

# Through Our School Door

## East Palmyra Christian School

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EPCS School Theme 2009-2010:

*"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer." Psalm 19:14*

*EPCS Mission statement: To offer a Christian educational alternative that integrates faith and learning through a Biblical worldview. We strive to equip our students to develop their gifts, to become discerning disciples, and to joyfully serve God in their calling in their community and world.*

## Monday, November 2, 2009

### Teachers' Conference

On behalf of the faculty at EPCS, I wish to thank the EPCS Board for allowing us all to attend the Ontario Christian School Teachers Association Conference. We had a wonderful time together and prayers for safety on the road and a good, positive, Spirit-filled time were answered!

### Flu...

My hope is that, with the days off last week, the flu at EPCS has abated somewhat... However, please continue to keep your child(ren) home if they are sick or sneezing/coughing. If there is a question about their health, please play it safe and keep them home. Also, please reinforce the directions of hand-washing, especially after coughing, sneezing, or nose-blowing, and encourage the latter to be done into the crook of the arm/sleeve rather than into the hand. Thank you so much!

### Progressive Dinner

Our Annual Progressive Dinner is set for Saturday, November 7 at 6pm. Please join us for a night of food, fun and fellowship. We are looking for families to host in the following areas: Appetizers, Soup & Salad, Entrée and Dessert. If you can help out, or team up with someone to host, please call Julie O'Dell. Please call the office to sign up to attend the dinner. Thank you.

### EPCS Calendar

#### Monday, November 2, 2009, Day C

Modified and JV VB Practice until 4:30 pm

#### Tuesday, November 3, 2009 Day D

Modified and JV VB Practice until 4:45 pm

Facilities Expansion Committee Meeting—7:30 pm

#### Wednesday, November 4 Day E

Hot Lunch

EPCS Faculty Meeting until 4:30 pm

#### Thursday, November 5, 2009 Day F

Modified and JV VB Practice until 4:45 pm

EPCS Board Meeting—7 pm

#### Friday, November 6, 2009 Day A

Pizza sale

End of Quarter 1

#### Saturday, November 7, 2009

EPCS Progressive Dinner 6 pm—see note above

### And Beyond...

Wed- Fri, Nov 11-13 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Spruce Lake

Friday, Nov 13 Report Cards

Fri-Sat, Nov 20-21 Modified VB Knox Tournament

Friday, Dec 4 EPCS Christmas Program

Friday, Dec 11 JV Volleyball Tournament

**Coolers:** There are MANY coolers still left over from the Auction. Please pick them up ASAP. Thanks! We really need the extra room.

**World Vision Child** – We as a school sponsor a child through World Vision. The offering taken during our assemblies is solely for this purpose. We have not been meeting our expenses (\$30 per month). Please remember to bring in your monies to help sponsor Dudi Odiwuor Godfrey in Kenya.

There is updated information on the office door if you'd like to find out more about him.

### **Auction News**

Over 300 **thank you letters will be available starting Tuesday morning** to hand out to businesses that helped make this event a success. Handwritten kids' notes will also be included. We'd like to hand deliver as many of these as possible, not only to save money, but businesses really enjoy receiving these notes in person!!!! Please help, **stop in the office**. You don't need to have been the go-getter for the business to deliver the thank you note!

If you have any suggestions for improvement for the auction committee concerning ideas for next year, please call Don or Cheri Winslow at 986-4240 or email us at [reroteacher@verizon.net](mailto:reroteacher@verizon.net). We would like to see more parents on this committee. The majority of our committee doesn't have or won't have kids in this school next year.

### **Attendance Policy and Procedures**

Just a reminder that if your child is taken out of school early, or brought in later due to an appointment, they need to be signed in and out through the office, and a note should be sent to let us know of their early dismissal/late arrival. If your student is sick, and stays home, please send in an excuse the next day they return to school. Lastly...for every three days that your student is tardy to school, it counts as an absence. Please try to get your students to school on time.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

EPCS will once again be participating in the shoebox project. If you would like to join us in providing a shoe-box full of gifts and hope to children living in poverty around the world, please pick up a brochure in the office. Students who normally bring home the School Door should have brought home brochures already. The boxes should be returned to EPCS by November 6.

### **School Cleaning**

**M**-Kellogg Family

**T- Th** – Ballesty Family

**F**- Stenzel Family

**Mon 11/9**- Collom Family

### **Preschool & Kindergarten**

**Math** – We finish up our chapter on numbers 0-5, and begin studying numbers 6-10.

**ELA** – Letters O and P; we'll continue to practice identifying letters of the alphabet (in non-ABC order), recognizing their sounds, and writing letters (with and without copying).

**Health** – The importance of rest and exercise.

**Bible** – Abraham

### **Reminders:**

- Gym Wednesday
- O & P Show and Tell Wednesday
- Marking period ends November 7<sup>th</sup>

### **First & Second Grade**

**Bible:** We are learning about Jeremiah and the last of the kings of Judah. Our memory verse is Isaiah 55:6-7.

**Math:** The first graders are going to start learning about subtraction this week. The second graders are continuing to learn about number order.

**Science:** We are going to learn about our bodies and how God made them.

**Social Studies:** We are learning about taking care of God's earth. We are also learning about the three R 's reduce, reuse, and recycle.

**Spelling:** There is spelling homework for all groups this week.

**Web page:** Check out our web page. There are pictures up from the Morgan's apple farm and our spelling words will be posted there.

### **Third & Fourth Grade**

**Math Grade 3:** This week we will continue with subtraction. There may be a test on Friday, depending on our progress.

**Grade 4:** Our topics this week are finding patterns and numerical expressions. We will also continue to practice with addition and subtraction of larger numbers.

**Spelling:** List # 7 is coming home today.

**Bible:** We will be finishing Cain and Abel and starting Noah and the Ark.

**Social Studies:** We will be looking at the differences between rural, suburban, and urban communities this week.

**Assembly:** We will be doing assembly tomorrow. It will begin at 8:30 am in the music room. Please join us.

Have a great week! ☺

### **Fifth & Sixth Grade**

**All Spanish Students:** Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day to make up or re-take quizzes.

**Spanish 5/6:** We will be studying the pronunciation of the Spanish alphabet, We will meet Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Students should bring their folders and a writing instrument to class. There will be a written quiz on the alphabet and an oral quiz on the questions ¿Cómo estás? and ¿Cómo te llamas?

**Computer Lab:** Students are creating a PowerPoint presentation about themselves. They will need pictures of their family members, friends and themselves. The easiest way to do this would be for them to save picture files on their memory

sticks, but digital pictures may also be emailed to me ([jrachow@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com](mailto:jrachow@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com)) or saved to a DVD. Prints of pictures may also be sent in and I will scan them on the copier.

**Bible:** Our memory work is the Books of the Bible in order. This week we will look at the stories of Gideon and Saul.

**Reading:** We have started a unit with literature circles. Students should be working on their book reports at home. They are due Nov. 18.

**History:** Our new unit is Egypt.

**Spelling:** Regular spelling tests this week.

**Math Grade 5:** This week we will look at multiplying with decimals.

**Grade 6:** We will learn to divide decimals by whole numbers and other decimals.

### Seventh & Eighth Grades

**Bible:** We are continuing with our study of Jonah. The memory work test is on Thursday. Christian service reports are also due on Thursday.

**All Spanish Students:** Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day to make up or re-take quizzes.

**Spanish 1A (7<sup>th</sup>):** We will be talking about the weather and the seasons. This is the last lesson in Unidad Uno. We will then review for a unit test.

**Spanish 1B (8<sup>th</sup>):** Blueprints/Floorplans are due today, Monday, November 2. Students may make their 'blueprints' as simple or as ornate as they choose. They have the choice of giving an oral description of their blueprint (in Spanish) or writing twenty sentences describing their blueprint. We will begin reviewing for the unit test on Unit 5.

**Spanish 7/8:** There are plans being finalized for a visit to the Beckenses' apple orchards to talk with the Hispanic workers there. Any parent who is available in the afternoon and can help out with transportation, please let me know by emailing me at [maestra@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com](mailto:maestra@eastpalmyrachristianschool.com). At least one or two parents with a van would be very helpful! More details as they become available.

**History:** We will be working on our journal project this week. It will be due on Friday.

### Ninth Grade

**All Spanish Students:** Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day to make up or re-take quizzes.

**Spanish 2 (9<sup>th</sup>):** We are finishing up Lección 4, and will then review Unidad 1 in preparation for a unit test.

**Bible:** Christian service reports are due on Thursday.

**Global Studies:** We will be finishing up Chapter 15 and the test will be on Friday.

### Tenth Grade

**All Spanish Students:** Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day to make up or re-take quizzes.

**Spanish 3 (10<sup>th</sup>):** We are finishing up Lección 4, and will then review Unidad 1 in preparation for a unit test.

**Bible:** Christian service reports are due on Thursday.

**Global Studies:** We will be finishing up Chapter 15 and the test will be on Friday.

### Band

**Lessons: Tues.** 9:00 Jessica 9:30 Garrett 10:00 Karen 10:30 Hannah Sn. 12:40 Kayla

**Wed.** 8:30 Brianna 9:00 Michelle 9:30 Katie 10:00 Jaelyn 10:30 Amelia 2:00 Claire

**Thurs.** 8:30 Caitlin, Carolyn 9:00 Alyssa 9:30 Genesis 10:00 Devin 10:30 Jonah

11:00 Hannah St. 11:30 Brian

**Fri.** 8:30 Amber 9:00 Hunter 9:30 Will 10:00 Ben 2:00 Amanda

**Next Mon. 11/9** 8:30 Brianna 9:00 Josiah 9:30 Drew 10:00 Noah 10:30 Emilee

**Updated music request:** Thanks to the generosity of many, only two pieces of music are still available to donate in honor or memory of a loved one:

**Jazz Band** Swingle All the Way.....\$40  
Rock on Merry Gents.....\$36

**Christmas Concert:** Would you like to join the choir and/or band in our Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert? Instrumentalists who would like to join us for "I'll Be Home for Christmas" and singers who would like to be a part of our gospel-style "Joyful, joyful," should let Mrs. Cornwell know. All family, extended family, and alumni are welcome!

### Circle News

**Hot Lunch:** Soup, rolls, crackers, veggies and dip, dessert. Helpers: Lisa Butterfield, Sadie O'Brien, Irene Webb

**Circle Meeting:** The next Circle meeting will be Thursday, Nov 19, in the school library. Please join us as we plan the next several months of fundraising and fellowship events.

**Thank you:** From time to time someone in the community asks our school to cater a funeral lunch. Thank you to all the families who contributed a dish for the lunch or helped serve the meal. We couldn't have done it without you!

**The Stevco frozen food sale begins today!** Please look for sale packets in students' backpacks. **The sale runs through Monday, November 14.** All order forms and money must be turned in on or before that day.