



Fort Collins Christian School

Newsletter

August 23, 2020



Welcome Back to School!

We hope all the students had a great first week of school. We have a lot of new faces this year. This year will be quite different because of COVID-19, but we will strive to provide you with a good education and help everyone stay healthy.

We will have fun, learn, grow, and play together!

IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST, SEPTEMBER

Monday, August 17

School Starts

Monday, September 7

Labor Day (No School)

Wednesday, September 16

Mid-term Reports



FORT COLLINS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS A CORE VALUES SCHOOL



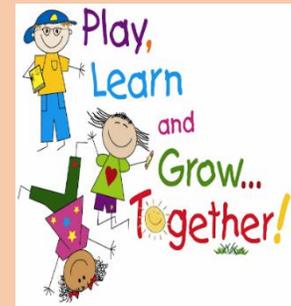
We are a core values school! We **CHERISH** our selected seven core values: **C**hrist-centered Living, **H**onor, **E**xploration, **R**esponsibility, **I**ntegrity, **S**ervice, and **H**eroism. "To acquire wisdom is to love oneself: people who **CHERISH** understanding will prosper."

Proverbs 19:8

In **August**, we are focusing on the first core value of **Christ-centered Living**: Reflecting God's character in attitudes and actions. The students are given the opportunity to acknowledge classmates who show the core value of Christ-centered living every day.

A Moving Child is a Learning Child!

This summer Mrs. Breese took a class called “A Moving Body, A Thinking Brain.” She learned about the critical role of movement and play in the healthy development of children from birth to 2nd grade. In this class she did a lot of reading, designing, and planning the “Move-to-Learn” activities to help our lower grade students learn and grow to their full potential.



The more children move, the more they stimulate their brain, and their body teaches the brain to think, so the more they move, the more they know and learn. Research shows that when even older students move their bodies and do exercise, they can concentrate and retain knowledge a lot better at school. Exercise in school increases their productivity, creativity, and social skills. Therefore, Mrs. Breese has decided to create “A Moving Child is a Learning Child” corner in the monthly newsletter in order for her to share what she has learned with the parents.

Children are All Born to Fit: For children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood. When they play and move their bodies, not only do they stimulate brains, but they also develop creative and problem-solving skills and learn to be more flexible. Additionally, when they play, they often make mistakes, but those mistakes never get in the way of their trying again, trying something new, and ultimately coming to a place of success. When they play, they enjoy it so much that they can persist through challenges, try again to solve problems, and as a result, it makes failure fun. At our school we have longer recesses and longer days than other schools, so we know that they will need to have more “moving” time in order to learn. This year we will go outside as much as we can, weather permitting, to get fresh air and move our bodies and exercise so we can learn better! Please read more about it in *Gill’s Notebook “Born to Be Fit.” by Gill Connell (Email Attachment)*

The Negative Effect of Exposure to Screens: Mrs. Breese had one concern even before she took this class about our students/children’s interest electronic devices. Most children, including our students, love screens (television, tablets, computers, video games, smartphones), but this class has confirmed that continuous and extended exposure to the screen negatively affects the natural developmental processes of children, especially young children. The lights and sounds coming from television and video games can “distract the children, preventing them from delving deeply into play, which in turn may inhibit their ability to concentrate”. Please read *Gill’s Notebook “A Screen is No Substitute for You”* to learn more about this.

PARENT INCENTIVE:

When you introduce a new student to our school and the student stays in our school for more than 6 months, the parents who introduce a new student to our school will get \$75. We believe that we have a great school. Please let other people know about our school.



OUR MISSION

It is our purpose to provide a safe Christ-centered learning environment to empower students to become respectful and responsible individuals with a lifelong desire to learn.

OUR VISION

It is the harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers of the individual student through Christ-centered instruction. It is the preparation for successful citizenship in this world and the world to come. It is to instill the joy of unselfish service for others in the child.

OUR GOAL

Our goal is to teach our students about a lifelong personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and also to challenge, support, and care for our students as they develop into respectful, responsible, and caring individuals.

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