



Fort Collins Christian School Newsletter

January 3, 2020



IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Monday, January 6	Third Quarter Begins
Thursday, January 16	Rocky Mountain Raptor Program
Monday, January 20	M.L.K. Jr. Day (No school)
Sabbath, January 25	Special Music at the Church
Monday, January 27- February 10	Read-a-Thon
Thursday, February 6	Teacher In-Service in Denver (School is out at noon)
Saturday, February 8	Italian Dinner Fundraiser (6:00 – 7:30 p.m.)
Monday, February 10	Mid-term Reports
Thursday, February 13	Nursing Home Visit & Valentine's Party
Monday, February 17	Presidents' Day (No School)
Tuesday, February 18	In-School Science Fair (Grades K-8)
Wednesday, February 26	Longs Peak Science and Engineering Fair (Grades 6-8)



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2018 "A MOUSE CHRISTMAS"

Thank you very much to all of the parents and families for coming and supporting our program on December 7, 2019. Over 100 people came to our Christmas program, and all the students did very well in our Christmas program.

A lot of people also came to the Mexican Dinner fundraiser before the program, and we raised about \$700. We really appreciate the Contreras family, Zuniga family and Rodriguez family (former student family) preparing the Mexican Dinner for this fundraiser.

We really appreciate Erli Molina and Leide Moraes, who took time and decorated the fellowship hall beautifully for our Christmas program. We also appreciate Sam Peterson for making new costumes, and Devon Osbourne and Steve Solt for taking care of sounds and the video for the program.





CHRISTMAS PARTY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

We had our Christmas party on Friday, December 20. The students exchanged presents with their secret Santa friends and did a Christmas edible craft (a snowman), and had pizza together. A lot of mothers and grandmothers came and helped with the Christmas present exchange in the preschool class and the Christmas crafts for the younger students. We had a great time.



FCCS CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY OUTREACH (DECEMBER 20)



On the 20th, the students in grades K-8 made about 50 hand-made Christmas cards for the community. Djidon's mother, Miss Nadia, organized this outreach program and also made calendars for the community. After the Christmas party, the students in grades K-8 visited the Fort Collins Police Services Building and gave the Christmas cards and calendars to the police officers. Our students were able to go into the officer's lounge and placed the Christmas bags with the calendars and cards on the tables in the lounge so the officers could get them later.

After that, Djidon, Miss Nadia, and Mrs. Breese passed out more cards and calendars to the businesses around the school and to wish them a Merry Christmas. Later Miss Nadia took more cards and calendars to the hospitals in Fort Collins. Thank you very much Miss Nadia for organizing this outreach program.

We also appreciate Mrs. Tejada, Michelle's mother, Mrs. Alves, Sofia's mother, and Mrs. Martin, the mother of Elliot, Nicholas, and Benjamin who substituted for Mrs. Breese's class (grades K-4 class) when Mrs. Breese taught our preschool class for Miss Reeder. We are so blessed that we have dedicated and willing parents who can help out in our school when we need it.



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 **January**, we are going back to the basics: first core value of **Christ-center Living: Reflecting God's character in attitudes and actions**. Christ is the center of our life. 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.

FORT COLLINS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM

Last March we began an after-school soccer program for the students in grades 3-8. Jorge Zuniga is the coach and his daughter, Jacelyn (a former student), and Jorge's soccer friend, Orlando are also helping out with this after-school program every Tuesday. Our students finally got their uniforms last month. They are so excited. We really appreciate Jorge, Jacelyn, and Orlando for doing this for our school.



SPECIAL MUSIC & SCHOOL CONSECRATION SABBATH, JANUARY 25



Our students are planning to do Special Music at the church on Sabbath, January 25. Please let me know if that day works for you or not.

The students (Preschool – grade 8) will play color bells and sing a song for the Special Music. The students (grades 3-8) will play the chimes, too. Please be at the church by 10:30 a.m. on Sabbath, January 25. We will practice our music in the Preschool classroom before we go and perform in the sanctuary.

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.



READ-A-THON FUNDRAISER



This month, FCCS will participate in its second annual read-a-thon! The program will run from January 27-February 10. The read-a-thon is a way to raise money for the school and promote learning at the same time. The way the program works is students find people to sponsor them for reading a certain number of minutes/days per week (sponsorships are a flat rate). Sponsors can be parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, a parent's co-workers, church members, and so forth. Each child will have an online "account" with the read-a-thon company for sponsors to make secure donations, and for kids to keep track of how much they've raised (families can send in a check to the school as well). FCCS gets 75% of what students raise, while students get about 5-10% of what they raise to spend in a rewards store, and the small remainder goes to the company that runs the program. The online account that students have is secure, and people can only access the student's page to donate if they have that particular student's code, which the parents can give to only those they are comfortable with. Parents can also help their student set up their account, and so can control what is posted. A flyer with more information will be sent home the second week of the semester. If you have questions about the program or online account, please feel free to contact Miss Reeder, or to look into the program yourself at www.read-a-thon.com. Happy reading!

FORT COLLINS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESCHOOL CENTER

December was a whirlwind of learning and growing in preschool! The students were so excited to be angels in the Christmas program – their very FIRST Christmas program, for some of them! We did some crafts, and continued our work with rhyming words, letters, and numbers. This coming month, we will be diving into some more complex lessons, such as writing numbers, recognizing the differences between letters and words, and many other things!

On a more personal note, I wanted to say thank-you for all the prayers and well-wishes that were sent my way as I had surgery in December and have been recovering. Your support was so appreciated! I am so thankful that God led in the whole process, and that everything went well in surgery. Again, my heartfelt thanks for your prayers and support.

~Miss Reeder

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 and our school is very safe because we have our security system and is located next to the Fort Collins Police Services. Please let other people know about our school.

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one.
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
Even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you
when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
for the year ahead.

~Anonymous

SCHOOL CONTACT INFO

School Telephone Number: 970-893-2925

School Address: 2040 Nancy Gray Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80525

School Website: www.fcchristianschool.com

Keiko Breese (Grades K-4 Teacher/Principal): 970-222-6347

keikonagasawa821@gmail.com

Dennis Breese (Grades 5-8 Teacher): 970-222-3450 drbreese@hughes.net

Jessica Reeder (Preschool – Pre-K): 970-481-7593 j.reeder@fcchristianschool.com

Devon Osbourne (School Board Chairman): 970-907-2581 drdoii@yahoo.com

Daniel Birai (Fort Collins SDA Church Pastor): 720-355-4536 dannybirai@gmail.com

Sam Peterson (School Treasurer): 970-290-1503 sampeterson0077@gmail.com

