

Fort Collins Christian School

Newsletter

February 2, 2020



IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

Tuesday, February 4	Reading with Hot Chocolate and Slippers
Thursday, February 6	Teacher-in-Service in Denver (School is out at noon)
Saturday, February 8	Italian Dinner Fundraiser (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)
Monday, February 10	Two-week Read-a-thon Ends
Tuesday, February 11	Mid-term Reports
Thursday, February 13	Nursing Home Visit (Grades K-8)
Thursday, February 13	Valentine's Party
Monday, February 17	Presidents' Day (No School)
Thursday, February 20	In-School Science Fair (Grades K-8)
Wednesday, February 26	Longs Peak Science Fair (Grades 6-8)
Monday, March 2	Visitation Day (Preschool – Kindergarten)
Thursday, March 5	3 rd Quarter Ends
Fri. & Sat. March 6 – 7	RMC Music Festival (Grades 6-8)
Monday, March 9	4 th Quarter Begins
Wednesday, March 11	Parent/Student/Teacher Conference (School is out at noon.)
Thursday, March 12	Ski Day (Snowy Range in WY)
Fri. Mar. 13- Sun. 22	Spring Vacation
Sabbath, March 28	Special Music at the Church

FORT COLLINS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS A CORE VALUES SCHOOL

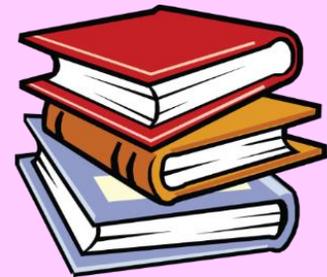


We are a core values school! We **CHERISH** our selected seven core values: **C**hrist-centered Living, **H**onor, **E**xploration, **R**esponsibility, **I**ntegrity, **S**ervice, and **H**eroism. "To acquire wisdom is to love oneself: people who **CHERISH** understanding will prosper." Proverbs 19:8

In **February**, we are focusing on the value of **Integrity: Being truthful, fair, and deserving of the**

trust of others, and encouraging them to tell the truth. Our students will learn about the Holy Spirit this month, too. Our students are given the opportunity to acknowledge classmates who show the core values every day.

READ-A-THON FUNDRAISER (JANUARY 27 – FEBRUARY 10)



Our read-a-thon fundraiser is in full swing! Through the students' hard work finding sponsors and generous business donations, we have already raised close to \$2,000 for our school!

If your child has not created their read-a-thon page or found sponsors yet, there is still time! Our read-a-thon will continue through Monday, February 10, and we can accept donations for a week after that! Remember that students get to choose prizes from the online prize store based off of how much money they raise.

We are having a fun reading event on Tuesday, February 4 to increase participation for the read-a-thon! See the flyer below for more details!

If you have questions regarding the read-a-thon or the reading event, please contact Miss Reeder at j.reeder@fchristianschool.com!



ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8



We will have our annual Italian Dinner Fundraiser on **Saturday, February 8 (6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)** This is a buffet style dinner. This year we will offer some **gluten free and vegan options in our menus**. We serve spaghetti with tomato sauce (vegan and gluten free options available), fettuccini with creamy basil pesto sauce, cilantro pesto spaghetti (vegan, and gluten option available), pizza, lasagna (gluten free option available), salad, garlic bread, dessert, and drink.

The dinner costs \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (ages 5-12). Children under 4 will eat free. **Please invite your family and friends to this dinner to raise money for our school.** We would like you to donate some of the items for the dinner to help us raise more money. Thank you to the people who have already signed up for the donation list. **Please bring donation items to school by Thursday, February 6 (School is out at noon on the 6th).**

The teachers will prepare and cook food for this fundraiser, but if you would like to help in the kitchen or volunteer to cook some of the food, **please let Mrs. Breese know**. We are still looking for people to help.

Our students in grades 3-8 will help serve food, drink, and dessert, so they need to be at the school **by 6:00** to eat dinner (free) before they start serving. They **need to wear a white top and black bottoms to be a server**.

Clean-up After the Dinner: We would like all the families to stay after the dinner and help us clean the fellowship hall and kitchen.

(This picture was taken last year at Collinwood Assisted Living.)



NURSING HOME VISIT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Our students (grades K-8) will visit Collinwood Assisted Living and Memory Care (5055 S. Lemay Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80525) to sing songs, play bells, and pass out Valentine's cards to the residents to share God's love with them.

Our students leave the school at 11:05 to get there by 11:30.

If you can help transport students

on that day, please let us know. We will be back to school around 12:20 p.m. and have lunch. All the students need to wear their **burgundy School Polo shirts** that day.

VALENTINE'S PARTY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

On Thursday, February 13, students in grades K-8 will have our Valentine's party and exchange their Valentine's cards around 1:30 p.m. after we come back from the nursing home visit and have a recess. Please make cards for the students, teachers, and teacher's aides. This is a good time to show our love and appreciation for each other and to thank people who help out at our school. Please bring some snacks to share. (Preschool will have their own Valentine's Party in their classroom. Miss Reeder will send out information about this in the preschool newsletter.)



Here is the list of people to make cards for:

Students (Grades K-8) : Aavish (K), Nicholas (K), Eliah (K), Elliot (1), Anthony (1), Djidon (1), Calleno (2), Enzo(3), Edward (4), Dayanara (4/5), Edwin (5), Sariah (5), Sarah (6), Marcela (6), Rebecca (7), Clair (7), Estitty (7), Michelle (8), and Raychel (8).

Teachers: Mr. Breese, Mrs. Breese, and Miss Reeder

Volunteers: Miss Linda, Miss Jeanie, Mrs. Jade Osbourne, Miss Catalina, Mrs. Sam Peterson, Mrs. Erli Molina

Pastor Daniel, Mr. Devon Osbourne

Janitor: Mrs. Solt

FCCS Science Fair 2020



We will have our school Science Fair for grades K-8 on Thursday, February 20. Last year we did this for only grades 5-8, but this year all the students in grades K-8 will participate in the science fair. We would like all the students to bring their science projects the day before to set up and practice presenting them.

Students in grades K-8 will display and present their science projects in the fellowship hall before lunch time. Their poster session will be 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for the judges and others to go to each poster and engage the presenters. Please come and see what they are doing.

We would like to all the parents and families (grades K-8) to come to the fellowship hall by 3:30 p.m. to see their projects. We will announce the winners around 3:45 p.m.

Here are the guidelines for the Science Fair.

Students can use any topic from **Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, or Earth and Space Sciences**. Students should begin by looking at things they are interested in. A lot of examples of science fair projects are available online, so they can use the internet to find something they are interested in or they can come up with their own project. Parents and family are welcome to help with the project. Have fun learning together. If students would like to work with a friend, that is okay, too.

1. Problem/Purpose/Rationales:

- What idea are you trying to test?
- What is the scientific question you are trying to answer?

2. Hypothesis:

- Make a prediction regarding the outcome of your experiment and explain your thinking. For example, “My hypothesis is because...”
- State the results you are predicting in measurable terms.
For example, “If, then”

3. Materials:

- List all materials and equipment that were used.
- Your list of materials should include all the ingredients of a procedure recipe.

4. Procedure:

- Your procedure should be like a recipe (step-by-step) – another person should be able to perform your experiment following your procedure. Test this with a friend and/or parent to be sure you have not forgotten anything. This is an important part of doing good science.
- Be very specific about how you will measure results to prove or disprove your hypothesis. (i.e. every hour, every day, every week)
- Sample size should be as large as possible and/or the experiment should be repeated many times (with each repetition considered a “trial”). Make sure to record every time you do the experiment.

5. Observations/Data/Results:

- Keep a detailed journal of your observation (laboratory notebook with dates of experiment and what you did), data and or results of your scientific process. This information can be data measurements and written notes about what you are doing and sensing (hearing, seeing, or touching) about your experiment.
- When possible, collect enough data for a statistical analysis.
- Photograph your project results or phases of the project if appropriate to help your analysis and possibly to demonstrate your experiment on your exhibit board. Only the students doing the research can appear in the photograph.
- Use charts, graphs and tables to summarize your data.
- A thorough project includes an additional one page, handwritten or typed, research report to support learning.

6. Data Analysis:

- Explain your observation, data and/or results. This is a summary of what your data has shown you.
- List the main points of what you have learned.
- Why did the results occur? What did your experiment prove?



7. Conclusion and Communication:

- Answer your problem/purpose/rationale statement.
- Was your hypothesis supported by the evidence found in the results of the experiment?
- If you repeated your project, what would you change?

8. You need to prepare the poster board for your science project.

LONGS PEAK SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Island Grove Event Center 425 N. 15th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631

Four students in grades 6-8 from our school: Sarah Molina, Marcela Zuniga, Michelle Perez, and Raychel Johnson are entering the Junior Section of the Longs Peak Science and Engineering Fair on Wednesday, February 26. They have to be there by 7:45 a.m. to register and set up their project by 8:20 a.m. They will be back to school by 4:00.



Jr. Division Event Schedule:

7:15 –8:20am (Jr. Registration—all Jr. exhibits must be set-up by 8:20am)

7:30 –8:50am (Jr. Division inspections)

9:00–2:30pm (Jr. Division Judging)

2:40pm (Jr. Division dismissal)

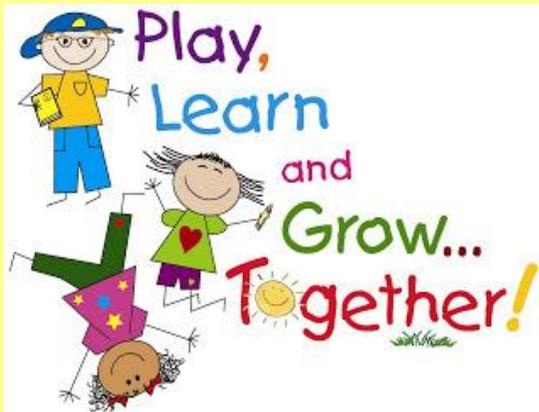
Snow Days

Please remember that we follow Poudre School District's snow day schedule. When they cancel, we cancel, and if they start late, we start late (at the same time). Please check your TV or online news. Occasionally, we may feel we need to make a decision which is separate from PDS in order to best care for our school's needs. When this happens, Mrs. Breese will consult with the school board chair to make a decision and then contact all the parents.



VISITATION DAY (PROSPECTIVE PRESCHOOL – KINDERGARTEN)

TUESDAY, MARCH 2



We will have a visitation day for prospective preschoolers (ages 3-4) and Kindergarteners (ages 5-6) on **Tuesday, March 2 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

We will also have two more visitation days (preschool and Kindergarten) on Tuesday, April 2 and Tuesday, May 7.

The visitation days for **grades 1-8** will be **Thursday, April 2 and Tuesday, May 5 (8:00 a.m. – 3:00/4:00 p.m.)**

Please let other people know about our visitation days. If people are interested in coming to our visitation days, they need to contact us and **make an appointment**, so we can prepare.

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 introduced the new student to our school will get \$75. We believe that we have a great school. Please let other people know about our school and our visitation days.

SKI DAY – THURSDAY, MARCH 12

This year we have a ski day on Thursday, March 12. We are going to Snowy Range Ski Resort in Wyoming again. It is a little farther, but they require only 20 people for the group rates, and the cost for lift tickets and rentals are a lot more affordable. We had a good time there last year.

Snowy Range Group Rates

Adult Lift & Rental: \$44

Student Lift, Rental & Lesson: \$25

(The lesson is for only beginner, not required for the students who know how to ski.)



Could you let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in going skiing with us this year? We need 20 people to get a group rate. I will put the sign-up sheet at the sign in and out table soon.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION AND POP TABS COLLECTION FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Please remember that FCCS is collecting Box Tops for Education and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House!

The school gets money for each of the little Box Tops coupons (like the one in the picture here) that you cut out from the packaging of products you buy. Now, the program is going digital and we will earn even more money as they often run deals like double Box Tops, etc.! All you have to do is download the app, create an account, select our school with our school ID number, which is 580475, and scan your receipts within 14 days of purchase! Miss Reeder would be happy to help you get this set up on your phone if you need some assistance! Please send in any physical Box Top coupons you have as well, as we still get money for those, too! Feel free to contact Miss Reeder with any questions regarding this program! Thanks for helping us collect Box Tops for Education!



We are also collecting pop tabs (or the tab from any aluminum can), to send to the Denver Ronald McDonald House, which provides support for families who are dealing with childhood illnesses. The Ronald McDonald House collects these aluminum tabs, recycles them, and then uses the money from recycling them to further their mission of supporting families. You can help us and involve your children in this project by saving the aluminum tabs off of cans, and bringing them to school and placing them in the plastic container in the lobby, next to the Box Tops schoolhouse. Thank-you for helping us help others! Contact Miss Reeder with any questions you may have!

FORT COLLINS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESCHOOL CENTER

January brought lots of exciting things for preschool! We had a new friend, Daniel, join our classroom, bringing us to 9 students in preschool! We had so much fun watching the Raptor Program that came to our school, and starting our read-a-thon! We spent a lot of time teaching our new friends how to play the color bells, and also spent time focusing on shapes, how many sides and corners different shapes have. Looking into February, we are excited to continue our read-a-thon, have the Italian Dinner Fundraiser, share a Valentine's party with our friends, and observe the "big kids" science fair! We will also continue to work on our letters, numbers, and social skills!



~Miss Reeder

SUSHI CLASS TUESDAY JANUARY 14

After the upper grade students finished the Japanese and Korean social studies unit, Mrs. Breese taught them how to make a vegetable roll sushi on Tuesday, January 14. They made, ate, enjoyed, and shared their sushi rolls with some of the lower grade students. Miss Linda and Pastor Daniel also joined the sushi lesson.



Mrs. Breese's Sushi Class

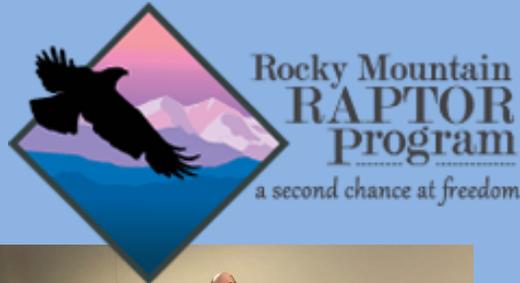




ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAPTOR PROGRAM THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

On Thursday, January 16, the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program

Educational Team brought an owl and a hawk to our school. Our students (Preschool to 8th grade) learned what defines a raptor and discovered their adaptations for survival. All of the students listened to the presentation, asked a lot of questions, and enjoyed the program. Thank you Mrs. Arabella Martin for arranging all of the extra educational programs for our school this year.



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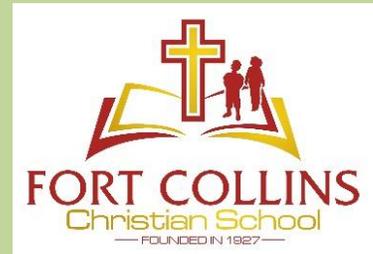
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OUR MISSION

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.

