

Falcon Friday Feature

March 2022 Student Newsletter



- March 17th - K-3rd Grade Spring Program and Student Art Show
 - March 18th - No School
 - March 21st - No School/Parent Teacher Conferences
 - March 22nd - End of the 3rd Quarter
 - March 25th - Mentor Day and Pancakes and PJ's!
 - March 30th - Pie Shoppe Orders Due
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Dear Seeds of Faith Families,

Great News! Our water system has passed it's final approval and we are drinking our own fresh water. We also now have 2 new water bottle filling stations that were made possible by a grant we received from the "Community Foundation for the Alleghenies". The new stations are also helping us to reduce the amount of plastic going to our local landfill by 356 bottles in just 2 weeks. Thanks to everyone that contributed in getting our new water system up and running. Special Thanks to Brad and Kim Kratz for providing the coolers and water while we worked through the approval process along with Erika Farester, Joe Cook / H2O Restoration, Brian Rearick, G Force Engineering, Hugh Water Services.



Teacher Update: Preschool

By Ms. Curren

THE PRESCHOOL STUDENTS ARE REALLY ENJOYING THE NEW CARPETS! IT MAKES OUR BOOK NOOK SO COZY FOR READING AND SNUGLING. THANK YOU MR. SANTORO!

OUR ROOM IS CHANGING WITH THE NEW MONTH. I AM TEACHING THE CHILDREN ABOUT THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION THAT ST. PATRICK TAUGHT THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND WITH THE SHAMROCK. WE WILL HAVE TWO DAYS OF PARTY CELEBRATIONS. THE THEME WILL BE ALL THINGS GREEN.

WE ARE STILL CONCENTRATING ON LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S LOVE. THEY HAVE MEMORIZED 10 BIBLE VERSES IN THE LAST 6 WEEKS! AMAZING! OUR LITTLE ONES HAVE TENDER HEARTS AND ARE VERY EXCITED TO LEARN. EVERY MOMENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN VALUABLE LESSONS. AT THIS AGE, THEY ARE LEARNING THE IMPORTANT FOUNDATIONS THAT ARE NEEDED AND NECESSARY IN ALL AREAS OF LIFE. THEY ARE LEARNING LETTERS; RECOGNITION, SOUNDS, AND WRITING. THEY ARE LEARNING WORDS, DEFINITION AND RECOGNITION. THEY ARE LEARNING NUMBERS; SYMBOLS, AND VALUES ASSOCIATED WITH EACH ONE; INCLUDING ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION USING MANIPULATIVES. THEY ARE LEARNING IMPORTANT SOCIAL SKILLS AND MANNERS THROUGH PLAY, AND LEARNING TO USE WORDS TO EXPRESS THEIR THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS. CRAFTS AND MUSIC ARE CAREFULLY CHOSEN FOR THEIR EDUCATIONAL QUALITIES. EVERY DAY IS A BLESSING AND VERY BUSY. NAPS AND NUTRITIOUS SNACKS ARE IMPORTANT FOR THESE CHILDREN WHO ARE GROWING AND DEVELOPING RAPIDLY. GOD IS GOOD AND HE IS DOING AMAZING THINGS IN THIS PRESCHOOL CLASS!



Teacher Update: Kindergarten

By Mrs. Marquez



Some students featured include Janie McNeal, Adalynn Tennant, Bo Yeager, Jayna Bruno, Savannah Fleming, and Slade Houser.

CAN YOU BELIEVE WE'VE BEEN IN SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 100 DAYS! THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS STARTED COUNTING ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. THEY PUT A BLUE STRAW IN A CHART EVERY DAY TO HELP THEM KEEP TRACK. THIS ALSO HELPS THEM UNDERSTAND PLACE VALUE. THE ANTICIPATION BUILDS EVERY TIME WE MAKE A NEW GROUP OF 10 STRAWS. WHEN WE ARRIVED AT DAY 100, WE WERE READY TO CELEBRATE! WE MADE EDIBLE NECKLACES OUT OF 100 FRUIT LOOPS, WE DRESSED LIKE WE WERE 100 YEARS OLD AND WALKED THROUGH A WATERFALL OF STREAMERS ATTACHED TO A SIGN THAT READ WE'RE 100 DAYS SMARTER!



Teacher Update: 1st Grade

By Mrs. Nelson

In 1st grade, we have had a lot of days to celebrate this month. On 2/22/22, we celebrated 2's Day all day with activities, centers, and crafts. We practiced double facts, compound words, homophones, and more! We also made time capsules for them to open on 3/3/33, when they are Seniors in High School. We enjoyed spending our day working on things that involve the number 2.



On 3/2, we celebrated Read Across America Day by reading lots of books together, having times of silent reading, and doing activities that celebrate our love of reading. It is so fun to see the 1st graders become more and more excited about reading. They came into 1st grade reading sentences and now they are devouring picture and chapter books every day. I love to watch them and their love of reading!



We have also been studying our bodies in science and learning how to keep ourselves healthy, clean, and safe. We did an experiment this week where we are able to see what germs are on our hands, why it is important to wash them, and how the germs grow. We swabbed our hands and then wiped what we swabbed onto a gelatin surface in a muffin cup (like a petri dish in high school science class). We will be able to watch the germs grow and see what way is best for us to keep our hands clean. It was a fun experiment. We are learning about so many different things from God's world in 1st grade and having a great time doing it!

You will find all the 1st graders featured throughout the photos, which include Travis Mayhle, Dominic Kehathilwe, Emma Shobert, Eliza Philp, Mackenzie Montgomery, Uzziah Dishong, and Avaya Heilbrun.

Teacher Update: 2nd Grade

By Mrs. Miller

The last few weeks have flown by with all of the fun we've been having in second grade. We have celebrated two birthdays (Maddie and Noah) and a half birthday (Annalise). One of the things we do to celebrate a birthday is shower the birthday student with kind words that describe him/her. We also celebrated Valentine's day by passing out cards to one another, playing games, eating snacks, and watching a show. One of the games we played was the candy game pictured. Second grade also celebrated Two's Day on 2-22-22. We wore two of something and did many "two's" activities: compound words, double consonants, homophones, read the story "Tuesday" and used the number 2 as a starting point to draw pictures.



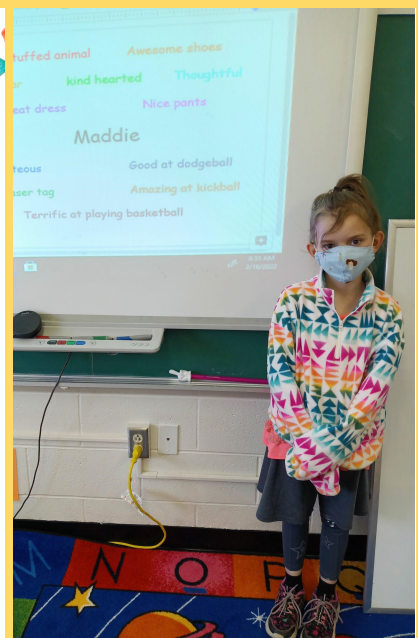
Some students featured include Maddie Kimmel, Marlee Eckenrode, Stetson Beatty, and Logan Miller.

As first and second grades outreach this year, we are collecting new, unused craft items to supply HAVIN with a craft closet (something they currently do not have). HAVIN: Helping All Victims In Need is a non-profit agency that provides supportive services for people who are not safe in their own home. Oftentimes, there are children staying in the shelter with their mom and they come in with nothing. For more information on HAVIN, you can look on their website: <https://www.havinpa.org/>. We found a website that has over 100 crafts you can make using only the supplies list pictured. We will supply HAVIN with this website along with all of the craft donations. Any student, not just first and second graders, may bring any donation off the list and place it in the purple tote in the office. We will collect donations until March 31st. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Fill Your Bag

Things to Buy	Gather from Home
<input type="checkbox"/> Washi tape	<input type="checkbox"/> Crayons
<input type="checkbox"/> Pompoms (various sizes)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stapler with staples
<input type="checkbox"/> Pipe cleaners	<input type="checkbox"/> Kid scissors
<input type="checkbox"/> Large popsicle sticks	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult scissors
<input type="checkbox"/> Paper plates (9-inch coated)	<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction paper (assorted)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton balls
<input type="checkbox"/> Clothespins	<input type="checkbox"/> Q-tips
<input type="checkbox"/> Craft Paint (start with yellow, red, blue, black and white)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pencil
<input type="checkbox"/> Metal brads	<input type="checkbox"/> Scotch tape
<input type="checkbox"/> Markers (I like Pipsqueaks)	<input type="checkbox"/> Elmer's glue
<input type="checkbox"/> Glue sticks	<input type="checkbox"/> Black Sharpie marker
<input type="checkbox"/> Brown paper lunch bags	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tissue paper (assorted-cut into 1" squares)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Googly eyes (self-adhesive)	
<input type="checkbox"/> White yarn	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pony beads	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single hole punch	

Notes:
And don't forget a good sturdy bag!



Teacher Update: 3rd Grade

By Mrs. Buterbaugh

Third grade has been best to receive teaching about watercolor painting from our own Mr. Johnson. Prof. Johnson has graciously given two days of his own time to give basic instruction in brushes, paper and technique. This is in addition to the work the students have done in Ms. Duchon's art classes, and the students are becoming quite comfortable with this wonderful medium of expression and creativity. Some of the new technical art terms the students learned included *gooey* and *juicy* (referring to the texture of paint and brush, and *messing around*, which is what we should do when we're figuring out what to paint.

Our class enjoyed the penny wars, knowing that all the money goes to a good cause in the end. Third grade is proud to know that, after just three days of competition, we were the only grade with TWO cans on the table. It took Mrs. Heilbrun forty-five minutes to count our second-day can of money, and when she was almost done, the power went off for a few seconds and she had to start all over again! Thanks for the perseverance, Mrs. Heilbrun!

Mr. Smith and Mr. "Scott" from the Rotary Club delivered individual copies of the Webster's Dictionary for Students on February 23. Students were asked to look up the word *tourniquet*, and that caused a lot of good discussion about spelling, meaning, and how to use the dictionary. The books also contain an important Almanac feature at the end of the book, with information about the government, important dates in our history, geography and an atlas. We appreciate this wonderful gift, a valued addition to our education. The dictionaries now belong to the individual students, and most of them quickly announced the special places they will keep their dictionaries at home. Thanks to the Rotary Club for this blessing!

Our amigo and compatriot Rigo Partida met with us in a virtual classroom, all the way from Mexico where he is visiting his family. The third graders sent questions for Rigo in advance of the meet, and Rigo had the answers ready. Of great interest were the flocks of chickens that are freely roaming in the area. The chickens are an important food and financial source for the families that live there, and it was interesting to learn that the chickens all run together during the daylight hours and then know where their homes are, to go in for the night.

Rigo took the students on a virtual tour of his location, showing the streets and neighborhoods, as well as the personal home of his family. We would never have gotten to see such interesting and beautiful sights of another country, from such a personal viewpoint, if Rigo and Mrs. Partida had not given us this opportunity. Thanks!

Students gleefully participated in Spirit Week. Wacky Wednesday was a favorite. We love being in third grade!



Students who are featured in the photos on the left are Rei Fulmer, JoJo Gillenwater, Jesiah Hopkins, Levi Echevarria, Hudson Eckenrode, Carson Shobert, Bryce Bieda, and Josh Philp.

Teacher Update: 4th Grade

By Mrs. Wilson



Easter Message "What Jesus Came to Do"

*"For I have come down from heaven, not
to do My own
will, but the will of Him who sent Me" ~
John 6:38*

Mrs. Wilson's fourth grade class will once again present the Easter message, "What Jesus Came to Do" on Friday, April 8, 2022, at 6:30 pm at Seeds of Faith Christian Academy. The fifth and sixth grade students will join the fourth grade in presenting this profound message that will surely bless everyone.

Mrs. Bruno's high school band will perform their spring concert that evening following the skit. Ms. Duchon will also have many art pieces created by her students on display, and the PTF will serve refreshments. So, bring your family, friends, and neighbors, and join us for an evening of Christian fellowship as we prepare ourselves for the Easter season. You will be blessed!

Susan Wilson ∞



Middle School and High School Updates:

BIBLE WITH MR. JOHNSON

The fifth and sixth graders concluded their survey of the Gospel of John in February. Key verses studied included John 15:5 and John 16:33. It is hoped that the students live a life of loving gratitude for what Jesus, very God in the flesh, bore on the cross for their sins. We will begin a survey of the Book of Acts in March. I have appreciated the time the students take to pray at the beginning of most classes. The older students, grades eight to twelve, have mainly been studying 1 Peter and 2 Peter. They continued to understand and hopefully apply the encouragement from Peter about drawing ever closer to Christ, especially during trials. The admonition in 1 Peter 3:15 was emphasized, i.e. "always be ready to give a reason for the hope we have, but to do it with gentleness and respect". In March we will continue to study 2 Peter as well as 1 John. The students will also present a slideshow on the current cultural issues facing teens. They will present this in a factual way from a Biblical worldview and contrast that viewpoint with that which is prevalent in today's culture. John 15:5, John 16:33, James 1:22, Mark 12:30 and 35, Proverbs 3: 5 and 6, Psalm 32:8 and 1 Peter 3:15 are our current memory verses.



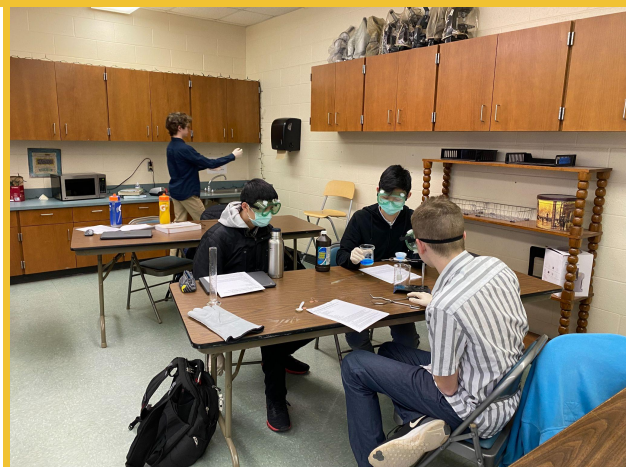
FEATURED ABOVE IN THE PHOTO IS HELEN DIAS (8TH GRADE) WHO DRESSED FROM THE 1950'S FOR SPIRIT WEEK!

FEATURED IN THE PHOTOS BELOW ARE STUDENTS IN CHEMISTRY CLASS!

Chemistry Class "Melts" Pennies!

By Mrs. McLaughlin

The Chemistry class performed an experiment that extracted the copper from pennies. The reaction formed a bright blue liquid with copper dissolved in it. Baking soda reacted with the liquid causing a copper precipitate which collected in the bottom of the beaker. Students filtered the liquid, allowed it to dry and burned it with a butane torch to obtain the final product, copper oxide.



Enrichment Updates:



Upcoming Important Music Dates:

By Mrs. Bruno

*Region Band: congratulations
Jocelyn Santoro! Friday March 11*

*High school solo recital - Tuesday
March 15, 6:30pm location TBA*

*K-3 spring program: Thursday
March 17, 9:45am at SFCA*

*4th grade Easter Skit and 4th-12th
Band concert: April 8: students
report at 6:00, program starts at
6:30.*

Upcoming Art Events!

By Miss. Duchon

I am excited to let you know that we have three upcoming Spring Art Shows! There will be a K-3rd grade Art Show at their Spring Program on March 17th, another 4th-12th grade Art Show during their spring program on April 8th, and a K-12th grade Art Show at the Indiana Mall which is sponsored by the Indiana Arts Council and will be on display from April 26th through May 8th. The Art Shows during the Spring Programs will have a People's Choice Vote for the artwork and the students from each category with the most votes will receive a special art trophy!



Upcoming Fundraiser:

Four Footed Friends Fundraiser!!!!

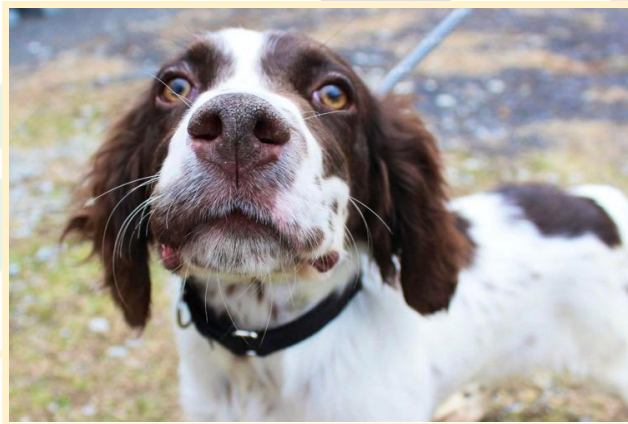
HELP!! Recently, due to the death of the owner, 20 dogs, and a horse were found in poor condition on a farm in Clyde. Area animal rescues, including Four Footed Friends, have been caring for these animals and are in need of monetary donations for the veterinary bills :)

When?? *March 14-31*

What do we need?

- ★ **Monetary Donations**
- ★ **Baked Goods (Individually Wrapped)**
- ★ **Bags of Snack Food (Chips, Pretzels, etc.)**
- ★ **Hungry students to buy snacks at lunch for \$1 each**

A teacher and a group of students will be traveling to Four Footed Friends on April 1st to deliver our donations.



This month's newsletter was designed by Miss. Duchon and the following students who are involved in the Newsletter Club:

- Landon Bieda
- Corydon Metcalf
- Trinity Metcalf
- Sophia Chiu
- Manny Echevarria
- Katana Fulmer
- Tiaan Dekock
- Noble Ditch



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Enjoyed Our
Newsletter! Be on
the lookout for our
upcoming Falcon
Friday Features in
April and May!**