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~ Chairman Report ~

Why?

When we have interactions with our children, particularly at a young age – they are very inquisitive. No doubt many of us can relate with the experience of I interactions with our children when they keep asking, “Why?”

Our children learn from us. They also learn from others that they observe and interact with. When they are young, they have a very basic understanding as they lack life experience.

In Matthew 18 we can read about the interactions Jesus had with the little children: “At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, who then is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives such child in My name receives me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.” And also, Matthew 19:13-14, “Then some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, “Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

When we reflect on the words of Jesus we get an understanding of the importance about teaching the next generation to follow our God. We can also see how important it is for us to be a godly example for our children. We need to recognize the importance of being humble and recognizing our God-given position as the primary teacher in the lives of our children.

Occasionally, we have an opportunity to connect one-on-one with our children and to interact with them. I had this opportunity recently while hiking and driv-

ing around doing errands with my youngest. There came one question after another. What about this? What about that? Why does this happen? etc, etc, etc... During our discussions he had to share with me some facts about the weather – lightning in particular. I questioned him on the accuracy of some of these facts (which he was factually correct...) as I didn't understand what he was saying. He then responded to me, “Dad, it is true. I read it in a non-fiction book.”

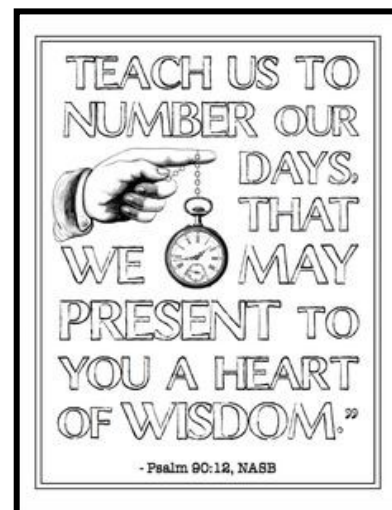
As I reflected on this and on what we read in scripture, it is truly amazing how the Lord has created life and the growth and development of our children. How they are inquisitive at a very young age. How they absorb information. How they model what they see. How they have no shame in hiding what their reality is. And how they can easily be influenced by what is perceived to be the truth (non-fiction books).

With all this in mind we can see how important it is to teach our children in the ways of the Lord. They need to understand that God's word is the ultimate truth. We need to take every opportunity to answer their questions about life in a way that directs them to God. It is very important to lead them in the right way so as not to cause them to stumble, as Jesus made it clear in the gospels.

It is a huge responsibility to teach our children in all aspects of life to humbly serve our Lord. It is a blessing to have our school to assist us as parents in this task. A place where non-fiction books can be looked at critically through the lens of scripture. We have much to be thankful with our school. Let us all be diligent in our tasks in raising our children, “for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these”.

As to other matters related to the school:

The winter weather moved in and affected the operation of our school and life around us. We can see God's power and might in this storm and we can be thankful that we have a Heavenly Father



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Upcoming Dates

Mar. 1—Elem Report Cards
Mar. 4—Early Release 11:55am
Mar. 4,6—Elem P/T Conferences
Mar. 22—High School 3rd Qtr
Apr. 1-5—Spring Break
Apr.19—Good Friday
May 3—Public Speaking Contest
May 27—Memorial Day

to keep us in his care. I am sure that the students have appreciated the time off. Hopefully their parents did as well...

As has previously been announced, as a result of our yearly teacher meetings the school board is actively advertising and pursuing candidates for our Grades 5/6 and high school Math/Science teaching positions. With current immigration challenges the board has been looking at different ways/areas to pursue candidates for our teaching positions. An interview committee has been struck and interviews have commenced. As you can imagine we may have difficulty finding a teacher at the high school level. We ask you all to keep this matter in your prayers and on your minds in case you know someone who could be a possibility for this position.

The board and land-use committees continue to look at options for the use of our vacant land. We have pursued talks with the Inspire group to use our land, but it appears that this opportunity will not eventuate. As in previous years, the Inspire group continues to pursue their own facility and each year they inform us that they may not be back to rent our facility. Despite this they still continue to rent our school facility during the summer months. Currently, they plan on continuing with this unless they can find another facility.

As can be seen around the property the housing development continues. As such we have had some volunteers clear land around the perimeter of our property so that it can be prepared for fencing. Preliminary pricing for the fence has come in and the cost to purchase and install the fencing is \$40,000. We are pursuing costs with other fencing subcontractors and looking at the possibility of doing this fencing with volunteers. Any takers?...stay tuned...

On behalf of the board I have also attended a city council meeting about a future sewer connection. The school will not need to hook up to the city sewer unless its existing system fails. If it does, the hook up costs will roughly be \$22,000 plus the cost for us to run this pipe from the edge of our property to the school. If our septic

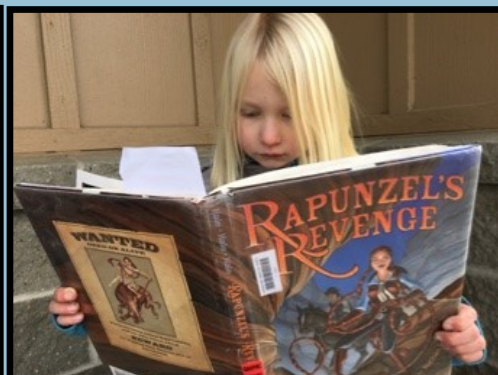
system can hold on for 20 years – we will not have to pay the \$22,000 fee for hook up. Hopefully our sandy soil and septic field hold up for the next 20 years.

Various committees are also looking at the school's facility needs for the next 5 – 10 years. This includes looking at the facilities that we have and what could be improved. Some areas that we are looking at include the science lab and break out rooms for our Student Educational Support Services. The board is trying to plan for the future on these and other items so that we are prepared.

The completion of the Greenhouse installation keeps moving along slowly. The weather has really put a damper on progress. The board is still pushing to have this operational by the start of March, but this may get delayed a little. Our hope is to get this all worked out so that it can be of use this year and that it would be available for potential teaching options for the next school year.

There are many committees and volunteers who continue to put in time for our school and it is greatly appreciated by the Board, Staff, Students, and Parents. Kudos go out to the IT committee for their continued work on improving the technology operation in our school, the CBM for their continued dedication to take care of the problems of our slowly aging school, and the College and Careers Committee for their continued work with our high school students. . I won't name all the committees and all the people, but we are very thankful for your work!

Over the next month items will be finalized for next year's budget. The budget meeting is often one of the most difficult meetings for the board as we struggle with the needs of the school, uncertain about donation sources, costs of educating students, and trying to keep the tuition level at reasonable rates. We covet your prayers as we consider these matters, that we may have wisdom to make wise decisions in this regard. There is much to be thankful in what we have at Cornerstone. We praise our heavenly Father for his goodness, for His continued guidance and strength.



~ Treasurer Report ~

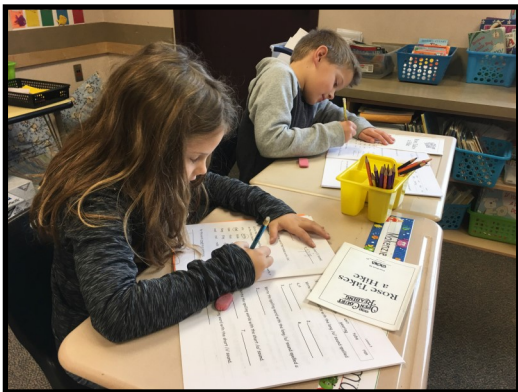
Thank you to all members who continue to timely pay their tuition, dues and pledges. It's helpful to the operation of the school to have everyone diligent in staying up-to-date on their obligations and making payment at the beginning of each month. As we enter the last half of the school fiscal year, just a friendly reminder to send in any outstanding operating pledge payments for the 2018-2019 fiscal year ending July 31.

Thank to everyone involved with the Bun on the Run Fundraiser, 2018. This year we sold a total of 936 buns, profiting \$2,472. The committee enjoys this opportunity to support Cornerstone Christian School and we appreciate your efforts in this fundraiser.

Keystone has begun building another house, this time on the western side of town. The Keystone committee will be looking for volunteer help at different phases so they're hoping everyone will respond in a positive manner when you get the call or text.

We can be thankful to the LORD for his continued financial provision for the school. We've had a good start financially to this fiscal year. May He continue to bless the school in this way too.

From the Treasurer, Kyle Lodder



~ IT Report ~

Over the last few months, we've continued to work diligently to address the school's technology-related needs to support our staff and students. These daily needs range from switching out monitors and adjusting projectors to troubleshooting software glitches and adjusting bells for parent-teacher interviews. Here are the key takeaways as of recent.

Both students, teachers, and volunteers have benefited from the improved wireless internet throughout the school, which we recently achieved using a mix of existing equipment and small, cost-effective additions. Fast WiFi + good coverage throughout the school = a happy staff and students!

As part of inventory and equipment replacement efforts, we've been slowly phasing out old student laptops (Lenovos) in favor of well-priced, easy-to-use Samsung Chromebooks. Five more new Chromebooks will be in students' hands in the coming weeks.

Since the school is a non-profit, we also benefit from our free subscription to Google's G Suite. This provides us access to Gmail accounts for all staff and students (for example, student@cornerstoneschool.us) and document storage through secure, cloud-based file storage (Google Drive), a word processor (Google Docs), spreadsheet tool (Google Sheets), presentation service (Google Slides), file sharing tool for students/teachers (Google Classroom), and a wealth more applications.

These file storage databases — in which we have unlimited storage — and files are kept secure by gating/restricting permissions (access) to CCS accounts. In the coming weeks and months, the school community will continue moving toward using these free services instead of the Microsoft licenses that we've paid for in the past (e.g. Microsoft Office).

Questions about our committee's work or the school's tech needs? Email us at it_admin@cornerstoneschool.us.

On behalf of the IT Committee, Reece Lodder

~ Education Committee Report ~

With the start of a new calendar year the Ed. Comm. membership changes, and so we would like to formally welcome Ang Davis as the newest committee member and extend thanks to Rianne Kruyswijk for her many years of work on the committee! Thank you ladies, for being willing to give your time and efforts.

The next Parent Information Evening is planned for Tuesday March 26; save the date and prepare to participate in the workshops prepared by Mr. Chase (high school Bible), Mrs. Faber (elementary language arts), Mr. Kleyn (elementary PE), Miss Willis (7/8 social studies), and Mr. Willis (high school math and science), Mrs. Kruyswijk (1/2 math) and Mrs. J. Faber (1/2 Language Arts). Interesting and fun! Please see elsewhere in the Link for more details.

The committee is currently reviewing the Music and Art curriculum. This involves the elementary art and music classes, plus the high school courses of Visual Arts, Web Design, Yearbook, Culinary Arts and Sewing. Beginning in 2019, high school graduation requirements include 2 credits of art, so these course offerings are an

important part of the high school offering.

We are thankful to have these courses which give opportunities to round out our students' educational knowledge and experience! For example, when art work involves observing nature, the students are exposed to the wonderful color and design of creation. Students learn to observe and imitate detail as they study artists and their work. Understanding music, plus reading notes and playing a simple melody helps the students appreciate good music and enables them to praise their Creator in music and song. Classes such as Culinary Arts and Sewing give opportunity for students to produce a hands-on project with tangible results; in addition they are witnessing the variety, creativity and order found in creation. These are a few of the many positive effects that come with studies in art, art-related, and music courses; I think you will agree these are a great boost to our students' education. We look forward to seeing and hearing the results of many of these classes at the Fine Arts evening on March 15.



~ CBM Update ~

The CBM continues to work behind the scenes doing our best to ensure that the school operates efficiently. There have been significant challenges over the past few months keeping the bathrooms operating at full capacity; or at all for that matter. It seems that the well pump is picking up sediment which is causing the toilet flush valves to stick open. This requires the need to have the malfunctioning toilets temporarily taken out of service. It was a common occurrence to see children "dancing" in line to use the one or two operating stalls, and Mr Kleyn sprinting back and forth from his office to the bathrooms with a screw driver. Additionally and more problematically it has the potential of overflowing the septic system causing a backup into the school. During the Christmas break we flushed out the pressure tanks and installed an inline filter system as a short term fix. We are happy to report

that it is working. Urgent requests for flush valve repairs have dropped significantly. Mr Kleyn will have to get his exercise after school hours. We will work on repairing the cause of the sediment intrusion once the field is firm enough to support the equipment necessary to do the work on the well.

On the cleaning front, two new vacuums have been purchased and hopefully put into service. The two old ones were in use for almost twice their expected life span. This should make the vacuuming quicker and easier for all who use them.

The CBM would like to thank all who work every day to keep the school clean. Your contributions are appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

For the CBM, Mark Veldman

~ Ladies Aid Report ~

Hello! Hopefully everyone is enjoying the snow! Due to the elimination and replacement of some fundraisers we feel as though our responsibilities have lightened somewhat. Hopefully that doesn't mean we are missing something. The coupon book fundraiser is on the horizon, see the Contact for further details. The grand prize of 4

unlimited monthly passes to the Trampoline Zone is a great incentive! Since we were given approval for the purchase of a new sink in the kitchen, we are getting the ball rolling to make that happen soon. Blessings from the Ladies Aid



~ Endowment Fund Update ~

The ESF board would first like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the ESF, especially with the last fundraising campaign held in December. The goal with this last fundraiser was to try and get the balance of the starter fund to eclipse the \$100,000 mark. We can report with thankfulness that the ESF has indeed crossed the \$100,000 threshold! This last fundraiser contributed approximately \$45,000 to the already \$59,300, for a grand total of \$104,300 to date. Again, thank you for all of the generous donations!

What does reaching the \$100,000 milestone mean?

- * The ESF operating agreement mandates that the number of board members increase from three members to five.
- * Begin long term investing strategies to grow the fund. With the goal that the interest earned would benefit Cornerstone Christian School.
- * Brings us to a point where we will begin investigating the desirability of starting an independent Endowment Fund Foundation, with an independent IRS charitable status.

The board will be reviewing different options and possibilities for investment of these funds. One of several options... would be to loan the funds to a church entity. Prior to investing the ESF money in methods other than regular bank savings, money market or CD's, the board will be required to adhere to an "Investment Policy" approved by the membership. We currently do not have an investment policy in place, so the board will be working on a draft policy and potential investment strategy for society review and approval. We hope to have this and more information / updates at the upcoming spring membership meeting.

Once again we would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions. It is our hope and prayer that the ESF will continue to grow, and that in due time the Lord will bless this means in the education of the covenant youth.

Tim Faber, Treasurer
CCS Endowment Starter Fund Board

~ Principal Report ~

The weather patterns in the Pacific Northwest over the past month have, on the one hand, tantalized us with hints of spring, and then on the other hand, reminded us with the arrival of snow, that we're still very much in the grip of winter. It's given us opportunity to stand in awe of our Creator God; when He speaks "fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfill(ing) his word! (Ps. 148). What an awesome God we have! While He controls the big weather events we are also reminded from Scripture that even the hairs on our head are numbered.

Staffing

The fact that God is in control of all things is a reminder that principals and boards need at this time of the year. When teachers give notice that they won't be back next year it can be unsettling and bring a range of emotions. It certainly creates an extra workload. Please join us in prayer as we seek a teacher to fill an elementary and HS math/science position for next year. Continue to also remember, before God's throne, Mrs. VanHofwegen and Mr. Willis as they make preparations for their next career move. There is no doubt we will miss them immensely both in the classroom and around the staffroom table!

Review

I am so thankful for the ongoing work of our teachers, support staff, and volunteers since our Christmas edition of the LINK. There are a host of events and a variety of roles to fill at CCS and each one fulfills their role – visibly or behind the scenes - joyfully and with good attention to detail. Thank-you to all for your contributions to making CCS a great place to learn!

With regard to regular activities here at school: we enjoyed a delightful Christmas program just before the break, the high school enjoyed their Christmas bowling session (thanks, Ladies Aid!), a good number of our dads came for a visit on Dad's Day, we've seen some of our board/ed comm members in the school for classroom visits and we're currently raising money in our annual Mission Month fundraiser for Mission Brazil. All of this points to a supportive and engaged CCS community, one that the teachers and students benefit from. Keep it up, everyone!

Basketball Season

This past week our high school basketball season reached its climax in the play-off series. All the games were played at a high tempo, with lots of passion and close score lines! We very much appreciate the investment our coaches make in the lives of our student athletes. There are so many life lessons to be taught through sports and our coaches take the opportunity to teach these lessons during games, practices and team meetings in the locker room. A hearty thank-you to Kyle Lodder & Jon Dykstra (varsity), Jeff Brown & Aaron Leyenhorst (JV), and Janice Dykstra & Trina Visser (HS girls).

Overall, the atmosphere in the gym on Tuesday and Thursday evenings has been very pleasing. I'd suggest it's been our best season from a management perspective. The community teams have impressed with their sportsmanship and willingness to play within the parameters as outlined in our vision for the league. Our own players and coaches are commended for their willingness to lead from the front!

Our middle school teams have also wrapped up their season this past week. They were ably coached by Janita Willis & Janet Brown (girls) and John Vreugdenhil (boys). We salute you for your time, energy, and dedication to our teams. They made great progress this year and enjoyed plenty of wins along the way. Great job!

Undoubtedly, one of the highlights for two of our high school teams was the trip to Edmonton. On Friday February 1, a group of around 30 players, coaches and parents flew into Edmonton to 'enjoy' -30c weather. The cold weather experience was more than countered by the warm welcome we received from the PICS players, coaches and billets. Our players were billeted across 8 homes and they thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the local parents and players. We enjoyed playing and watching games on Friday and Saturday. Saturday evening we went to the famous W Edmonton mall to enjoy the slides at the Waterpark. On Sunday we worshipped at few churches and in the evening we all came together to enjoy dinner and social time. It was a great experience! We look forward to hosting the PICS teams in the future, the Lord willing. Thank-you coaches and chaperones for your positive contributions to a fun trip!

Upcoming Events

Plans are being finalized for the Fine Arts evening slated for Friday, March 6. Mrs. D Faber is busy with the art side of things, Mrs. J Faber and Mrs. Davis are priming their students to perform a play, and Mrs. Kottelenberg is reading her choral group for a singing performance. It's shaping up to be an enjoyable evening! You're invited to attend and maybe some of you wish to participate in the photo contest. See elsewhere for further details.

Other upcoming events include the HS volleyball league beginning on March 7, the annual writing contest (due March 29) which will give our students the opportunity to turn in their best writing pieces and grandparents' day slated for April 18. Mark the dates! We look forward to your interest and attendance at some of these exciting events.

Thank-you all, for your continued support in and around the school. Our staff continue to be so thankful for the way everyone puts their shoulder to the wheel. May young and old continue to do this – for the benefit of our covenant children!

~~ Upcoming Events ~~

CCS Fine Arts Evening

Fine Arts Evening will begin with music in the Lynden ARC building at 7:00. The Girl's Chorus, the alto recorders, and a few pianists will share the gift of music with us all. The rest of the evening will be held in the school gym: two short drama productions and many other artistic displays.

Students may also enter a photography contest and a LEGO contest. In addition, we welcome all members of the school community to enter works of art (including needlework or items you have built) or photography! There are three different levels of photographers: 14 and under, Amateur, and Pro

fessional. There will be four different categories of photos: People, Nature and Landscapes, Animals, and Man-Made. Photographers are welcome to enter up to 3 photos total (in any category/categories). Photos should have been taken in the

last two years. Entries should be printed and set on a black backing. Information on the back of the entry should include the title of the photo, date taken, category, photographer's name, and level. All entries should be passed on to Miss. Willis by Thursday, March 14.

Please submit other entries to the front desk by Thursday, March 8. See Debbie Faber or Ellen Davis if you have questions.

Back to School night!

Tuesday, March 26

Coffee on at 7:45, 8:00 start

Sessions held in the school

All welcome!



HS Bible (Wayne)

Attendees will be taken through a review of the structure of John 1.1-5 and in connection with Genesis 1. Our goal would be to establish some of the basic themes of the gospel of John.

Secondary Math and Science (Gavin)

Want to re-live your glory days in the science and math classroom? We will introduce the idea of mathematical proofs and work through an infinite number proof that will make you question everything you've ever learned. Following that, we'll do some science demonstrations that will remind you why all your greatest memories of high school came in the science classroom (and if for some reason that isn't true, then this is your chance to have fun with science!).

Elementary PE (Darryn)

Interested in learning what our students in grades 1-4 learn in PE and how we go about teaching those skills? Check out the popular stations approach that we use to teach Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS). Be ready for some hands on learning. No prior experience required and all levels of fitness will survive! Ages 20-80 are welcome! :-)

7/8 Social Studies (Janita)

The 20th century is very recent history! In fact, you all lived through some part of it. So how well do you know it? This session will run you through a quick review of World War II and the Cold War (it's only 52 years, 8 countries, and 17 important leaders). We'll start with our World Studies textbook and end with a Quizlet Live competition. You will even be allowed to use your phone in the classroom! People, places, and dates - are you ready to retake your middle school Social Studies class in 15 minutes?

Grade 1/2 Language Arts (Janet)

Now, how does the brown cow help with learning how to read? Come on out to learn how phonemic awareness is used to ensure the reading success of every student.

Grade 1/2 Math (Shari)

"What books are to reading, play is to mathematics. We don't have to suffer to learn math. In fact, playing math games helps us learn better." says Dan Finkel of mathwithlove.com What makes a good math game? Come ready to play a variety of Finkel games that teach math through fun!. Have you heard of Tiny Polka Dot? What about Hungry Numbers or Number Squeeze? Climb the Stairs or Pico, Fermi, Bagels? Are you ready to become a NIM master? Number games covered can be played from preschool-early elementary.

Limericks

By Mrs. Van Hofwegen's 5th/6th grade class

Please Don't Eat Me *by Nikki Kuiper*



Dear mister monster, I know I smell great
But I'm headed home and mustn't be late
There are many other things to eat.
Why don't you try some buffalo meat?
I'm sorry, but now I must leave. Cheers, mate!

Me and My Dog *by Mikayla Kleyn*

Today is going to be a good day
My fluffy dog named August June and May
She really loves to bark
And she does like the park
My cute dog and I like to go away

Beautiful Bird *by Ally Kruyswijk*



I once saw a beautiful bird
I could not even speak a word
It was flying so high
Up in the blue, blue sky
It was not flying with a herd

The Lady in Greece *Kayella Kottelenberg*



There once was a lady in Greece
She got a visit from her niece
She brought 5,000 cats
They wrecked all her mats
It took her awhile to have peace

A Baby Named David *by Ally Davis*



There once was a baby named David
And he liked to open lids
He really liked to eat pie
So he chased a pet fly
And that was the baby named David.

Annoying Words *Jordan DeMooy*



I really hate writing these words
Writing these words are really for nerds
It's a waste of my time
I'll do always whine
You are a nerd to write these words

Ghost *by Mikenzie DeMooy*

There once was a scary ghost
Who wanted a crispy toast
He was waiting for the ding
But it would only ca'ching
So now he has a burnt toast!

The Girl with no Knee *by Hadley Lodder*



There once was a girl named Lee
She had a very sore knee
She wanted to fly
She tried in the sky
Don't want to happen to me

Softball *By Sydney Van Diest*



I love to play softball
People play it in fall
You hit, tag or run
And run in the sun
You need a big baseball!

The Secret Treasure *by Noah Pelleboer*



There was a man with a pack
In that pack he had a sack
In the sack there was a map
He sat the map on his lap
The map led to a big snack

A Woman Who Saw a Mouse by Liana Kleyn



A woman who saw a mouse
Who went screaming through the house
She was scared to death
Bu she still had breath
She calmed down with music from Strauss

The Great Little Cook By Elias Kobes



There once was a great little cook
Who refused to use a recipe book
He had a way of making
Everything without baking
So baking class is what he took

Crook By Philip Hofford



There once was a skinny young crook
Who stole a good library book
The students were sad
The teacher was mad
The crook read the library book

A Woman in Spain by Shantel Houweling



There was a woman in Spain,
Who was such a pain.
The police came one day
And she had nothing to say
So away she went, never to be seen again

One day, she came back,
Just to get a snack.
She chose chips,
Then she smacked her lips,
And carried the chips in a sack.



Pie, "Oh, Why" by Tessa Burger



There once was a fox that was sly
He ate oodles and oodles of pie
He ate one too many
So soon there weren't any
So all he could cry was, "Oh, Why"

Kie the Fly by Cohen Hofford



There once was a small fly named Kie
Kie the small fly loved to fly
But he couldn't really cry
But he was so very shy
Kie the fly enjoyed to spy!

Best Friends by Evan Brown



There once was a happy dog
Who met a fat grumpy frog
They sat on a rock
And had a good talk
And they went for a jog!

The Fly By Ashtyn Van Delft



There once was a big, fat fly
Who ate all the yummy pie
He went up to space
And fell on his face
Fly guy went up to the sky!

My Class by Mrs. Van Hofwegen



My class is respectful and kind
Each one has an excellent mind
They work diligently and sufficiently
Engaging, enjoying, loving school daily
Everyone in class is a beautiful find!

smile.amazon.com earnings UPDATE & sign up reminder

An update is warranted!....For the 4th quarter of 2018 (Oct-Dec - this included the 10x blitz from early November) we earned \$367.78 in donations from the Amazon Smile Foundation (and all we did was shop!).



That is **more than DOUBLE** our previous earning record for ANY previous quarter. Since it did include the 10x earning blitz it's not likely our next one will be that high but it's worth continuing to be diligent. Since signing up for the program (14/15 school year) the school has earned over \$2175 which has all gone to the general budget. \$673 of that was received this fiscal year alone, and we have one payout to receive yet in May. Thank you to all who currently participate!

For those of you who are not yet shopping through Amazon smile, consider signing up your amazon account at smile.amazon.com and be sure to make it your default shopping page. Connect your smile.amazon.com account to Cornerstone Christian School Society in Lynden. That's all you need to do. The rest is done automatically when you shop. For any purchases **that qualify** Amazon will donate 0.5% to the school. You get the same great deals as you do shopping through Amazon.com. Please be aware **if you use the MOBILE APP or AMAZON.COM site they DO NOT earn any funds.** Business owners...If you also **sign up your business accounts** this a great way to benefit the school.

Help us earn free cash for the school!

BOXTOP\$ for Education!

Please consider joining in this for our school. All proceeds go to the Library which has many volunteers that work hard at keeping our children interested in reading good wholesome material.

-Hand them in regularly by the following deadline dates each year, making sure there are no expired coupons included

Deadlines for submitting them are as follows:

June 15, (earliest expiration date 6/30/2019)

October 15 (earliest expiration date 11/1/2019)

-When they get mailed out, postage is paid by the weight of the package; so it is important that we have as little extra weight on them as possible. (If you can do your best to clip them so there is not a lot of extra packaging around them that is great, but, if you clip them along the dotted lines AND peel the extra paper off the back of the heavier ones, this helps even more. Also, when there is more than one on a package please separate them all as I cannot submit them all connected.) [To those of you who are doing a superb job at clipping them, and even peeling them.... I REALLY appreciate it! Everytime I make a submission it is getting easier and quicker to get them sent out. Thank you!](#)

-The website, boxtops4education.com, has a lot of info. You can even sign up and see firsthand how our school is doing. Please note: If you sign up for the **safeway justforu eboxtops** you are already registered for the BTFE website!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me!

Your BOXTOP\$ coordinator, Karla Leyenhorst 360-325-6895 or darrenandkarlal@gmail.com



2018/2019 School Calendar

Aug. 28 – First Day of School
 Sept. 3 – Labor Day
 Oct. 4 – In-Service Day
 Oct. 5 – Fall Break
 Oct. 8 – Columbus Day
 Oct. 17 – PSAT Test Date
 Oct. 26 – HS 1st Qtr Reports
 Oct. 29 & 31 – HS P/T Conferences
 Nov. 12 – Veteran's Day Observed
 Nov. 21 – Elem Term 1 Report Cards
 Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Day
 Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Break
 Nov. 26 – Early Release (11:55am)
 Nov. 26, & 28 – Elem P/T Conferences
 Dec. 14 – Christmas Concert
 Dec. 22 – Jan 4 – Christmas Break
 Jan. 7 – First Day of School 2018
 Jan. 18 – HS 2nd Qtr Reports

Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Day
 Jan. 22, 23 – HS P/T Conferences
 Jan. 25 – Prof. Development Day
 Feb. 14, 15 – Mid-Winter Break
 Feb. 18 – President's Day
 Mar. 1 – Elem Term 2 Report Cards
 Mar. 4 – Early Release (11:55am)
 Mar. 4&6 – Elem P/T Conferences
 Mar. 22 – HS 3rd Qtr Reports
 Apr. 1-5 – Spring Break
 Apr. 19 – Good Friday
 May 3 – Public Speaking Contest
 May 27 – Memorial Day
 May 30 – Ascension Day
 May 31 – Sports Day
 June 3 – Quad School Track Meet
 June 7 – Eighth Grade Graduation
 June 14 – Last Day of School/Sr. Graduation

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