



On the Homefront

Frontline

"Be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24

Dear PCCA Family,

What a wonderful time we all had at the Christmas parade! This was a perfect example of unity where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Becca Hodgson and Sherry Sullivan stepped out in faith to put together a Christmas float. Various parents and spouses brought items and gave of their time. The older students helped decorate. Then more than 60 people showed up to ride or walk. Our "Happy Birthday, Jesus" message rang out loud and clear. Praise be to God!

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Sheryl Murray

PCCA Discount Cards

Meeting Tuesday, December 15, 8:20 a.m. at Northeast Baptist Church Family Life Center

We are putting together a discount card to be sold in the spring. We will sell the cards for \$5 each. Carla Pritchard is going to coordinate this fundraiser for us, but she needs your help!

You can drop in to the family life center when you drop your student off for the music program rehearsal.

If you have any questions, please call the school office at 765-6038. Thanks for your help!

What's Happening...

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thu 12/15 6:30 pm
Northeast Baptist Church Family Life Center
See other side for more details.

SHOW CHOIR @ SENIOR CENTER

Fri 12/16 11:45 am

ALL SCHOOL FIELD TRIP (PK 4 - 8th)

Ponca City Nursing Home
Tue 12/20 9:30 - 11:30
Followed by lunch and Christmas parties
School dismisses at 1:00 pm!!

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Dec 21 - Jan 3

BOARD MEETING

Mon 1/9, 6:00 pm
PCCA Cafeteria

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Tue 1/17, 5:30 pm
Eastern Heights Christian Church
Family Life Center

PCCA

901 Monument, Bldg 3
Ponca City, OK 74604
580.765.6038

Prayer Concerns:

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Program preparations go smoothly. The children's performance will be a blessing to all who attend, as well as the students.

YEARBOOK - Volunteer to put together our school yearbook for the 2011-2012 school year.

REASON FOR THE SEASON - That we will all remember the reason we celebrate this Christmas season. That we will freely share the gift of Jesus with those we encounter this season.

ILLNESS / INJURIES - Please pray for our staff, their families, and students as we deal with illness and injuries.

CUSTODIAL VOLUNTEER - We need some volunteers to help us with custodial duties for the next two weeks, while our custodian is out on sick leave.

Praise

* We greatly appreciate everyone who helped to decorate the float for the Christmas Parade.

* Mrs. Hodgson did an amazing job with the float! We appreciate you so very much!

* We are thankful for the 63 people who showed up to represent our school by riding on the float, handing out candy and singing carols with us - in the frigid weather! You're awesome!

SCHOOL BOARD REVIEW OF THE FIRST SEMESTER

PCCA Parents,

There is no better way to say it than "our school has been blessed!" God has blessed us tremendously during the first half of the school year with amazing staff and students. Mrs. Murray has been a Godsend as she came to us with much experience in combining grades for a Christian school. Some parents may not know, but she teaches 2 1/2 hours each day and also takes on the full load of being our administrator. Mrs. Sullivan has been amazing as our new Office Manager. She does a GREAT job handling the two jobs of Financial Administrator and Receptionist that were combined at the beginning of this year. We continually hear great things about our teachers, aides, and cleaning staff. Their love for Christ and your children is evident. They take an enormous pay cut to work for what our school can afford to pay.

At the school board meeting Monday night, we discussed how unbelievably well the school year has gone. Just to think, we started last year \$20,000 in the hole because money had to be borrowed from pre-paid tuition to finish off the 2009-10 year. Then a huge shortfall was overcome in May of this year as we were able to pay all the bills without using 2011-12 prepaid tuition.

Now for this year, we have already raised \$27,000 in donations and \$14,000 through fundraisers! After going through all the costs of running the school and cutting everywhere that is practical, expenses have been lower than expected. A \$5,000 cafeteria savings is being realized by having the kids bring their lunches. We are very close to maximizing \$6,000 in volunteer grants from ConocoPhillips. Unbelievably, with projected tuition and other income less estimated expenses, we only need to raise around \$5,000 more to break even this year! But, the School Board has a goal to go further than that. Most non-profits should have one month's expenses in reserve, so we will start working to build a \$25,000 "rainy day fund." After that is accomplished, our desire is to increase teacher pay and spend a little on our building.

Amazingly, we went from 93 students last year to 63 this year and are in much better financial position. God has truly had His Hand on PCCA! There is no other way to explain it.

However, the most awesome result is seeing your children grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord. Thank you, parents, for the sacrifices you make to send your children here. It is an investment that will have eternal returns.

Your PCCA School Board,

Doyle Brewer, President
Ryan Kirkpatrick, Vice President
Tim Klein, Treasurer
Jeremy Whiles, Secretary
Scott Barron, Member at Large



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

* Calling for flashlights! The children will be using flashlights as part of the Christmas program this year. If you have a flashlight (or more) that you would be willing to let us borrow, please bring them to the school office. They should be normal, handheld flashlights that a child can easily handle and turn on/off. No tiny ones. Please make sure they are labeled with your name. They will be returned in your child's backpack on Friday, Dec. 16th.

* Piano prelude - Mrs. Klein is working with Mrs. Bunch again this year to put together a piano prelude, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. If your child takes piano lessons from someone besides Mrs. Bunch and would like to participate in the prelude, please, speak to Mrs. Klein to be included in the program.

* Reminder - Tuesday, Dec. 13, Wednesday, Dec. 14, and Thursday, Dec. 15, we will be practicing at the Northeast Baptist Church Family Life Center. We will need all parents to bring their students to the church for practice by 8:15 a.m. Mrs. Candy Chaney will be at the church at 7:45 to receive early arrivals. We also need parents to help transport the children back to school after practice. Please let your teacher know if you are able to help.

* Needs: sling shot, and small harp (doesn't need to make sound). If you have one we can borrow, please bring to office. We will return it the Friday following the program.