering hosting four students in our junior high beginning in August 2009. Please pray for the opportunity to share the Gospel. Please pray for families...both host families here in Scottsbluff and the families in Asia. The International Student Program is part of the big picture of seeing God bless our school with growth which we hope someday will add a high school. If you have any ideas

regarding this program, please let your school board know. Their contact information is listed in the directory. Our next meeting is November 10, 2008 at 6:15 pm at Cathy Eastman's residence, 1412 Idlewyde in Scottsbluff.
-Mr. Geary

USBORNE BOOK FAIR

Watch for upcoming details. The book fair will take place during parent-teacher conferences on Nov. 6 & 7 in the library.

NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER

Send a short letter of nomination for Teacher of the Month to:

Barb O'Boyle
Print Express
1617 Ave A
Scottsbluff, NE 69361



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The Christmas musical, "Laughing All the Way," will be performed on Friday, Dec. 12. We are once again asking for sponsors to pay for costumes, videography, props and cast t-shirts. Please bring your suggested donation of \$40 and a business card to the office.

HERBERGERS

COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, November 15th

Go shopping to support CCS.

Step 1: Buy valuable coupon booklets for just \$5 each, good toward great merchandise at Herbergers.

You can purchase booklets at the CCS office or stop in and get one from Miss Valdes (8th grade homeroom).

Step 2: Shop at Herbergers on Nov. 15th and use your \$10 coupon.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS

Christmas is fast approaching and is an excellent time to raise money for CCS through gift cards. Many companies will be giving bonus percentages. Listed are the total percentages for those giving bonuses:

Bath & Body Works - 18%

Old Navy/Gap - 11%

Total Access Phone Card - 17%

JCPenney - 5%

Cabelas - 14%

L.L.Bean - 17%

Now available: Overstock.com

SNACK SALES

There will be snack sales on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at lunch time. All items will be 25 & 50 cents and proceeds will go to the cheerleaders.

EXTRA COOKIE

DOUGH, coffee and candles

are available. Please call the office. We have fielded some calls regarding cookie dough delivery. Please make every attempt to deliver your cookie dough as soon as possible. Your help will give the school a good testimony. Thanks.

EXPLORE TEST

8th graders will be taking the Explore Test on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at the Harms Center.

SAVE YOUR COOKIE DOUGH BOXES!

These boxes work perfectly for the enchiladas. Also save the cookie dough tubs and bring in to the kitchen.

ACSI TEACHERS' CONVENTION

A couple of weeks ago, the teachers and I attended the ACSI teachers' convention. I have asked each one to share with you what they learned and how it would impact their teaching and classroom. I hope you enjoy learning about your student's teacher. Feel free to discuss the ideas they present and how they are helping your child.

-Mr. Geary

Mrs. Christensen, 1st grade

First off, thanks for the opportunity to head down to Colorado Springs and refresh and refocus! The workshop I found the most encouraging was about finding ways to teach all the different learners, especially in the area of reading. This time was very helpful to me because I am in a classroom where I have readers who can read anywhere from 10 all the way up to 115 words per minute. I

know I need to be reaching each student on their level and pushing them to get better - it can easily get overwhelming. I want their personal bests to keep getting better as the year progresses! I was very encouraged as the speaker really reaffirmed my passion for reaching each student at their level and just how important that is! She was also very reassuring - I really can do this! I want to continue finding ways I can accommodate each student in my class and keep pushing them forward. I am already working on ways I can push the students forward individually. I've accepted they are all very different and have very different needs - one size reading does not fit all! We already do reading groups in first grade because this allows us to work on specific areas where that group of students needs help. I was reminded it's okay to go at *their* pace and change my plans as needed to go back and review certain trouble spots. Whether that means reading an entire story over again for smoothness, or forgetting the book altogether for a few days and just working on sight words - I'm going to be flexible and work on being more aware of what they need and not just moving through the curriculum. I'm also making an extra effort to keep more detailed records to show their progress. I want parents to be able to see concrete progress and not just take my word for it!

It's a big overwhelming job if I try to do it alone, but God spoke to me and gave me the encouragement I needed to come back and face this with added dedication! Through His strength alone, He will give me the words and ways to reach *each* student on *their* level. Please pray for me and the other teachers as we strive to put the things we learned into practice!