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CICS CHRONICLE

*"They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary."
-Isaiah 40:31*



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

From the desk of Matt Augustin

Happy 2023!

Here we are already into a new year and in the midst of that unique time where we have one foot in the current school year and the other planning for the next. As wonderful and exciting learning opportunities continue to greet our students this winter and spring, planning for 2023-24 begins! By the time this newsletter is published, we will have a better idea of what is to come for Iowa's Christian schools in the future. Until then, CICS will move forward as we have traditionally in the past with the familiarity of family intentions forms, and kindergarten round-up taking place.

Finally, to gain a better understanding of any new state legislation and how schools can plan for and implement it, the CICS school board will be participating in a workshop with other area Christian schools in February. As always, CICS is excited and honored to be a part of your child's walk with Jesus!

TEACHER UPDATES

Mrs. Stahl & Ms. Jody- K-2

The K-2 class has been very busy learning about Hawaii. We were very excited to find out if people in Hawaii lived differently than us. We enjoyed having guest speakers, making volcanos, making paper origami whales, learning a Hawaii dance, eating Hawaiian food, and enjoying watching their sports. We realized that living in Hawaii has some similarities but also some differences. We really enjoyed learning about Hawaii.

We are now moving on to learning about simple machinery. We are excited to find out how people make toys and why they make the toys. The students will find out that toys all have some sort of simple machinery in them to make them work. By the end of the project, the students will decide on their favorite simple machine and make a toy that uses that simple machine. We will be having an auction to sell the toys and the money we raise will go to Samaritan's Purse Hurricane Ian relief efforts.

Mrs. Eveland- 3-5

For projects this quarter, we are studying electricity and inventions. The class will learn about electrons, neutrons, protons, electricity, renewable energy, non-renewable energy, the invention process, and how to reduce how much energy is used. For presentations, the students will create an invention.

Mrs. Nielsen- 6-8

In 6th-8th grade projects, we have just finished up our unit on Iowa. We learned about Iowa past and present and we were able to visit the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum as well as the Amana Colonies. We have now moved into our next unit on Cells. Students are very excited for this unit as it will more than likely involve dissecting something :) We will be studying plant and animal cells as well as heredity/genetics.

FIELD TRIPS

Students visited the science museum and went on-air with the weather center!

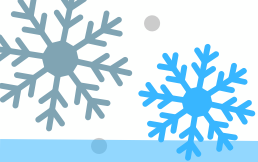


The K-2 class: visiting Roger Van Donselaar's farm and Fonda's butterfly garden



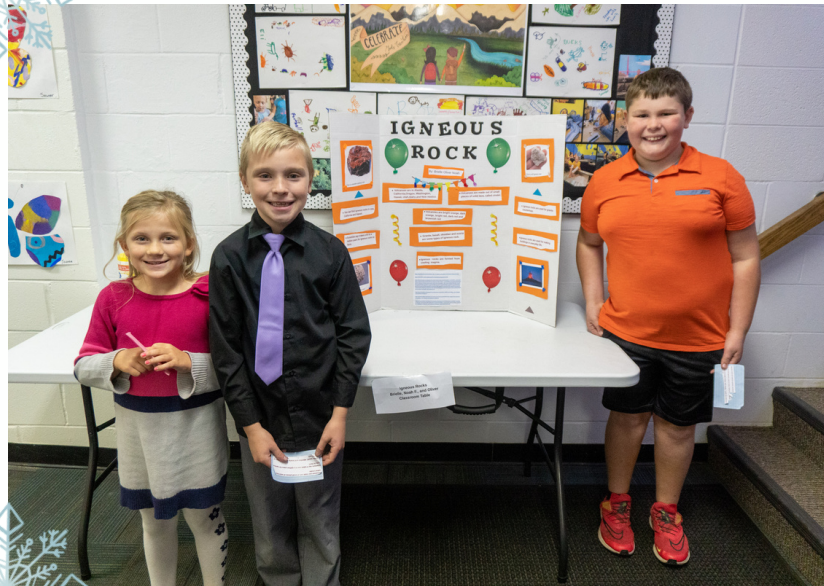
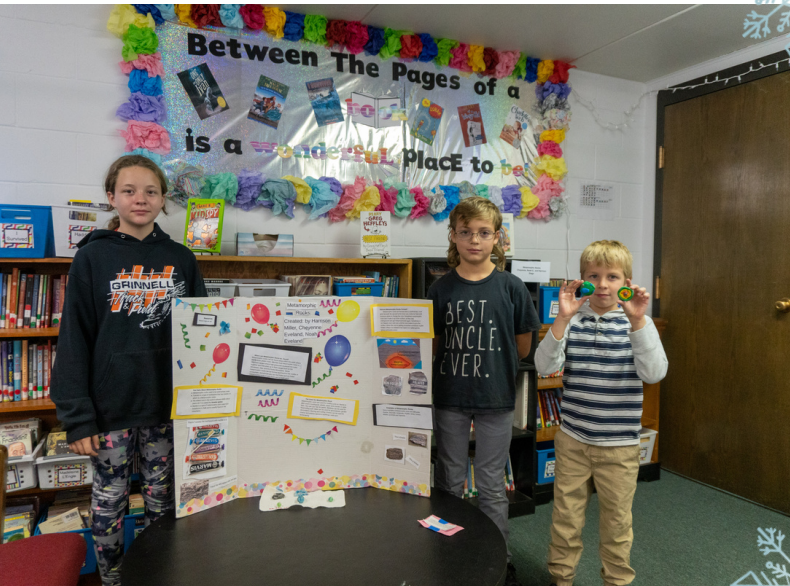
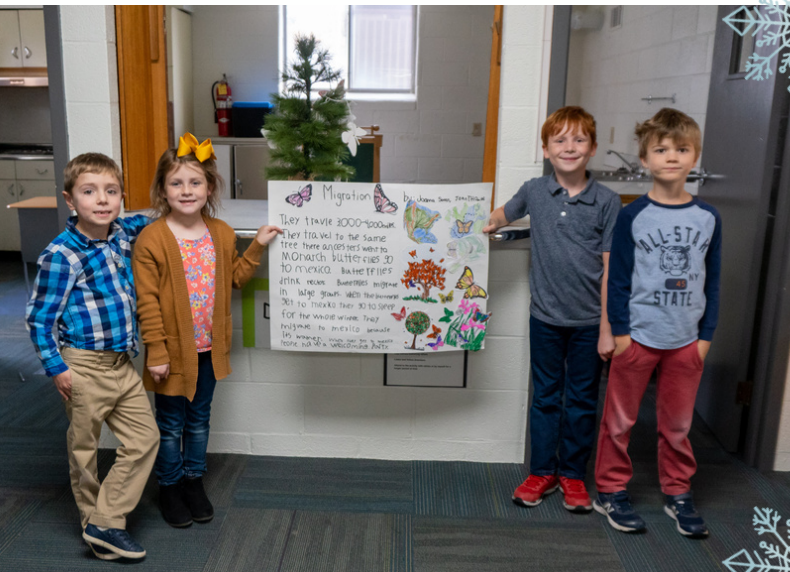
3rd-5th graders examining Meskwaki artifacts

The 6-8th grade class at the Herbert Hoover Museum and Presidential Library and at the Amana Colonies



PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Students shared their knowledge about butterflies, geology, and space, Hawaii, Native American Culture, and Iowa: past and present.



2023 SERVICE PROJECT

Students organized a bake sale to raise funds for Samaritan's Purse Hurricane Ian Relief. Parents, students, and teachers all worked to make it a success!



STO FINANCIAL AID UPDATE

I would like to provide a year-end report on our area's School Tuition Organization (STO) 2022 campaign. Many of you know sending children to a Christian school requires a significant financial commitment. Many families that have children enrolled in a Christian school and here at CICS could not do so if it wasn't for tuition assistance programs.

There is a great way for you to help these families while helping yourself, through an STO. CICS belongs to the Legacy of Grace (LOG) STO, whose sole purpose is to assist these families who desire a Christian education. The Legacy of Grace Student Tuition Organization (LOG/STO) is once again actively seeking donations in 2023 and is in its 17th year of existence for the purpose of raising funds to provide tuition scholarships for eligible students to attend a Christian school.

The blessing to the families is a Christian education for their children, and the blessing to its donors in helping them is they receive a 75% tax credit toward their state income tax. The STO is a fantastic way to divert tax dollars to support families who desire a choice in their education.

Since 2007, the LOG/STO has distributed 6 million dollars in tuition assistance to families attending Christian schools in our area. For 2022, a goal of \$551,000 was set to raise and donate to area families. On January 10, the director of LOG/STO reported \$544,507.78 was given by individuals who believe Christian education is vital in a child's life!

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 22: Board Appreciation Chapel- 8:15am - 9:00am

February 27: 7th & 8th Grade Honor Choir- Pella Community School, 7pm

March 1- April 6: M.I.C.A. Drive

March 2: District V Fine Arts Festival- 5pm - 8pm, Pella Christian Grade School

Saturday, March 4: CICS Benefit Dinner- There will be great food and a guest speaker. Stay tuned for more details on our Facebook page and website in the coming weeks.

March 10: 3rd Quarter Presentations- The K-2 class will feature a toy auction as part of their project on simple machines. All proceeds will go to Samaritan's Purse to support Hurricane Ian relief efforts.

March 31: Grandparents Day

March 31: Spring Musical- 6pm at Grinnell Christian Church

April 6: 5th & 6th Grade Honor Choir- 7pm in Indianola

April 19 (rain day April 25): District V Track Meet- Lacey Stadium, Oskaloosa

April 21: Kindergarten round-up- 11:00am-12:00pm

April 26: Pastor Appreciation Chapel- 8:15am - 9:00am

May 4,5, 6: Tulip Time Parades- Our band will be marching with a combined group of Central Iowa school bands in the Pella Tulip Time Festival!