

Urgent News

Psalter Selection: The psalter selection for next week will be psalter #347 verse 1.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 27. The conference schedule is attached to the memo email. We are looking forward to this opportunity to meet and share with you.

Mid-Winter Break: There will be no school on Friday, February 28.

Kindergarten Readiness Dates:

First classroom visitation: Tuesday, February 25, 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Gesell Test: Tuesday, March 3. (Please call Joan Blok for appt.-569-3125)

Second classroom visitation: Thursday, March 5, 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Gesell Results to Parents: by Friday, March 13.

Bonisa Presentation: "Brother Charles", a missionary with more than two decades of experience in China, hopes to visit Kalamazoo for a presentation for adults and families on Monday, February 17 at 7:30 p.m. He will also do a presentation for the students and teachers on the afternoon of Monday, February 17.

General News

Hot Lunch: There will be **NO** hot lunch next week.

Friendship Week Activities: The Friendship Day gift exchange and special activities are scheduled for Friday, February 14. Suggested prices for gifts are as follows:

Grades K-5 \$5.00-\$10.00 range Grades 6-9 around \$15.00 range

The school hopes to focus on giving rather than receiving during Friendship Week. The junior high will choose from several projects such as helping the homeless, making care packages for the jail inmates or helping serve a meal at the Gospel Mission. Friday afternoon they plan to go skiing. Grades 1-5 hope to go sliding on Thursday.

Soup Supper: The Dorcas Guild's annual soup supper will be held on February 21. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

On March 17, we hope to have a fundraising night at Chick-Fil-A. Dine there or use the drive thru from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and 15% of your meal will go towards our school! Similar to Panera, make sure to say you are there to support School Spirit Night in order to receive the discount. Spread the word to family and friend, and thanks in advance for participating. Please note the date change!

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Art Prize: Parents, grandparents, and friends will be invited into school to observe the projects during the day and will not be part of the voting process. Students and a panel of judges will do the selecting. This will eliminate another night out for parents.

All students will receive a prize for participating. Categories and other prizes will remain the same.

The afternoon of March 26 will be set aside for viewing student artwork, and teachers will open their classrooms to parents to share additional projects, activities, etc., at specific times to be announced later.

Each art exhibit will have a comment box for people to share what they liked about the entry. These will be given to the students to read so they receive valuable feedback and encouragement. Please see the Art Prize information sheet and entry form attached to the memo email.

Prayer Day: There **will be** school on Prayer Day, March 13. It will be treated like a normal day of school and start at 8:00 a.m. Students will come to school in the morning for two classes and then teachers will bring all students over to the church at 9:25 a.m. for the service. Children will sit with their parents during the service. After the service, students will come back to the school for the remainder of the day

The **Mystery Dinner** fundraiser is planned for **Friday, March 20**. This is a great way to visit with others from the church/school community and also enjoy a delicious meal! All proceeds will go to Parents United. If you are interested in hosting, attending as a guest or have a student interested in babysitting for volunteer hours, please call or text Lisa Dingemans (269-271-3440), Mandy Schipper (616-970-4954) or Angela Ekema (269-207-9721). More information to follow.

All this the Lord willing, and we live.