



# Elementary School News

Coventry Christian Schools

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## Calendar of Events

### November

11/18 Market Day Pick Up

11/20 Progress Reports Issued

11/25 No Classes

11/26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday-No School

### December

12/1 Grandparent's Gathering

Open House

12/4 Parent Teacher Conferences

12/5 PTO Holiday Fair

12/6 PTO Clothing Drive

12/9 Picture Retake Day

12/14 Elementary Chorus Concert

12/16 Market Day Pick-Up

12/24-1/1 Winter Break



## Thanksgiving

*"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name. For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures for all generations." Psalm 100:4-5*

Greetings to your family as we approach Thanksgiving, my favorite holiday of the year! It is a blessing and a joy to see God's handiwork in his creation as the season changes, and it always causes me to be contemplative of my true blessings. As a school community, we have so much to be thankful for. The learning that occurs with our students would not and could not be complete without the full complement of parents and grandparents who grace our doorsteps on a weekly and often daily basis, providing service to our school community. We appreciate each and every task that is given in service. Parents contribute to parties, attend field trips, volunteer for lunch duty, help to maintain our grounds, and building. Grandparents model service to our students too in their participation in lunch help, recess help, office assistance, and that extra TLC that only a grandparent can give. The love that is poured into the cups that are our children can begin to be seen as we teach them to observe and appreciate the service provided to them as well as model back that service as they are guided by their teachers in their own beginning efforts to serve our school, local, and international community.

Every elementary student is learning to both give and receive graciously. Students have written "Hero" letters to servicemen sent on Veteran's day, are writing letters to members of a homeless shelter to encourage as well as supplying food, and most recently first grade students have embraced bake sales for raising funds for food for the children of Duty Christian School in Haiti. As a school community we have located Haiti on the map, discussed the history of their small desolate country, and the remaining troubles that plague its people, especially its children. We have talked about hunger, and how we are so blessed to have mommies and daddies who make sure we have breakfast, lunch and dinner, and thought about what it would be like to go without one or more of those meals as the Haitian children frequently do. We talked about the dirt cookies that are made and sold by mothers that are meant to stand in meager stead of actual nutrition, much less a real cookie! And lastly, we talked about Jesus, his love for children, and how we can be like him as we serve other children. The first graders' first bake sale to benefit the children of the Duty Christian School in Haiti will be this Friday. Students may bring a quarter or two to enjoy a baked good, and in the process will share in a school wide mission of showing the love of Jesus to children almost 1,500 miles away.

*Jill L Barton, Elementary Principal*

## Grandparents Gathering

Grandparents provide a vital network of love and support here at CCS, and the next meeting will be December First at the Coventry Campus Library. All Grandparents of CCS Kids are welcome.

## Campus Clean Up

Teachers, parents, students and board members pitched in to clean up both indoors and out at the Coventry Campus two weeks ago! Over fifty people contributed their time and enthusiasm to this event. Thanks to all for your energy and hard work and thanks to Cutillo's for the pizza to keep us fueled.

## Open House December 1

Most families who are at CCS have come because of a referral from another existing CCS family. We are hosting an Open House during the school day on December 1 from 9:00-5:00. The school is open for prospective families to have a guided tour at that time. If you have sung the praises of your CCS experience to a friend, co-worker or family member whose children you think would benefit from a Coventry Christian School education, now is the time to encourage them to visit the school! If you would like some additional print information that we can send home for you to share with a family member, friend or co-worker, please let someone in the office know.

## Family Reading Night

Family reading night will be held on Thursday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. This has been a fun event in past years! We will enjoy guest readers, book swap, and the opportunity to shop at the Scholastic Book Fair.

## Holiday Fair

The PTO/HSCA is hosting a Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 5th from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Crafts, refreshments, and vendor tables will be a part of the fun.

## PTO Clothing Drive

PTO is collecting wearable used clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens, pillows, stuffed animals and hard toys which will be donated to a company that collects unwanted items. The company will then provide a donation to the PTO/HSCA at a rate of 13 cents per pound. All clothing must be in well-tied plastic bags. Shoes must be in separate bags, and hard toys must be in boxes. Donations may be dropped off on Saturday, December 5 at Pleasantview from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and Sunday, December 6, 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.



## The Big Chill

The Elementary students will be performing in The Big Chill, their drama and music showcase, at the Hill School Center for Performing Arts on Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. All elementary students participate in the show and should be there by 6:45 p.m. Please refer to the flier that will be coming home in the upcoming week to see what your child should wear for their "costume" for that evening.