

Fort Collins Christian School Newsletter

October 5, 2020



IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Thursday, October 15	The First Quarter Ends
Thursday, October 15	Order Deadline for Original Work Fundraiser
Monday, October 19	Second Quarter Begins
Wednesday, October 21	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences (School is out at noon)
Sabbath, October 24	Live-streamed Church Special Music
Monday, November 9	Open House
Wednesday, November 11	Mid-term Reports
Fri. Nov. 20- Sun. Nov. 29	Thanksgiving Break



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 **October**, we are focusing on the second core value of **Honor: showing value, dignity, and high respect for people and property**. The students are given the opportunity to acknowledge classmates who show the core values of Christ-centered living and Honor every day.

Original Works Fundraiser

Look What's Coming ...
in your child's backpack soon!

We are excited to announce that our school has teamed up with Original Works to offer an exciting art-based program at our school. This is our second year doing this fundraiser. Our students are creating some art work for this program in our classroom this week.

Through this program, you will have the opportunity to purchase a variety of products (mugs, magnets, totes, tiles, ornaments, and more) featuring your child's very own artwork, while also raising money for our school.

These products will be perfect Christmas presents for your family and relatives.

Grandparents will enjoy the products with their grandchild's own art work!

You will receive the order form with a picture of your child art work soon in your child's backpack next week! The Order deadline will be on **Thursday, October 15**. If you have any questions about this fundraiser, please contact Mrs. Breese, Miss Reeder, or Arabella Martin.



SPECIAL MUSIC LIVE STREAM – SABBATH, OCTOBER 24



Our students in grades K-3 have been learning about “God’s Creation” for past few weeks in our Bible class. October 24 is the Creation Sabbath at our church, our students will sing “All Things Bright and Beautiful” for the Special Music for our church on October 24, via a pre-recorded video. Their Special Music at the church will be live streamed on Sabbath, October 24. Please go to www.fcsdachurch.org and watch the live stream of our students’ singing for the church service on Sabbath, October 24 (11:00 – 12:00 p.m.)

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 21 (Noon to 6:30 p.m.)

I hope you got the mid-term reports last month (preschoolers only have quarter reports, not mid-terms). If you have any concerns, please let us know. Please remember that you do not need to wait until October 21 to talk to the teachers. You can request a meeting with a teacher at any time.



On Wednesday, October 21, school is out at noon.

Please sign up for a conference time slot (12:15 to 6:30 p.m.) by October 9. The conference sign-up sheet is at the entrance of the school building, so you can sign in. Or the sample sign-up sheet is on the next page of this newsletter, so you can

print it and turn it in or use the sign-up sheet at the school.

If Wednesday, October 21 does not work for you, we can schedule a different day, so please let us know.



We would like your child(ren) to be responsible for their learning, so we ask them to be a part of

the conference. We will discuss the progress in our class and go over the results of MAP testing (grades K-8) with you and make a plan for the next term. Thank you for your cooperation.



THANK-YOU TO VOLUNTEERS HELPING OUT AT OUR SCHOOL!

This school year Miss Nadia (Djidon's mom) has been volunteering to help out in Grades K-3 class Monday through Thursday and helps Mrs. Breese clean up the classroom and lunch room. Mrs. Martin (Elliot, Nicholas, Benjamin, and Samuel's mom) is doing the morning screening, and overseeing if all the children are picked up safely. Last two weeks Mrs. Martin also helped out the MAP testing by being a proctor for the tests, so Mrs. Breese and Mr. Breese can focus on their teaching. Mrs. Martinez (Luis and Edwin's mom) has been cleaning bathrooms, mopping the floor and sanitizing classrooms. Mr. Devon Osbourne, the School Board Chairman, has been taking care of our computers, managing the school website and Facebook. Without these dedicated volunteers at our school, we could not have run the school smoothly. We are so blessed to have the volunteers like them. If you would like to volunteer at our school, please let Mrs. Breese know.

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences
Wednesday, October 21

Time	Mrs. Breese's Class (Grades K-4)	Mr. Breese's Class (Grades 5-8)
12:15 – 12:45 p.m.		
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1:15 – 1:45 p.m.		
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4:45 – 5:15 p.m.		
5:15 – 5:45 p.m.		
5:45 – 6:15 p.m.		
Other		

School is out at noon on Wednesday, October 21. The conferences start at noon, so please pick your child(ren) up on time.

If Wednesday, October 21 does not work for you, please write the day and time that works for you in the column under "Other."

Please turn this form in by Thursday, October 9.

SCHOOL T-SHIRT DAY ON WEDNESDAYS!

Wednesday is a School T-shirt Day! So please wear a School T-shirt on Wednesdays. The school T-shirt will be used for school field-trips, too.



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 the school is located next to the Fort Collins Police Services station. Please let other people know about our school.

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



Our school is doing the Box Tops for Education program. The school gets money for each of the little 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!



Also, FCCS holds 8 core values, CHERISH, that are described earlier in this newsletter. One of those values is service, and we are always looking for ways that we can help our students learn how to be of service to others. One way that we have decided to do this is by 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 giving them to Miss Reeder. Thank-you for helping us help others! Please contact Miss Reeder with any questions you may have!

MASK BREAK TIME OUTSIDE : SMILE!! GRADES K-8 STUDENTS 2020



Highlight of September

Every morning we will start the school day with worship (prayers and praise songs). Since all the children are sitting 5-6 feet apart, students in grades K-3 sing every day, and they have learned so many songs in last seven weeks. We started with the Bible ABC song to help our kindergarteners to learn ABCs, but all the older children also enjoyed learning the new ABC songs, and hopefully, I am sure that your children have sang it to you at home.

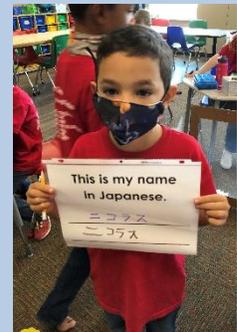
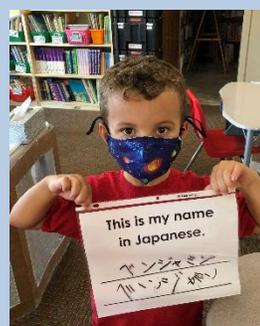
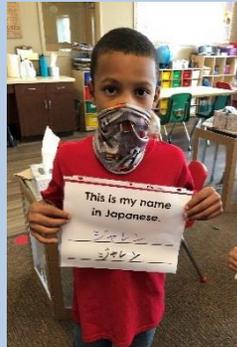


Also, every morning the students have time to learn number facts using the Fast Math games on computers. Now even all kindergarteners are learning addition facts.

Every day if weather permits, we go outside to play and getting mask break time outside.



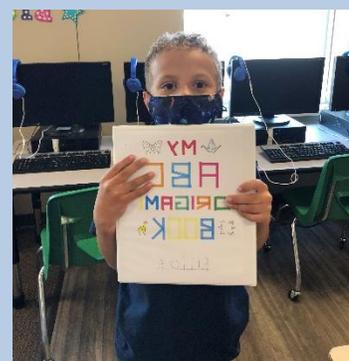
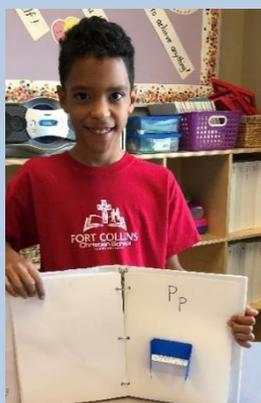
One day in September two classes (grades K-8) got together and did a whole school worship, and then did the Bible and foreign language classes in the morning. Our younger students taught the older students how to sing praise songs in different languages since they have been learning some praise songs in Japanese, Spanish, Indonesian, and Portuguese. All of them also learned how to write their names in Japanese, and learned to read some Japanese and Chinese characters through learning praise songs.



The students in Grades K-3 are learning about God's Creation in their Bible class, and making their God's Creation Book using a variety of art techniques: using water color, crayon, markers, and origami animal pictures. We are also learning the song "All Things Bright and Beautiful" as a part of their Bible Creation Unit, and later Miss Reeder will teach them the main chorus part with a sign language. We will video-tape their singing and are going to live-stream the video at the church on October 24.



The students in grades K-3 have been doing STEM classes once a week, and also making Origami ABC book as a part of Math and Art lessons every week. Origami is the Math lesson, and our students are learning a lot of geometry vocabulary during the origami math lessons.



FCCS PRESCHOOL CORNER



Preschool has been so busy learning! We have done so many things already this school year, but some of our favorites have been reading books, learning how to write our names, and using watercolor paints to discover “secret” letters!

In October, we are going to start learning how to form some letters, match

lowercase letters with their uppercase buddies, and so much more!

Thank-you for keeping the preschool program in your prayers! We value your prayers so much!

~Miss Reeder



KINDERGARTEN SCIENCE SECTION

This year, Miss Reeder is teaching kindergarten science and P.E. The kindergarteners spend some time in the preschool room each day learning about the awesome things that God has made, and some time outside and/or in the gym with preschool for recess and P.E. class.

For this first quarter of the school year, in science, kindergarten has been studying the human body, how God made our bodies so amazing, and how the different parts work together! They are learning about a simplified version of the scientific process (problem, hypothesis, investigation, conclusion), and are even completing simple “lab reports” with Miss Reeder’s help! They have made working models of the lungs and heart, and this week will be learning about how their stomachs digest their food! Students’ “lab reports,” as well as some other learning documents, are being kept in their science journals, so that at the end of the year, students can take home a binder of their kindergarten science experiences!



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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