

Crusader Chronicles



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April 28, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 28	2:15 dismissal, No Osky buses all day
Apr. 28	KK-4th Musical at 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 29	8th Grade Banquet
May 1	Osky Track Meet, 4:30
May 2	Mrs. Johannsen here for KK-4th grades
May 2	PC Track Meet at Eddyville, 4:30
May 2	Advancement Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
May 3	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
May 3	KK-4th Track Meet, 12:15-1:45
May 3	Marching Band Practice, 3:30-5:00
May 4	Middle School Electives, 1:20-3:00
May 4	Tulip Time Marching, evening parade
May 5	Noon dismissal, no Osky buses
May 5	Tulip Time Marching, afternoon parade
May 6	Tulip Time Marching, afternoon parade
May 9	Mrs. Johannsen here for 5th-8th grades
May 9	All Library Books are due
May 9	5th Grade Music Concert, 6:30 pm
May 9	Osky Track Meet at Norwalk, 4:30
May 10	2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
May 11	K, 1st, & 2nd to Blank Park Zoo

REMINDERS



•**Calendar Update!** Due to Tulip Time parades and our students' involvement in it, Friday, May 5 will be a noon dismissal with no lunch served. Sack lunches from school will be provided for our marching band students only. Osky buses will not be available for dismissal, so please plan accordingly. Thank you.

•**A reminder to families who live outside the Oskaloosa School District:** Your mileage reimbursement forms must be turned in to your residing school district by May 1. Forms were emailed to qualifying families today.

•FINAL STUDENT TESTING FOR 2022-23:

MAP TESTING for grades 3rd-8th will be next week.

This will be the final round of testing for this school year. Testing will be done in the mornings. **Please be sure your student(s) is here for testing.** Makeup testing is more difficult towards the end of a school year due to a shorter time frame for makeups and additional activities that are scheduled. Thank you!

➔ DEADLINE FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE!

Parents, NOW is the time to apply for tuition assistance for 2023-2024! We are asking ALL families to visit www.logsto.org to complete the application process. **Please apply by April 30!** Questions? Please contact Finance Chairman Rob Bruxvoort at 641-660-8190.



Tulip Time Marching: The middle school marching band invites you all to attend the Pella Tulip time parades. They will be marching with the Central Iowa Christian Schools Marching Band, which consists of 212 students total. We are the only marching band in the parade with Dutch attire (red wooden shoes and all) We will be marching all 3 days, May 4th at 8:30 pm, May 5th at 2:30 pm and May 6th at 2:30 pm.

GRANDPARENTS/FRIENDS DAY

A BIG thank you to all the grandparents who joined us for our Grandparents/Friends day!! And thank you to Carol and Linda for all your work in preparing and serving a delicious meal to all of us!



Musical Note from Mrs. G:

The KK-4th Spring Musical is **TONIGHT** at 7:00! Please take note of when your children are required to be here and what they should wear:

KK-3rd Students should be wearing:

- chapel theme shirts
- pants or capris (no shorts or dresses please as we will be sitting on the risers),
- and tennis shoes (or shoes tight to foot) - NO sandals/flip flops.

Fourth graders wear the same unless they have a costume.

When to be at school: (Please do not drop off students before 6:30 p.m. as no one will be in the rooms to monitor them. If you arrive before then, please keep your child with you.)

- KK - third grade students should be IN their rooms by 6:50
- Fourth graders should meet in the music room by 6:35 p.m. for prayer, to organize props, and receive microphones before heading to their room.

Our KK-4th Track Meet will be Wednesday, May 3 from 12:15-1:45 at the Statesmen Community Stadium on the Lacey Complex. Everyone is invited to come and cheer for our young athletes!



LIBRARY BOOKS!

Parents, a reminder that **ALL library books are due back to school on Tuesday, May 9!** Any missing books will be fined \$10 for replacement. Thank you!

BUS SCHEDULE: Mark your calendars!

- Friday, April 28: 2:15 dismissal, no Osky buses all day
- Wednesday, May 3: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Friday, May 5: noon dismissal with no Osky buses
- Wednesday, May 10: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses
- Wednesday, May 17: 2:15 dismissal with Osky buses





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kaden De Jong	April 29
Callum Jorgensen	April 30
Mrs. Jenessa Kaisand	April 30
Abigail Bruxvoort	May 1

TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

TRIP orders are due by noon on the dates below, and can be picked up on Fridays of the same week.

Upcoming order dates: May 1, 8 (last day to order)

Advance Notice: The last day to order TRIP cards for this school year will be Monday, May 8. Order by then to be guaranteed your summer supply! Cash and Carry cards will be available until the last day of school while supplies last.

Eagles Nest has returned to our TRIP program. Certificates are now available for \$5 at a 10% discount.

Also, a reminder that cash and carry and national orders need to be paid for separately.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Kristin Plate at trip@oskaloosachristian.net or 641-670-0583.



GIVING TREE: The Giving Tree Committee is excited to announce our upcoming Giving Tree Project. Here is how it will work. There will be a tree set up during our annual Grandparents' Day and Spring Music Program (April 28) with ornaments on the tree. On the ornaments are wishes from the teachers and staff for items

they are requesting for their classrooms, the office, the gym, etc. Grandparents, parents and friends are encouraged to take the ornaments off the tree, purchase the requested item(s) and return the item(s) to the teacher with the name of the giver on the back of the ornament and attached to the item. Also, each classroom and department will have their own color of ornaments so if you choose to buy something for a certain classroom/department you will know which color you are looking for. There will be a color chart by the tree that will show the color for each class/department. We ask that the item(s) purchased be delivered to the teachers/staff by the end of the school year. For those of you who wish to give a monetary cash donation, there will be envelopes by the tree to put your donation in. There will be a basket where you can put your envelopes. After Friday, we will put the basket for cash envelopes in Ms. Patti's office. Let's join together and bless our staff!

SUMMER LEARNING!

Mrs. Kaisand will be offering summer tutoring sessions again this summer for those who are committed to work, show up, and maintain their skills to be prepared for the next grade level at our school. They will review grade level skills to keep them fresh for the next school year.

This summer she is offering private one-on-one tutoring sessions at her home in reading/phonics/ELA and/or math for students currently in grades PreK - 4th grade.

There will be approximately 9 weeks that she is available throughout the summer, from June 12 through mid-August. Each session will be 45 minutes and held 2 times/week. There are very limited spots available, and priority will be given to those whom she has worked with before.

Please contact Mrs. Kaisand to reserve your spot today. Serious inquiries only. She would like to have the schedule secured before the end of the school year in May.

HOT LUNCH MENU

(milk provided with every meal)



May 1-5

Monday: Corn Dogs, Green Beans, Peaches, Nachos w/cheese sauce, WG Dinner Roll

Tuesday: Maidrite on a WG Bun, French Fries, Mandarin Oranges, Bar

Wednesday: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit, WG Dinner Roll

Thursday: Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/marinara sauce, Baked Beans, Pears, Yogurt

Friday: Noon dismissal, sack lunches provided to marching band students only



Teaching for TRANSFORMATION

TfT Spotlight: See the Story. Live the Story.

Our teachers are using TfT tools in their classrooms to create learning experiences that empower our students to play their part in God's Story.

ORDER DISCOVERER

Discover God's purpose and order in God's world.



Mrs. Kristin Van Zee
KK-8th Resource Teacher

It may seem some days that everywhere we look in our world, we see chaos. Thankfully, 1 Corinthians 14:33 tells us that we serve a God who brings order and peace into our lives. In my classroom, many students experience feelings of chaos and stress when faced with a page of words. It only looks like disorder and confusion to them. As we begin to spend time learning about the patterns and order that God created within our words, the chaos changes to peace. Once students learn to read, they are able to share that gift with those around them! We are very thankful that God created everything with purpose and order!

JUSTICE SEEKER

Act as an agent of change by identifying and responding to injustices.



Mrs. Joy Mitchell
5th Grade Teacher

As we continue our Teaching for Transformation journey, we want to focus on being "Justice Seekers". This world is full of injustices. We see people who are homeless. Some do not have enough food to eat. Some don't have clean drinking water. Some people are discriminated against because of their race or gender. It is our goal to help students recognize the injustices that others are facing and to find ways to help them.

In 5th grade, we learned from James 2, that we were not to give "preferential treatment" to others. As a class, they "brainstormed" ways that they could seek justice for others at Oskaloosa Christian School. Here were their answers:

- We could combat loneliness by making friends with others. (John 15:15)
- We can bring about an environment that is less stressful by remembering that Jesus brings peace and is not a God of chaos. (John 14:27)
- We can learn to uplift and encourage one another by using appropriate words. (Eph. 4:29)
- We can stand up to bullies by remembering to put others' needs ahead of our own. (Phil. 2)
- We can include others in our games and activities. (Acts 9:26)