

Fort Collins Christian School

Newsletter

February 1, 2021

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

Thursday, February 4	Ski Day (Grades 3-8) Regular School Day (Preschool – Grade 2)
Tuesday, February 9	Two-week Read-a-thon Ends
Wednesday, February 10	Mid-term Reports
Thursday, February 11	Valentine's Party
Monday, February 15	Presidents' Day (No School)
Thursday, March 11	3 rd Quarter Ends
Fri. Mar. 12- Sun. 21	Spring Vacation
Monday, March 22	4 th Quarter Begins
Thursday, March 25	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (School Dismisses at 12:00)

**** We emailed you an online parent survey yesterday. Please check your email!!**

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.

SKI DAY – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 (GRADES 3 - 8)



We have a ski day for grades 3 – 8 on Thursday, February 4. The lower grade classes and preschool class have a regular day on Thursday, February 4.

We are going to Snowy Range Ski Area in Wyoming again. It is a little farther, but the cost for lift tickets and rentals are more affordable than the one in Colorado. This year no ski resorts are offering group rates, so please register as a family online by Tuesday, February 2 at the latest (snowyrangeski.com).

Snowy Range Group Rates

Adult Lift Ticket & Rental: \$74

Youth (ages 5-12) Lift Ticket & Rental: \$51

Teen (ages 13-27) Lift Ticket & Rental: \$65

READ-A-THON FUNDRAISER (JANUARY 26 – FEBRUARY 9)



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 \$600.00 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 Tuesday, February 9, 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.

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

VALENTINE'S PARTY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

On Thursday, February 11, students in grades K-8 will have our Valentine's party and exchange their Valentine's cards in the afternoon. 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) : Sadie (K), Wyler (K), Benjamin (K), Grey (K), Luke (K), Cruze (K), Nicholas (1), Hawkley (1), Noah (1), Francesca (2), Elliot (2), Anthony (2), Jadon (2), Nathaniel (2), Jalen (3), Trey (3), Genna (5), Dayanara (6), Edwin (6), Sariah (6), Marcela (8), Micah (8) and Xander (8).

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

Volunteers: Mrs. Martin, Pastor Miranda, Mr. Devon Osbourne

THE FIRST DAY OF THE THIRD TERM (MONDAY, JANUARY 11)

We celebrated the first day of the third term. Everyone came back safely after one week of distance learning in January after the winter break. We hope this year will be a better year! Welcome, Jadon (grade 2) and Genna (grade 5)!!



COVID-19 REMINDERS AND PRECAUTIONS

As we enter February, we want to remind you of a few important pieces of information regarding the precautions we are taking to protect our school community from COVID-19 as much as possible.

Students must wear a mask while at school. This is to protect them, their classmates, and the staff.

If your child is sick at all, he or she must stay home from school. If your child is ill, please contact your child's teacher and/or Miss Reeder, who is the school health representative. Each case must be handled on an individual basis, as there are so many contributing factors that influence quarantine requirements and return to school plans. You can reach Miss Reeder at the contact information at the end of this newsletter.

Our school nurse consultant has informed us that in the new strain of coronavirus that is going around, a sore throat, cough, fatigue, and muscle pain are even stronger indicators of a possible COVID infection than in the previous strain. Please carefully monitor your children for these symptoms daily.

VOLLEYBALL LESSON BY ANGELA KNOPF-CASTLE AND PASTOR MIRANDA TEACHING PE ON THURSDAYS

An Olympic volleyball player, Angela Knopf-Castle, came to our school and gave our students (grades 1-8) a volleyball lesson on Thursday, January 14. She talked to them, and taught them a grip to hit the ball, and everyone had a chance to jump and hit the ball with her. It was a precious experience for them. Thank you, Angela!!

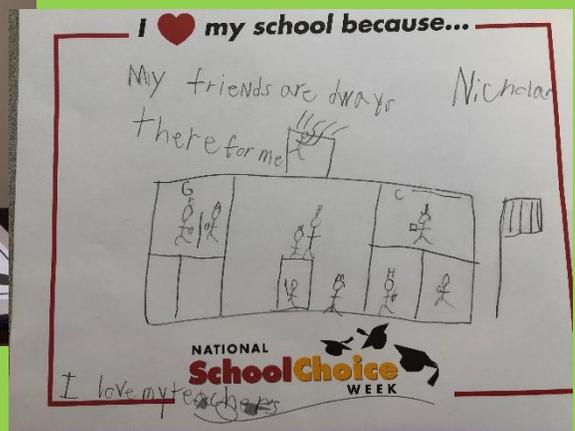


Now Pastor Miranda is doing weekly worship with us and doing PE with grades 1-8 every Thursday. Thank you, Pastor!



SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK (JANUARY 25 - 28)

Our school celebrated the National School Choice Week last week. Our country still gives parents and students the option to choose a school that best suits their unique needs. We celebrate this freedom of choice at FCCS. Indeed, Choice Means Hope!!



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.



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!

FCCS PRESCHOOL CORNER

January was a busy month in preschool! We worked very hard on learning what sound/s each letter makes! The students are doing a wonderful job persevering with this sometimes difficult skill! We also practiced counting, cutting, gluing, and coloring, among other things!

We had two new students join us in preschool this semester, and we have had so much fun getting to know them!

We've missed our aide, Miss Dalva, who was absent from us for several weeks. We are excited that she is able to rejoin us now!

Preschool is also enjoying books for our read-a-thon, which started January 26! It is never too early to cultivate a love for reading! Remember, you have until February 9 to sponsor a student for the read-a-thon! Thank-you for your support!

~Miss Reeder



KINDERGARTEN SCIENCE SECTION

January was an unusual month for kindergarten in regards to science. Due to the preschool aide being gone for an extended period of time, I was unable to teach kindergarten science in my classroom because of student: teacher ratio requirements for preschool. Mrs. Martin helped out in a big way by taking the lessons I had prepared and helping kindergarten to complete them to wrap up our study of habitats! I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to her for her assistance! There was also a little more than a week of MAP testing, to assess where the students are in their academic journey, which cut into regular class time for that week.

I am looking forward to February when things can hopefully return to a more routine schedule! I have missed seeing the kindergarteners' enthusiasm for learning about science!

~Miss Reeder

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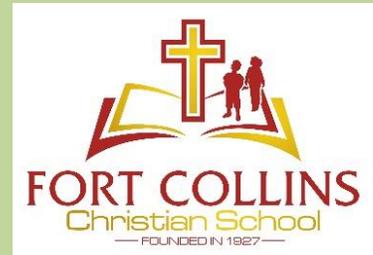
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OUR MISSION

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.