



PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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On March 22nd, we had our first PCA Easter Concert. Through Scripture and song, we commemorated Jesus' great redemptive work together. It was a meaningful evening!

Beth Emberley, music teacher



Happy March 8th!

The school took the initiative to take a moment and celebrate March 8, International Women's Day, where students were able to purchase a rose to gift to teachers/staff. It was a joyful moment and much appreciated by all women at PCA.



Generosity in Action!



We're thrilled to announce the addition of a state-of-the-art computer lab to our school, made possible by generous donors who share our commitment to student learning. At the start of the school year, Vasile Turcan rallied funds for two Mac desktops, while Dr. Terry W. Dorsett secured a \$10,000 grant for 10 new Apple desktops. The Potorac family then generously donated 12 iPads. These contributions have enriched learning across all grades, fostering an environment where every child can thrive.

Utilizing cutting-edge software like Lexia Core5 Reading, students are honing their literacy skills, while also sharpening math skills with platforms like XtraMath and Khan Academy. Looking ahead, the lab will support incoming students through placement testing in May and June, ensuring a smooth transition. This investment in our students' future reflects the power of community and collaboration, and we're immensely grateful to our donors. Stay tuned for more updates as we embark on this exciting journey in digital learning at PCA!



Our Words Matter

We were honored to welcome Dr. Terry Dorsett, Executive Director of the Baptist Churches of New England (BCNE), as a guest speaker in one of our recent Wednesday chapel services. Dr. Dorsett, gifted with a dynamic rapport with young people, delivered a powerful message that left a lasting impression on our students.

During the service, Dr. Dorsett engaged our students with an interactive biblical object lesson on the power of words. He invited student volunteers to participate in a demonstration, illustrating how once words are spoken, they cannot be taken back. Using a tube of toothpaste, students were tasked with squeezing out its contents, then challenged to be the first to put the toothpaste back into the tube. The comical yet profound exercise emphasized the importance of being mindful of our words and their impact on others.

As Proverbs 18:21 reminds us, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits." Dr. Dorsett's message resonated deeply with our students, reminding them of the significance of their words and encouraging them to use them wisely to build others up.

We are grateful to Dr. Dorsett for sharing his time and wisdom with us, and we look forward to continuing to nurture our students' spiritual growth through engaging chapel experiences like these.



KINDERGARTEN



We are thrilled to share what's in store for our kindergarten students this month. You may have heard about the excitement in our classroom as we embark on our science journey. We have begun reading collectively from our science textbook titled "God's World." We've just completed our first chapter of how each child is intricately designed by God, equipped with five senses. We will progress to chapters covering "Types of Weather" and "Seasons." Students are continuing to expand their understanding of special sounds, and they have now advanced to three-letter special sounds, such as "spl" in splash. In Numbers, we've delved into the realm of word problems and explored how to compare numbers before and after 1–100. Additionally, students are mastering the skill of reading clocks by the hour, half-hour and quarter past.

~Mrs. Angela

1st Grade

HOORAY!! First Grade has now memorized the Ten Commandments! And they have been learning through the Bible stories that no one can keep all the laws. As Jesus said in Mark 10:18, "No one is good except God alone." This is the reason we all need a Savior. We thank Jesus every morning for being our Savior.

Our first graders are learning to become authors! Writing class has progressed from writing sentences to writing whole stories. First they gather information, then they organize the information in a chronological order. While writing about President Washington and President Lincoln's lives, they learned to write a first, second and final draft. They are hanging on our "Good Work" wall outside our classroom. Please stop by and read them. They have done an amazing job with these stories.

First grade has also been reading and gathering information from their history books about the pioneers and the Oregon Trail. After the students learned and wrote about the process that pioneers used to make butter, the class then tried making butter themselves. They took turns vigorously shaking a jar of heavy cream for about 10 minutes. It worked! We had butter on crackers for our snack.

- Mrs. Pauli



HOT OFF THE PRESS:

First grade has a new SPEED JUMPING CHAMPION from First Grade.! Maximus Placinta jumped 180 jumps in one minute! That's 3 jumps per second!!! Who will be the next champion?

2nd Grade



March flew by in second grade. The students were busy learning about the life of Jesus, His teachings, miracles and His death and resurrection. They were full of wonderful questions that led to some insightful discussions. We used the Rose of Jericho, also known as "The Resurrection Plant", to illustrate what it is to see something that appears dead, but comes back to life with a little water.

We ended the month with a deep dive into the book of James and Proverbs and what both have to say about the tongue, and the huge impact what we say makes, speaking life or death into others. The students wrote words of life specific to each other which allowed them to see what makes each other special, and all left feeling encouraged and appreciated.

They have continued to write some amazing stories that have shown and stretched their creative muscles. In Science they studied the planets and constellations and had the opportunity to design their own constellations, first on paper and then with marshmallows and toothpicks.

Second grade started to use the computer lab this month to practice both their math skills and their reading. It is often the highlight of their day to go to the computer lab and they push themselves to reach the next goal.

~Mrs. Keiderling



3rd Grade

March has been an exciting month for our third graders! In math, they delved into the world of fractions and tackled solving two-step story problems. In history, they completed their study of the Civil War and explored the lives of national heroes from that era. The highlight of the month was undoubtedly their Animal Writing report, where they researched and wrote about their favorite animals, covering all five groups of animals. Additionally, they dedicated themselves to improving their reading comprehension skills through diligent work on Lexia.

~ Mrs. Lashtur



4th Grade

In March the fourth grade dove deep into weather and astronomy. In history class we had a lot of fun memorizing the names of the presidents in order along with all 50 states and capitals. They even developed motions as they sang through the 50 states song! Of special note was our Pi Day festivities where we learned the value of Pi, what it's used for, and then did all things circular! We decorated round cookies with our spelling words, studied pie graphs, and ate PIE. We also studied homonyms and searched the school for hidden verses with a 3:14 reference. The students really enjoyed the day. The fourth graders are working very hard and continue to grow in the grace of God and knowledge of HIM!



~Mrs. Kreuger



PCA Girls Soccer

PCA girls soccer is off to a great start! Everyone loves our Tuesday evening practices with big smiles. Our PCA players are learning all about passing, dribbling, shooting and playing defense. Each session is packed with drills designed to hone skills, foster teamwork, and instill a love for the game. In just a few weeks we have improved our personal ball skills and grown as a team.

Go PCA!

~ Coach, Lauren