



# Elementary School News

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## Calendar of Events

### February

- 2/2 Grandparent's Gathering
- 2/5 Progress Reports Due
- 2/12 Re-Enrollment Deadline
  - Open House 9-5
  - Creative Minds Fair
- 2/15 President's Day no classes
  - Extended care available
- 2/21 Board of Trustees Meeting
  - 1:30 pm PV
- 2/24 Market Day Pick-Up
- 2/25 Secondary Creative Minds Fair
- 2/26 Event Center Dedication and Student/Staff B-Ball Games



## Creative Minds Fair

*We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5*

Why do we do it? Every year the faculty of CCS create projects that are designed to catapult parents beyond their daily level of stress to a new, highly sensitized level of stress! While Facebook was once a social medium that was attractive to me, I have been relegated to the world of un-socialized media in order to avoid any mention of Creative Minds Fair (CMF) in my downtime sending me into my own parental flutter of hyped up stress about the dreaded CMF.

After I finish venting as a mom, the principal in me is reminded every year that there are benefits to CMF. The whole process allows me the opportunity to demonstrate our own family work ethic, show my own enthusiasm and passion for learning new things, as well as help my child to work to the best of his/her potential. This is all while restraining myself from completely taking over in an effort to make it be the kind of "perfect" that I had envisioned. There are opportunities to allow the child to lead in the give and take of ideas, predict outcomes, and plan presentation. As their age increases and the type of project changes, students are able to take on more and more, demonstrating their own academic growth, not just in subject area, but in knowing what they know and how communicate that knowledge. Seeing our children both acquire and then express their learning in a meta-cognitive God given fashion is a beautiful gift that we can easily miss in the hub-bub of time lines and cramming in neat handwriting. Our children are rapidly becoming the adults who will collect, analyze, evaluate and then act on data for every decision in their lives. We can work together as educators and parents in crafting the possibility of a faith filled, unbreakable lens from which they can view each of those decisions. And just once a year, that working together process is called Creative Minds Fair! I look forward to seeing each of you at the Creative Minds Fair on February 12.

*Jill Barton, Elementary Principal*

## Open House February 12

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 February 12 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.



Did you know? Cassava is a tuberous root plant. It is baked into bread and served with peanut butter. It is a primary source of nutrition for many children in Haiti.

## New Club Sessions Start Week of February 15

Watch for brochure coming home February 8!

Club	Grades	Day/Time	Cost
Latin	3-4	3:15-4:15 Mondays	\$0
Fit Club	K-4	3:15-4:15 Tuesdays	\$0
Chess/ Checkers	K-4	3:30-4:30 Thursdays	\$5
Ceramics	2-4	3:30-4:30 Thursdays	Ranges depending on project
Jazz	2-4	3:15-4:15 Fridays	\$40

## Wacky Wednesday and Cookies For Compassion

It has been heartwarming to see our children participate in two relief efforts for children in Haiti! As you know, our first grade student led project called Cookies for Compassion has resulted in the donation of a monthly check to the Duty Children's Home. We received a heartwarming letter to our students which was read during chapel, the text is as follows:

January 11, 2010

Dear Boys and Girls,

*The children of Duty, Haiti thank you so much for having bake sales to raise money for school lunches. They are so grateful to get to eat. The kids in Haiti are cute and sweet, too. They don't have toys or tv's or video games like you. Some of the kids use an old bicycle rim of the tire and a stick and have fun trying to roll the wheel down the road. The roads in Haiti are dirt, mostly, and very, very bumpy. The people there live in little tiny houses with roofs made of tin or straw. The children wear uniforms to school, pink or blue. At home they might have one or two other pieces of clothing. Most children have no shoes or wear shoes that someone else has worn. The children don't have candy or chewing gum. Sometimes they get an orange from the trees that grow there. Fruit trees grow there, but fruit and other food is very expensive. Haiti is warm and sunny. It's a beautiful island. Smile when you think of Haiti because the children in Duty smile everyday when they think of you when they eat their peanut butter and cassava.*

Love, Gae Smith, KumBaYah Foundation

Our Wacky Wednesday Dollar Dress Down day for Haiti Orphan relief brought in \$547! Thank you for your help in supporting your child in their global understanding of showing love to all of God's children everywhere.