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# Christ the Cornerstone Academy

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## From the Principal

As we finished last month's school news article we were just getting ready for the Day School to have their Easter Vacation. During the week before, the Day School had their Holy Week program. Each class took a portion of the passion story and shared it with the staff, parents and the student body over a week's time frame. As each child moves from grade to grade, they have the opportunity of not just hearing the story but actively acting out the events that occurred during the Holy Week. It was so moving seeing one of our students represent Jesus on the cross. It was also so joyful seeing the women at the tomb when they found the tomb empty!! Jesus is Alive. Christ is Risen!! He is Risen Indeed!

Let 29 - Three- year- olds or 72 - Four- year- olds go with Easter Baskets on the school playground and you will see how quickly the grounds will be cleaned of every last Easter Egg. Within minutes every egg was found. Finding the eggs was just one of many fun activities that took place on the Preschool campus the week before Easter. Easter eggs were colored, stained glass pictures were posted and a puppet show was put on by Valerie Broesch for all to enjoy. The Easter joy of Christ Risen filled our hearts as we prepared for Easter morning.

Many of our students and their families came to our Easter Morning Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt and our Sunday Morning Services. Thank you to all the church and school

families who helped to make this such as special Easter Celebration!

As the students returned from their Easter Vacation school resumed with a number of activities. Over the past few years we have been blessed with a visit from some special animals which have been brought to us thanks to the Del Mar County Fair. This year the fair staff told us that they would be bringing us some animals that are "out of this world" - the Fair theme for this year. Until the animals arrived, I also did not know who our guests would be. Our first guest was a large millipede. Did you know that Millipedes can have between four and six hundred legs? Imagine having to buy shoes for that many feet. Our second guest was an Armadillo. We learned that only the three banded armadillos have the ability to roll up into a ball. Ours had twelve bands. So, although he was fat, chubby and very cute, he could not roll into a ball. The third animal was a Tegu or Monitor lizard. We learned that he had a very long tongue and that it is dry, not wet. The students really enjoyed the visit and all the new facts they learned about some very interesting "out of this world" animals. Each student received an information booklet from the fair. On the last page of the booklet is a reading form. If the students read 10 books and get them signed off by their teacher or by you, their parent before going to the fair, they will get to go to the fair one day for free this summer.

If you were at school last Friday, you saw an amazing sight of over 100 tricycles descending upon our Preschool campus. It was our annual Trike-a-thon and our Day School Jog-a-thon. God gave us a beautiful day to run and trike. Thank you to

all of you who have sent pledges for the number of laps your children triked or jogged/walked. The Day school students jogged in the school parking lot, the Kindergarten jogged around the Media and classroom building and the Preschool took laps around the Preschool and Day School playground. Many parents and grandparents came to cheer us on and several of our Day School parents even jogged with the students. We also had one of our teachers, Ms. Davis take a few laps with the students. Thrivent Financial will be matching funds for us for this event. Day School will be using the funds for general school improvements. Preschool would like to use their funds to get some better ground cover for their playground.

Friday was also Earth Day. On Earth Day we celebrate the fact that God Created the Earth and all that is in it. We concluded our activities for the day by Day School watching the Disney movie, *African Cats*. The Third and Fourth Grade students provided the snack packs for movie watchers as part of their Sacramento trip fundraising program. The students brought a blanket or small pillow and a small stuffed animal to place on the floor to enhance the experience.

This past Thursday, Student Council hosted our Day School Talent show. We had over twenty of our Day School Students share some of the wonderful talents that God has given them. We had students sing and play the piano. A Third Grade student showed us some of his Karate moves. He broke boards with his feet and the palms of his hands. Four of our Fourth and Fifth Grade students composed, arranged and played a composition of the drums and percussion instruments they had created themselves. The program was enjoyed by all. Thank you God for our talented, talented students.

Our School Clubs have also been very busy since we returned to school after the break. The Spanish Club is busy learning a new song and the Bell Choir continues to tackle new songs as well. What happens when you fill a baby food jar with heavy whipping cream and you shake the jar vigorously for ten to fifteen minutes? Yes, our science club students discovered that you make your own fresh homemade butter. They also discovered that when you put it on crackers it is delicious. They even shared a cracker with Mrs. Mayeski and it was yummy indeed!

Did you know that May 3<sup>rd</sup> is National Prayer Day? This will be the 61<sup>st</sup> annual observance. The first Day of Prayer was declared by the Continental Congress in 1775. In 1795, George Washington proclaimed a day of public thanksgiving and prayer on February 9<sup>th</sup>. In 1863 Abraham Lincoln signed a Congressional resolution calling for a day of fasting and prayer during the Civil War. In 1952 a bill proclaimed an annual National Day of Prayer which was passed by both houses of Congress. President Truman signed it into law. In 1988 a bill fixed the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer. This year's theme is based on the verse from **Psalm 33:12** which states: "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord." On Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> please take a few extra moments to say a special prayer for our nation, our leaders, our pastor, for me, your School Administrator, for our teaching staff, our students, your child and your family, Please also remember to pray for those in our community and in our world who have medical or financial needs. Also remember to pray for those who are lost and do not yet know the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that the Holy Spirit works in their lives so that they too may come to know the Lord.

This Saturday we will be hosting our annual Rummage and Bake sale. We hope that all of you will be able to help us with this event.

The week of May 7<sup>th</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Day. Please take a few moments to help your child remember their teacher with a Thank You Card or a special hug. It will mean a lot to our teachers who do so much for your children.

As we move towards the end of the school year, the Preschool will be participating in the Sunday Worship Service on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Day School Musical program will be held on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p. m. and the Preschool Musical Show Case will be held on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p. m. Until I see you at the musical programs, I will see you around the school campus!

**-Mrs. Lark Mayeski**



**May Word for the Month:  
Bee Kind**

Speak only what is helpful for building others up. – Ephesians 4:29



**MAY CHAPEL  
MINISTRY TO THE  
ARMED FORCES**

May's Chapel Offerings will go to help the Ministry to the Armed Forces. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has 71 active duty military chaplains. Another 96 chaplains serve Reserve and National Guard

units. Currently, eight chaplains are in Iraq or Afghanistan. In addition to recruiting, training and endorsing chaplains, the Ministry offers Ministry-By-Mail support to 6,000 military personnel and their families stationed throughout the world. Designated funds also help support assistance to retuning chaplains and military personnel in re-adjusting to life after military deployment. Our May offering will help with these programs.

### Preschool Substitute Teachers Needed

Preschool Substitute Teachers needed! If you have 12 units in early childhood education or know someone else who does stop by and see Mrs. Mayeski or Ms. Quynhlien for more details.



### Lost and Found

The Lost and Found cart needs to be cleaned out. Please check the items to see if they belong to your child. All items that are not claimed by Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> will go into the Rummage Sale!



### Fall Enrollment Continues

Preschool through Fifth Grade Fall Enrollment is now in progress. Many of you have

signed up or have let us know that you intend to return in the fall. If you are one of the families who has not yet let us know that you will be returning, please do so as soon as possible. We are now in the process of ordering all of our school books for next year and we are also beginning to set the staff for next fall. Don't lose out! Enroll today. Please share our school with your family and friends. We Love Referrals. If you refer a new family to our school, you will receive a \$100 referral tuition credit. The new family must inform us of the referral at the time of enrollment. See the office for exact details.



### Summer Program and Vacation Bible School

We are excited about our Summer Program. This year we have many exciting activities that will be taking place. We will again be offering a free, three hour per day, Vacation Bible School program from 9am to 12 noon for the week of June 18<sup>th</sup> through June 22<sup>nd</sup> for those students who have finished Kindergarten through the Sixth grades. Do not hesitate to secure your spot today. We will have day care available (at a cost) from 7am to 9am and from 12 noon to 6pm for those families who need extended day care. **We have expanded our regular Summer Program to include students who have completed eighth grade.** Mrs. Fisher will be working with these students and they will have special writing and computer math programs available for these students as

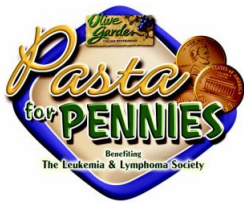
part of their summer curriculum. Let us be your safe place for your middle school students. We have lots of fun field trips and activities arranged for all the students. Sign up forms are available in the hallway outside the school office. Our summer program is open to the community so if you have friends who might be interested in our summer program, please tell them about our great program. Children who have completed Kindergarten through those who have finished Eighth grade may participate in the program. Students will review math and reading in the mornings as well as participate in Art, Computer, Music and Cooking. The afternoons will include field trips to swim, ice skate, visit the beach and visit various community points of interest. Please sign up so that we can make sure that we have enough staff for those children who wish to attend our summer program



### Trike-a-thon and Jog-a-thon

On April 20<sup>th</sup> over one hundred tricycles arrived at our school. The three and four year olds triked from the Preschool picnic tables all the way up to the Kindergarten 2 classroom, around by the flagpole and back to the picnic tables in a large circle. The Kindergarteners jogged around the media center and classrooms and the First through Fifth graders jogged

around the school parking lot. God blessed us with a beautiful day. The students finished the race with an ice cold popsicle. Thank you to those of you who made pledges for our students and who helped with the event. The pledges for the preschool will go to help pay for ground cover for our playground structure. The pledges for the Day School will go for general school improvements. If you still have a pledge to pay, please do so at your earliest opportunity as we would like to complete this fundraiser as soon as possible. Thrivent Financial will also be matching a portion of our funds. Thank you Thrivent Financial!



**Pennies for Pasta-  
Thank You**

After the flag salute on April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Fourth Grade spray-painted and silly-stringed Mrs. Fisher's hair. This year our school collected over \$580 for the Pennies for Pasta Leukemia and Lymphoma cause. The Fourth Grade class and the Purple Butterflies enjoyed a Pasta luncheon from Olive Garden on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Again thank you for those of you who helped our students with this fundraiser.



**May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the National  
Day of Prayer**

On Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, please take a few extra moments to say a special prayer for our nation, our leaders, our pastor, for me, your School Administrator, for our teaching staff, our students, your child and your family. Please also remember to pray for those in our community and in our world that have medical or financial needs. Remember to pray for those who are lost and do not yet know the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that the Holy Spirit works in their lives so that they too may come to know the Lord (You will note that this is an excerpt from my principals letter above, however its always "the right time" to pray to God so this is just a second reminder to pause in your day on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to say some extra prayers to the Lord.)



**May 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage  
& Bake Sale**

We can use your help!! Please bring any items you have for the rummage sale anytime on Thursday or Friday. The items may be left in the back of the Church. We need help organizing and pricing the items

on Thursday and Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Can you help? We need help in setting up for the rummage sale on Saturday morning. We will also need people to help sell on Saturday. The rummage sale will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We will begin setting up at 6 a.m. on Saturday. We will need help tearing down and disposing of the left over's. We will also be having a bake sale. If you would like to donate items, please sign up with the school office. We will use the monies earned to replace the chairs in the sanctuary of the church. These are the chairs that the school children use each chapel day and for all of our programs. We believe that we will have the funds necessary for this project after the rummage sale and a committee is being formed to work on this project. Thrivent Financial will also be matching part of our Rummage sales funds. Thank you Thrivent Financial!



**May 7<sup>th</sup> through May 11<sup>th</sup> is  
Teacher Appreciation  
Week**

Our teachers do such a wonderful job. Don't forget to remember them throughout the week with a thank you note, a small gift or a word of thanks. If you are looking for ideas, there is a book on the school shelf with ideas of what each teachers likes.



**Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Preschool will participate in the Worship Service**

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Preschool will be worshipping with us. Please plan to attend. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. If you do not have a family church of your own, please come and worship with us each Sunday. We would love to have you become a part of our church family.

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, Day School Half Day**

Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> will be the Day School Half Day. Day School, will have Day Care available from 12 noon to 6pm. Preschool will have their normal hours.



**Day School Musical Program  
May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

This is an invitation for 4-year-old Pre-K parents as well as all Day School parents to come to the Day School musical Program on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Our Day School Students would like

to show you what they have learned in Music Class this year. We will meet in the Church where the Bell Choir will play, the Children’s Chorus will sing and the children of the Day school have a program to share. You will have the opportunity to see what your child has done this year. Pre-Kindergarten parents will have the opportunity to see what your students will be learning next year. If you have not yet decided on a Kindergarten, come see if our school should be your school.



**May 17<sup>th</sup>, Sacramento Meeting 7:15 p.m. Mrs. Fisher’s Room**

It’s time to check-in and look at the Sacramento Trip and what we have done so far this year with fundraising. Third and Fourth grade parents plan to meet with Mrs. Fisher after the Day School Musical Program at 7:15 p.m. on May 17<sup>th</sup>.



**Dine Out For May TBA**



**May 25<sup>th</sup> School Spirit Day  
Theme: TBA**



**May 28<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Campus Closed**

On Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> the campus will be closed for Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grades as we celebrate Memorial Day. **Don’t forget to fly your U.S. flags!!!**



**May 31<sup>st</sup>, Fifth Grade Knott’s Berry Farm Trip**

The Fifth Grade Students will be travelling to Knott’s Berry Farm on May 31<sup>st</sup>. What a fun day we have planned. We will be leaving the school at 8:30 a. m. and will plan to return to school at approximately 9:30 p.m. The Fifth Grade Parents are invited to come along.

