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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

SCCS Theme Verse

2009-2010

Principal's Corner

Got Fruit?

The SCCS theme “Fruit of the month” for February was PATIENCE and KINDNESS. Pastor Stephen Breen of the Free Grace Reformed Church was our guest speaker. Pastor Breen talked about the parable of the Good Samaritan and how we must show kindness to everyone in our lives. Guidance Counselor Miss Smidt also talked about how others show kindness to her. She showed a video that demonstrated how easy it is to do random acts of kindness. SCCS thanks Pastor Breen for sharing his PATIENCE and KINDNESS with us.

We also appreciate the 4th graders sharing their talents with us during the chapel. The songs and skit were very well done and left all of us with a reminder that a kind word is so much better than hateful words. The 4th graders looked great in the red “Got Fruit?” theme shirts.

The next Theme Chapel will be on March 15, 2:15 p.m. The fruit of GOODNESS and FAITHFULNESS will be the fruit of the month. Theme songs for March are: *God is Good, For the Beauty of the Earth, Great Is Thy Faithfulness and Give Me Oil in My Lamp.*

In His Service, Mr. Dirksen

The school board would like to thank the many people who contributed to the NICSTO Tuition Assistance Program during the 2009 year. The SCCS Finance Committee is allotted \$124,000 to assist families with their tuition obligation for the 2010 year. Parents do need to apply and qualify for assistance. The collecting has already begun for 2010 and contribution forms may be retrieved from the SCCS website or the office. We all continue to praise God for His faithfulness to SCCS, and may His Kingdom be advanced at our school.

IACS lobbyist Eric Goranson was interviewed during the KDCR Conversations program concerning legislative issues that affect Christian education. His interview can be found on the KDCR website. The Iowa legislators are considering cutting back on the amount of money that programs such as NICSTO can raise. All supporters of Christian education are encouraged to contact their legislators and encourage them to support the STO programs and keep the funding at its current rate.



Philip De Groot and Zoe Hoekstra



Miss Smidt and Pastor Breen

FAIR SHARE REPORT

August 1 – February 8, 2010

50% of the fiscal year

CHURCH	BUDGET	RECEIVED	PERCENT
First CRC	\$166,188	\$ 77,799	46.8%
Bethel	\$182,693	\$104,747	57.3%
Covenant	\$111,551	\$ 56,323	50.5%
Faith	\$222,533	\$123,000	55.3%
Bridge of Hope	\$ 36,994	\$ 12,387	33.5%
Partner Society	\$ 79,110	\$ 50,362	63.7%

SCCS Board Minutes

January 11, 2010

11 of 12 members were present.

Nick Lantinga opened with Scripture from Galatians and with prayer.

Committee Reports:

BG&T: Budget 2010-2011 should increase repairs/maintenance and depreciation to prepare for replacing Bus 2000. Had a meeting on the 6th with a rep from the playground company.

Education: Starting 2010-2011 school year, all three sections of kindergarten will be meeting three days a week for the first quarter and four days a week (Mon-Thurs) for quarters two, three and four.

Executive: Mandates have been reviewed and the Board Policy Handbook continues to be reviewed.

Finance: All financial reports were found to be in good order. TRIP will not get distributed until Feb. Approximately \$102,000 from NICSTO has been distributed.

Promotion: Radio ads will be done, marching band in Summer Celebration parade, 105th birthday party after Fruit of the Spirit end of the year concert, Chamber coffee in April, start kindergarten round-up ads in Feb. Possibly use billboards for advertising.

Guild: Appreciation evening has been rescheduled for March 16.

Administrator's Report: Winter weather has been plentiful. A big thanks goes out to the bus drivers. Feb. 15 will be a snow make-up day. For the first time in many years SCCS will not be having any student teachers. Intention slips went out.

Other: Two teacher reports were given by Roger Kredit. Dawn Clemens closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 8 at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted: Jodi Hulstein

Reformers Project

The SCCS Social Studies Committee spearheaded a project that encourages the students to learn more about the Reformed Christian heritage. Each grade level was assigned a major Reformer to study.

Reformers to be studied include: Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Wycliffe, Jonathan Edwards, Abraham Kuyper, John Calvin, B.J. Haan, Casper Olevianus, and Zacharius Ursinus. In conjunction with this project, Katie Haan contributed a pictorial tribute to the Reformers. Each Reformer is listed along with their significant role in the Reformed movement. The framed gift is proudly displayed in the SCCS library.

A big thank you to Katie for her gift to SCCS in honor and memory of her parents, B.J. and Deborah Haan.





Classes Partnering Together

By Mrs. Wieringa

We all know that first graders LOVE their teacher (being as she's writing this article, she can say that...)! But do you know what else they love? Their fourth grade buddies! Every Friday the fourth graders in Mrs. Van Ravenswaay's class and the first graders in Mrs. Wieringa's class get together to do a variety of activities from reading to art projects to math activities to singing. It is a win-win situation for all involved. The fourth graders get to be "in charge" by teaching and encouraging their buddy (plus they get a shorter science period for the day which makes a first grader sitting on their lap totally worth it!). The first graders get the benefit of having a "big kid" help them out. They also get someone to wave wildly at in the lunchroom—it's cool for a seven year old to know a "big kid" personally. They not only learn and do lots of great things together but they are building relationships in the process and making the SCCS community stronger! It's a fun and rewarding time for all involved!

Mexico Fiesta Day

By Mr. Van Dam

In fifth grade, the students have been taking a closer look at our neighbors to the south. We have been looking at similarities and differences between the cultures of the United States and Mexico. As a wrap-up to our unit, we had our annual Mexican Fiesta Day where we take a closer look at how people in Mexico celebrate their holidays.

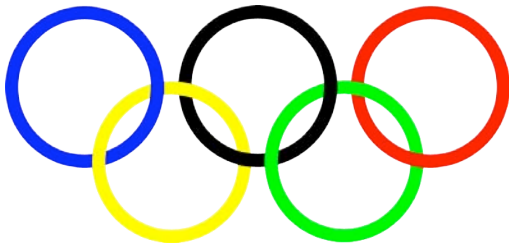
Students broke into groups and were assigned a holiday celebrated in Mexico. They had to come up with a presentation to share with the class where they explained the holiday, compared it to how we celebrate it in the U.S., come up with a craft that children in Mexico would make to celebrate their holiday, and make a food item related to that holiday. It was a busy day, but the kids enjoyed studying the Mexican culture. A common theme the students noticed as they researched and presented their holidays is that the people of Mexico take time to celebrate and enjoy their holidays. They also noticed that the people in Mexico are very religious when they celebrate their holidays and celebrate the life of Christ in their holidays. All the kids had a great day and enjoyed learning more about our Christian neighbors to the south.



3rd Grade Star Lab

Sunday Ford came to Sioux Center Christian School to visit the third graders in November. Sunday Ford is the Assistant Director/Environmental Education Coordinator for the Sioux County Conservation Board. The third graders had been studying stars and constellations and ended the unit exploring the star lab. The star lab is a large dome that the students crawled inside to see the stars all around them like a planetarium. While inside, they also viewed constellations and heard stories about our amazing solar system. This unit was a wonderful reminder of how powerful and awesome our God is.

SCCS is thankful for the work of Sunday Ford. Through her position, she provides our school with environmental education programs.



Olympics focused Reading Program

By the time this issue is printed, our students will be well into reading. This year's reading program is focusing on being a "Fearless Reader" with the theme and many activities centered around the Winter Olympics. Our gold medal readers have been challenged to read at least 15 to 20 minutes each night leading up to the opening ceremonies on February 12. As a culminating activity, the 5th and 6th graders will be hosting their own Olympic competition for the students in Kindergarten through 4th grade. The junior high students will be competing both academically and athletically in all of their curricular areas. We are thankful for this special opportunity to promote reading!

Motion! Motion! Motion!

By Mrs. Eliserio

This is the new buzzword for the first graders. After learning about pulleys, levers, inclined planes, and wedges, the first graders spent an afternoon creating and working with these simple machines. The centers included everything that a first grader would love: play dough, balls, Legos, pipes, Slinkys, and cars. The students learned new vocabulary like gravity, force, and much more. Through these learning activities, the students were able to get their hands busy and experiment with motion. A special thank you to Mr. Dirksen, Mr. Mulder, and Miss Tinklenberg for helping at the centers!

