

Through Our School Door

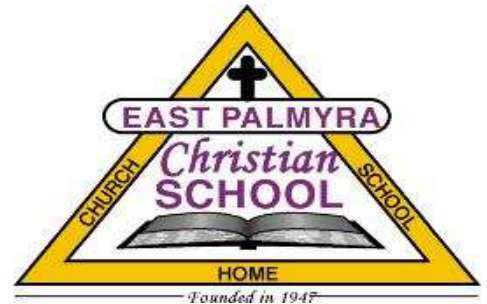
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EPCS School Theme 2009-2010:

“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, January 25, 2010

We are One

Last week I wrote to you about our faculty meeting content. Actually the article included a bit more than that, but my intention was one of letting you know what our meetings are all about. Today, I wish to focus a bit on our EPCS Board.

Our EPCS Board has nine elected (by you at the EPCS Corporation Meeting in the spring) members, including Julie O'Dell (President), Erica Van Camp (Vice President), Brenda Cramer (Secretary), Gary Butterfield (Finance Committee, Facilities Expansion Committee), Amy Fisher (Promotion and Enrollment Committee), Sue Priem (Strategic Planning Committee), Ned Morgan (Board Treasurer), Saul Hernandez (Auction Committee), and me (Principal). We are one Board member short due to the resignation of Paul Campbell, who moved with his family to Utah.

We know each other well. Some of us are go-getters—let's get this done NOW—while others of us are slow-downers—lets figure all of this out first. Some of us are dreamers, others of us are very practical. Some of us calculate finances and figures well, others of us not so much. Some of us are organizationally on top of things, others of us are organizationally challenged. Some of us are thinkers and planners, others of us are thinkers and doers. And we know each other quite well. We are one!

And we all have gifts to give to this EPCS Board, and thereby to this community we know as EPCS. As board members, we are one in understanding: whose school this is, to whom we all belong. And we operate under that unifying premise. You see, God “seeps” into our board, and into its members. God uses all our gifts, as varied as God has gifted us, God uses them in the kingdom, in this little part of that kingdom. We, as board members are as varied as can be, but we are one. This school, God's school, is our focus. Being faithful is our focus. And by God's Spirit, we hold our selves in check and accountable.

We are God's people, each one of us, whether we serve on the board or not. Please pray for our board members, for God's immeasurable grace to fall on each one of them, that God continues to seep into their lives at home, at work, at play, and at the board meetings. Your board is a good group. They are one in the Spirit. They are one in the Lord!! Please give thanks to God for each one of them!!

Several board members will be traveling to Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada, to Knox Christian School. The Knox community was engaged in a major expansion program of the school facilities. Our board members wish to

Speak with them regarding finances, time lines, raising funds, etc. and see how we might be able to implement those strategies here at EPCS. Please pray for safety and guidance on this day! kv

World Vision/Haiti Offering

The student body at EPCS will be sending some \$500 to World Vision for Haiti Relief. The check will go out on Thursday. If you wish to donate to this fund as well, please feel to do that prior to Thursday. Thanks.

Pasta Dinner

Please reserve the date of Friday evening, February 12, for the annual 7th/8th Grade Pasta Dinner. The menu will include Meat Lasagna, Cheese Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Beverage. The children's menu will feature Penne Pasta with sauce. Tickets will be available from any 7th/8th grader or through the office. Prices are: 12 years and over - \$7.00, Ages 6-11 - \$4.00 and Immediate Family members, no more than \$30 per family. This looks to be another wonderful evening of delicious food, with proceeds going towards the 7th/8th grade fund. Please plan to be there! ☺

Progressive Dinner

Thanks to all who attended the EPCS Progressive Dinner and to all those who hosted us and prepared food! We had a good time together!!

EPCS Calendar

Monday, January 25, 2010 Day A

Boys BB practice until 4:45 pm

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 Day B

Boys BB Practice till 4:45 pm

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 Day C

Collection for World Vision Child—Godfrey/Haiti
Hot Lunch--Noon

Thursday, January 28, 2010 Day D

Boys BB at Roch School/Deaf—4 pm start

Friday, January 29, 2010 Day E

Friday Pizza Sale
EPCS Board members to Bowmanville, Ontario

Monday, February 1, 2010 Day F

Boys BB HOME vs Pavilion—4 pm start

Tuesday, February 2, 2010, Day A

Boys BB practice until 4:45 pm

And Beyond:

Friday, Feb. 12 7th/8th Grade Pasta Dinner
Thursday Feb. 25 EPCS Open House 7-8:30pm
Mon-Fri, March 8-12 Young Artists' Festival

Boy's BB Game Schedule (revised)

All games begin at 4pm unless otherwise noted.
Tues. Feb 9 Home vs. Rochester Sch. for the Deaf
Thur. Feb 11 @ St. Paul

Bake Sale for Haiti

A big thank you to all who contributed baked goods for our sale, as well as monetary donations. We will be sending a check for \$248.75 to World Vision for Haiti.

EPCS Open House

The East Palmyra Christian School will be holding an **Open House on Thursday, February 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** Invite others to come see the campus, tour the classrooms, meet the teachers, and talk with other parents about the difference a Christian education can make in the life of their child. From preschool through high school, quality academic, fine arts and athletic programs will enrich their child, all within a nurturing, Christ-centered environment.

For more information, visit the school's website at www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com, or call the office at (315) 597-4400.

EPCS Website

Especially middle and high school students/families, feel free to check out the EPCS website, and click on "Teachers"!

School Cleaning

Mon. - East Family
Tues. - East Family
Wed. - Wieber Family
Thurs. - Brennan Family
Fri. - VanCamp Family
Mon. 2/01 - PAID

If you need keys to clean after hours, please let the office know so that we can make arrangements for you to get keys. Thank you!

Change for Education

Change for Education drive will be held during the month of February. Please save your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars for this event. The format will be the same as last year, with each classroom raising money for their own classroom.

Warm Clothing Drive

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this drive. Your contribution was much appreciated!

Finance News

Tax receipts for 2009 donations will be sent out soon.

Adopt a Bill

Winter is synonymous with large bills, which causes everyone's budget to get tighter. Our school is no different. Please look at the list of bills and prayerfully consider if you may be able to help in any way.

Q's Lawn and Landscape (plowing)-\$ 400.00
(\$500.00 donated – Thank You!)

Screen Vision Direct - \$156.00

Toshiba Copier - \$165.75

Time Warner - \$126.18

NYSEG - \$2,458.14

E & V Energy - \$390.00

Town of Palmyra – water - \$2,098.22 – Paid!!

THANK YOU!

Donations of 8 ½ x 11 copy paper are always appreciated (20lb weight, 92 or 96 brightness).

Please specify adopt a bill with your donation and remember that all gifts are tax deductible.

If you have any questions, please call the office.

EPCS Soccer Players

Some soccer uniforms are still not turned in. Please check at home and please turn them in ASAP. Thank you.

Kindergarten & Preschool

Math – In the beginning of the week, we will do some review measurement activities. Then we will begin our new chapter: Time and Money. This week will specifically be days of the week.

ELA –We will continue reading and writing about shadows. Long vowel sounds will also be introduced.

Bible – The Israelites in the Desert

Social Studies – Choices; Needs vs. Wants

Reminders:

Gym Tuesday and Friday

Bring in money for our World Vision Child on Wednesday

Show and Tell Wednesday

Bring in an empty cereal box and shoe box.

First & Second Grade

Bible: This week we are learning more about Jesus' early ministry. Our memory verse this week is Matthew 4:23.

Spelling: The red (1st grade spellers) and the purple (Kayla and Stevie) groups will have spelling test this week. The orange group (2nd grade spellers) is doing a review unit this week.

Math: The first graders are learning about fact families and how to choose an operation based on the words in a word problem. The second graders are going to work on learning how to add two digit numbers and how to regroup.

Social Studies: We are going to continue learning about holidays and the symbols of our country.

Science: We are learning about stay healthy and medicine. We are also learning about poisons and being safe about what we eat and drink.

Art: We are going to be making worry boxes. Please send in a shoe box or an empty tissue box for art on Friday.

Offering for World Vision: We are collecting our offering for our world vision child on Wednesdays now. Please don't forget to send something in so that we can support our child. Thank you.

Third & Fourth Grade

Spelling: Lesson 16 lists will be sent home today.

Bible: We will begin dioramas this week.

Social Studies: We will be discussing different celebrations.

Field Trip: I will be sending home information either today or tomorrow.

Math: Grade 3: We will continue working with graphing this week.

Grade 4: Test on Wednesday over multiplying and dividing. Our next unit will be graphing.

Fifth and Sixth Grade

Assembly: Our class is in charge of Assembly next week. Please feel free to join us.

Math Grade 5: Test on Wednesday over division with one digit divisors. Our next unit will be over working with two digit divisors and larger numbers.

Grade 6: Test on Wednesday over fraction concepts. The next unit covers adding and subtracting with fractions.

Bible: We are will finish with Psalms this week.

Reading: We will present our book reports on Friday after devotions (around 8:30). Students should bring their costumes. Parents are welcome to join us, but please let me know if you are coming so I can plan for extra chairs.

History: We continue a unit about the Ancient Greeks.

Spelling: Regular tests this week.

Spanish 5/6: We meet Monday, January 31st. Ten more nouns will be presented. Students should bring their folders and a writing instrument to class.

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Pasta Dinner: Parents please mark your calendars for Friday, February 12 for our annual pasta dinner. Each student will be receiving a packet of 10 tickets to sell. They will be coming home this week. Please see Mrs. Beckens if you have questions. Thank you.

Bible: Journal entries are due tomorrow. We will have a test on Thursday over Job and Surviving Bad Things that Happen. The memory work is Job 19:25-27.

Spanish 1A (7th) Students will have a quiz on U2L2 on Wednesday. The quiz will include the subject pronouns he, she, they masculine (or mixed group), they feminine, and the verb forms that correspond with them. The verb vocabulary on page 59 will also be on the quiz. Then we will start U2L3.

Spanish 1B (8th) We have begun study of U6L4. This will include the study of 'yo-go' verbs, time expressions (next week, last month, etc.). A new composition, entitled 'Fiestas' will be assigned this week.

History: Progressive Era Project is due tomorrow.

Ninth and Tenth Grade

Bible: We will look at the life of Joseph.

Spanish 2: There will be a quiz on Unit 2 Lesson 3 on Tuesday. This includes vocabulary words of common accessories (bracelet, earrings, ring, etc.) and using direct and indirect object pronouns together.

Spanish 3: Sarah will begin review of the imperfect tense forms.

Global: We will be continuing Chapter 18 The French Revolution and Napoleon.

Band Lessons

Tues. 8:30 Kaitlyn 9:00 Caitlin, Carolyn 9:30 Kayla 10:00 Amanda, Cathryn 10:30 Noah

Wed. 8:00 Josiah 8:30 Michelle 9:00 Jaelyn. 9:30 Hannah Sn. 10:00 Jonah. 12:40 4/5 BAND 1:20 5th grade All county practice 2:00 Hannah St.

Thurs. 9:00 Devin 9:30 Katie 10:00 Amelia 10:20 Brianna 10:40 Genesis

Fri. 8:30 Amber, Alyssa 9:00 Brian 9:30 Ben 10:00 Will 10:30 Hunter 1:00 7/8 all county leave for WCHS

Next Mon. 2/1 8:30 Jessica 9:00 Drew 9:30 Garrett 10:00 Emilee 10:30 Karen 11:00 Noah 11:30 Kaitlyn

Music donations: Earlier in the fall, the 7/8 music class surveyed their parents and grandparents, and themselves, about their favorite pieces of music. When the results were compiled, we were able to see many repeats on the list of favorites. I have chosen band music for the next concert based on these top favorites. If you would like to donate a piece of music in honor or memory of a loved one, please let the office know. Thank you!

Concert band

King of Rock and Roll...	\$50
4th & 5th grade band	
Beethoven for Band	\$45
What a Wonderful World	\$45
Hallelujah Chorus	\$40
Eye of the Tiger	\$45

Circle News

Hot Lunch this week will be Chicken Pot Pie, Salad, Bread & Butter and Dessert provided by Sadie O'Brien. Workers will be Lisa Butterfield, Irene Webb and Sadie O'Brien.

Candy Bar sale is still ongoing. Please continue to sell your candy bars and return your money to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Catering Request – we need your help!

The circle has been asked to cater an event on Friday, February 5th at the EPCRC Church. We are looking for donations of the following salads: Potato, Macaroni, Pasta, Lettuce, Fruit and Jell-O and Desserts. We also need helpers to serve. Workers will need to work 4pm – 9pm that evening. If you can help in any way, please call Maggie Cosh at 1-585-396-2093 as soon as possible. Thank you!

EPCS Logo Items

EPCS Logo items that were available at the auction are still available. T-shirts, hats, mouse pads, window stickers, car door magnets, tote bags, etc. Ask about them in the office.

Donations Wanted

Do you have scrap metal, old auto, motorcycle or lawnmower batteries or old appliances lying around just looking for a place to call home? EPCS will take them off of your hands, as we can recycle these items for cash. This cash will go towards the school. Please call Edison O'Brien at 331-4622 if you can help out. Thank you!