

WILLING WORKERS



Mrs. Lynn Hook

We are so grateful, thankful and blessed to be able to start the new school year as one body once again. A big thank you to the staff for all the hard work to begin another school year. We pray that we all stay safe and healthy.

If you are new to the school or you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, you may be wondering what Willing Workers is, so let me explain. Every family of our school and those who support Oskaloosa Christian School are members of the Willing Workers Society. Throughout the year there are fundraisers held to earn money for various departments and needs for our school. These fundraisers help keep tuition costs down considerably for everyone. Therefore, by donating your time and talents for various fundraisers, every child benefits.

Believe Kids - students will be bringing packets homes on September 24. The order deadline is October 12.



Pop Can Shed - Our new pop can shed is available for drop offs at any time. Just place your bags inside the smaller white shed on the east side of the school parking lot. A separate bin will be coming later for glass, but for now, please separate glass from the plastic and cans. THANK YOU!

Boxtops for Education - Traditional Box Tops are being phased out of production but can still be found on many products as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. You can still clip these and send them to school if they have a valid expiration date. Below are links to learn how to save boxtops by scanning them with your phone. More information can also be found on our school's website. If you have any questions about boxtops, please feel free to email Kari Fite at kari.fite@cir3.com.

The New Box Tops App: Scan for your school: <https://youtu.be/Hh94b2BvFK4>

How to scan: <https://youtu.be/v-bNcykyK5Y>

How to Submit Digital Receipts: https://youtu.be/ZfUGb_3JzZg

Thank you for your continued help in making our fundraisers successful and a great support for our school!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ OSCI

Believe Kids Fundraiser	September 24-October 12
Heartland Convention	October 7 & 8
Parent/Teacher Conferences and Book Fair	October 14 & 15
8th Grade Rummage Sale	October 16
Picture Retake Day	October 19
October Chapels	October 22
Town Hall Meeting	October 26



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Return Service Requested



The 8th graders will be having a rummage sale in the gym on Saturday, October 16. Come from 7:00-11:00 a.m. to shop for bargains galore! If you would like to donate clean used items, they can be brought to the gym October 11-14. All items must be in good condition and in good working order! If you are bringing in large household items they must be okayed by Mrs. Boonstra. All donations must be on the stage by noon on October 14.

(Please do not donate car batteries, large appliances, paint, tires, or other items that require special fees for disposal. Thank you.)

The rummage sale will also be open on Friday, October 15 during PT Conferences from 8:00 am-12:00 pm for school families and friends.



The 8th graders will be selling Dutch Wilhelmina Peppermints again this year beginning around October 18. They make great gifts and stocking stuffers!

Profits from the rummage sale and mints will be used for 8th grade class expenses this year. Thank you for supporting our 8th grade class!

PUBLISHING INFORMATION

HIGHLIGHTS will be published monthly, with the exception of June and August, by the staff of the Oskaloosa Christian School. If you would like more information about Oskaloosa Christian, you can call the Principal, Don Mitchell, at 641-672-2174.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

By Mr. Don Mitchell



At times, I find myself trying to figure out what to write for this article. This month, however, is extremely easy. Over Labor Day weekend, Oskaloosa Christian School celebrated its 75th anniversary of providing quality Christian education to Oskaloosa and the surrounding areas. I would like to provide a quick recap of events, along with some editorial comments.

On Friday evening, we hosted an Alumni and Friends dinner at Gateway Church of the Nazarene. Over 300 people attended the dinner, including a Class of 1961 reunion. Alumni came from far and wide to attend, as well as current faculty, board members, and varied Society members. Mrs. Ruth De Bruin served as master of ceremonies, and former principal Dr. Bob Stouffer was our keynote speaker. We also were blessed with musical praise led by Mrs. Cheryl Groenenboom, our fifth grade class, and the Roozeboom trio. Presentations highlighting special volunteers, Teaching for Transformation, and the future of Oskaloosa Christian School were part of the festivities as well. It was a blessed evening, and it was a great privilege to meet and acquaint with so many alumni and school supporters.

Saturday saw a trio of overlapping activities. The morning began with a Waffles by Dad breakfast at 7 am, which lasted until 10 am. I can honestly say that I have never seen so many waffles and sausage links consumed in one place, and the spread of toppings was a sugarland delight! Syrups of all kinds and whipped topping were available for the asking, and the line went from the gym out into the parking lot at the south doors! At 8 am, we hosted a 5K run / 1 mile walk. Dozens of participants of all ages ran or walked through the surrounding neighborhood, around the campus of William Penn, and finished back at the school...just in time for waffles! We saw a great turnout, and we were blessed with mild weather for the event. Finally, from 9 am to noon, we had a fun fest on the campus grounds. Games and activities, including inflatables, were available for children of all ages, and a great time was had by all.

Throughout the weekend's activities, the north side of our gymnasium was turned into a museum! Artifacts from seventy-five years of Oskaloosa Christian School were on display, including old desks, several yearbooks and pictures, and a timeline highlighting key events in the history of the school. Mrs. Ruth De Bruin led museum tours for our students on Friday afternoon, and patrons throughout the weekend were treated to memories and stories of school years gone by. To hear the recollections of so many people who are a part of our history was both enlightening and humbling. So many people sacrificing on so many levels, all to be a part of Christian education in Oskaloosa. What a grand testimony of the faithfulness of God's people!

In conclusion, I want to take a moment to thank as many people as I can remember who made these celebratory events possible. Thank you to our 75th anniversary committee, Ruth De Bruin; Lindsay Watts; and Mary Beth Jackson. Their copious amounts of time and effort for events over a year in the making cannot be overstated. Please thank these ladies when you see them for a job extremely well done. Thank you to our families and alumni who attended the events. Some of you travelled several hundred miles to be a part of this celebration, and the stories and joy shared during the weekend is etched in my mind forever. Thank you to all of the hands who worked on the events. From setting up and tearing down event venues to manning games and activities to driving people to and from the fairgrounds, it took many men and women to make the weekend the blessing that it was. It is a beautiful tapestry of God's handiwork when His children come together to be a part of a series of events like this, and the Oskaloosa Christian School family showed up strong and proud. Finally and foremost, all praise and thanks be to God for His faithfulness to Oskaloosa Christian School. This is His school, and may we continue to reflect Christ as we steward this gift of Christian education in Oskaloosa.

The Board and Staff of Oskaloosa Christian School would like to acknowledge and thank the family of Marilyn Louwsma for gifts received in her memory. These gifts will be used where needed at the Board's discretion. We thank all of Marilyn's family members and friends for blessing our school during their time of loss.



For Generations to Come

For Generations To Come (FGTC) is our in-school tuition program. At Oskaloosa Christian School, we are aware that private school tuition requires sacrifice. This is why FGTC was created. We want to be able to help as many families that have need with tuition assistance to send their children to our school. Our goal for fundraising this year is \$60,000.

Fundraising for FGTC is done with three events. The first event is our Friends banquet, held in our gymnasium and includes dinner and entertainment. We are finalizing details now and will announce the date and entertainment for the evening as soon as we are able. Our second event is a fall mailing in November and encourages year-end giving for FGTC. Our third event is a spring mailing around early April. Our goal for each event is \$20,000, which allows us to reach our \$60,000 overall goal. Be looking in the Highlights for updates regarding both the Friends banquet and our fundraising progress throughout the school year.

As always, we praise God for the way He works through His people. We look forward to seeing you at the banquet, and we pray God's blessing upon our endeavors to support families with tuition assistance through FGTC.

Town Hall Meetings

The Oskaloosa Christian School board has exciting news that we would like to share with you! As alluded to in both the June Society meeting and our 75th anniversary banquet, the board would like to present the Society with plans to both update our current facility and to potentially expand our school. You are invited to two town hall meetings to share and discuss these endeavors. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 26 and Thursday, November 4. We will be determining the times and venues of the meetings shortly and will share that information once those details are secured. The same information will be shared at both meetings, so our goal is to have as many Society members as possible attend at least one of the two meetings. Please join us on October 26 and/or November 4 to discuss the future of Oskaloosa Christian School!

FALL SPORTS

Mrs. Shannon Semini

The Oskaloosa Christian Volleyball team, coached by Colleen Platt began their season September 13 with a home game with Oskey Public. We have 16 girls out this year, nine 8th graders and seven 7th graders. The 8th graders are Aubrey Bowen, Sydney Bruxvoort, Lacey Campbell, Kynnah Chamberlin, Jazzy Jones, Anniston Meyer, Ava Westercamp, and Elie Westercamp. The 7th graders are Allison Campbell, AnnaBelle Carter, Rachel Hoksbergen, Taylor Hol, Arianna Jackson, Natalie Plate, and Haiden Spray. We have 3 boys playing football with PC this year, two 8th graders and one 7th grader. The 8th graders are Trenton De Bruin and Dane Van Mersbergen. The 7th grader is Elijah Boender. They are coached by Joe Ritzert.

Come to cheer for our 7th and 8th athletes!

Pella Christian Junior High Football Games 2021

Date	Team	Location/Time
Sept. 9	Eddyville-BF	Home 4:15
Sept. 16	Sigourney-Keota	Home 4:15
Sept. 21	North Mahaska	Home 4:15
Sept. 28	Pleasantville	Away 4:00
Oct. 5	Norwalk	Home 4:15

Home games played at Pella Christian High

Oskaloosa Christian School Volleyball Games 2021

Date	Team	Location/Time
Sept. 13	Oskaloosa Public	Home 4:30, 5:30
Sept. 16	Pella Christian	Away 4:30, 5:30
Sept. 17	Ankeny Christian	Home 4:00, 5:00
Sept. 21	Pella Christian	Home 4:30, 5:30
Sept. 24	Ankeny Christian	Away 4:00, 5:00
Sept. 27	Oskey Public	Away 4:30, 5:30
Sept. 28	Twin Cedars	Home 4:30, 5:30
Oct. 12	Pella Public	Away 4:30, 5:30



Book Fair Hours: Thursday, October 14 1:00-8:00 pm
Friday, October 15 8:30-12:00 pm
(in the gym during Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Use this link to order online through October 17:
<https://d6532.myubam.com/2217339>

Or use the QR code to the right for easy access to the link!
Questions? contact Jenessa Kaisand, Usborne Books Representative

Our school library will receive 50% back of all sales for free books for the library. Also, teacher wishlists will be available for classroom teachers to receive books for their personal classrooms.

Thank you for supporting reading in our school!



TRIP News (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

Ordering Schedule

Mondays - order by 12:00 noon
Fridays - pick up 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Order dates: October 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1
No order Oct. 4 due to a short week of school.

Quick facts: June 2021--to date:
Total Sales to date: over \$66,000!
Tuition Credit Accumulated: over \$2,500!

Did You Know - TRIP isn't just for school families! Anyone can purchase TRIP gift cards. It's quick, it's easy, & it's free!! Just fill out a registration form (available in the office) and mark where you would like your earnings donated. If you are not a school family, you can designate up to four school families to receive the credit. If your children aren't school age or you don't have children yet, we even have a "Future Family" category where your earnings will accumulate until they are. Start saving now for your children's education.

Cash and Carry TRIP cards are available from the office on a first-come, first-serve basis: Amazon, Applebee's, Arby's, Bredeaux, Casey's, Culver's, Eagle's Nest, Fareway, Great Clips, Hy-Vee, JC Penney, Kohl's, Mahaska Drug, Maurice's, Menards, PC Mall, Pizza Hut, Pizza Ranch, Subway, Sunnyslope, Taco Bell, Taco John's, Target, Taso's, Tupperware, Two Rivers Pella, WalMart, Wendy's

Weekly TRIP orders can be placed online! Information can be found in the literature racks outside the office.

Don't want to come into the office to make an order? No problem! Go to shopwithscrip.com and set up an online account. You can use a credit card or automatic withdrawal from your bank account. You will then have the option to use "ScripNow eCards" which allows you, for certain stores, to download a card for immediate use to your smartphone. For more information, www.shopwithscrip.com or contact Kristin Plate at 641-670-0583.



Teaching TRANSFORMATION

TfT Spotlight:

See the Story. Live the Story.

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



Mrs. Jaynee Grafke

Deep Hope: We are growing in faith and knowledge!

Storyline: How have you grown?

TfT Reflection: In Kinder Kids, we really want to see ourselves growing and learning, both academically and spiritually. By the end of the year, it is fun to reflect on how we have grown physically, academically, and spiritually. Our FLEx project happens on Earth Day when we are able to go out into the community and pick up trash and enjoy God's creation.



Miss Renee Van Kooten

Deep Hope: My deep hope for us is that we intentionally live to KNOW, SEE, and LOVE others, even those not like us, as a means of serving God, and that we understand the path to living out Micah 6:8.

Storyline: Act Justly. Love Mercy. Walk Humbly.

TfT Reflection: Over the last four years in becoming familiar with TfT as an Early Adopter to integration in my classroom, I have thoroughly enjoyed the connections made with my students to Micah 6:8 and the habits of living (throughlines). To see students being community builders and servant workers and then living out their story God has in place for them as truth discerners has been amazing!

Over the last couple of years, I have taken the 7th and 8th graders to the State Capitol as a FLEx activity to meet with our state legislatures and gain a better understanding and appreciation for the real work they do on a regular basis. It is also wonderful to hear their Christian perspectives and how that plays a role in politics and the committees they are involved in.



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

August

- Don Mitchell opened with devotions and prayer.
 - Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept board minutes for June and consent agenda for August.
 - July financial reports were presented.
 - Education Committee Motions:
 - Motions for families admitted to OSCI (passed through email correspondence):
 - Jordan and Kristin Dyk (son Gavin - 1st grade)
 - Eric and Emily Nieuwsma (son Eli - 1st grade)
 - Chantell Rodriguez (son Juan - KK)
 - Charity Poe (daughter Scarlett Steinbach - KK)
 - Eric Brummel (daughter Lizzy - 8th; son Jace - 5th; son Rogan - 2nd)
 - Motion to admit the Rohr family to OSCI (4th grader John). Motion seconded and passed.
 - Motion to allow 5th grade student to dual enroll in band for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion seconded and passed.
 - Don Mitchell led board training. Discussion followed.
 - Guidance counselor contract presented. Motion to sign contract as presented. Motion seconded and passed.
 - Motion to have a school representative share a vision presentation at the 75th Anniversary dinner. Motion seconded and passed.
 - Motion to approve middle school student participation in a band trip to Kansas City on May 13 and 14, 2022. Motion seconded and passed.
 - Motion to approve an additional \$2,000 for the 75th Anniversary budget. Motion seconded and passed.
 - Motion to approve an audit for the TRIP program. Motion seconded and passed.
 - Discussion regarding OSCI running its own bus routes. No action taken.
 - Next meeting: September 21, 2021 @ 6:30 pm
 - Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded and passed.
 - Don Mitchell closed in prayer.
- ### September
- Jim Eveland opened with devotions and prayer.
 - Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept board minutes for August and consent agenda for September.
 - August financial reports were presented.
 - The finance committee presented utility bills over the last 30 months for comparison. The board discussed the rise in prices and possible causes.
 - Don Mitchell gave an update on EANS I and EANS II funding.
 - Finance Committee Motion:
 - Motion to write off \$8,732.94 of past due accounts. Motion seconded and passed.
 - Education Committee Motion:
 - Motion to accept revisions to 500 series of board policy manual as presented. Motion seconded and passed.
 - The board discussed the current climate of COVID-19 and possible effects on the school. No action was taken.
 - Jim Eveland, on behalf of the building committee, presented to the board a vision plan to share with the Society, addressing building needs.
 - A motion was made to hold society informational meetings on October 26th and November 4th at 7:00 to discuss building capital needs and future expansion, with location TBD. Motion seconded and passed
 - A memorial fund was given to be used at the board's discretion. The board agreed to save the funds in hopes of using it towards a building project.
 - Dan McKinney and Lucas De Groot gave an update on TRIP.
 - Motion to enter executive session at 8:52 pm. Motion seconded and passed.
 - Motion to exit executive session at 9:28 pm. Motion seconded and passed.
 - Next meeting: October 19, 2021 @ 6:30 pm
 - Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded and passed.
 - Matt Drost closed in prayer.