



# Elementary School News

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## Calendar of Events

### September

9/21-9/24 PACK Week

9/23 Market Day Pick Up @PV

9/24 Open House 9:00 am-5:00 p.m. and Parent's Night 6-8:00 p.m.

9/28 PTO/HSCA Meeting @PV

### October

10/9-Grandparents Day at Coventry Campus

10/12 Columbus Day-School Closed, No extended care, teacher in-service

10/17 All School Yard Sale

10/18 Board of Trustees Meeting 1:30 p.m. @PV

10/19 PTO Meeting 6:30 @ PV



## Let's Start at the Very Beginning

**"Then God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good."**

**Genesis 1:31**

It has been a very good first two weeks in elementary school. There have been many beginnings and firsts for some of the students; first day of kindergarten, first locker, first day away from mom and dad. For older students it has seemed like coming back to a place that feels, for many of them, as if it is their home away from home. That feeling of home away from home is characteristic of Coventry Christian Schools, and I feel so blessed to be a part of the school community as a parent and educator.

Part of beginning school again is all about re-establishing structure and routine. Our children crave it, whether they know it or not, and as parents we appreciate knowing that they are ensconced in a setting in which learning can be optimized both at home and school. One factor in establishing optimal learning that is often under utilized is attention to healthful eating habits. I had always promised myself that I would not be *one of those moms* who frequent fast food establishments. Unfortunately, it has been a struggle as the day-to-day reality of my schedule and my children's meal time schedule have not always meshed in a "whole food, slow food provided for every meal" habit. I cannot tell you how many times I have "repented" after a fast food drive through and reaffirmed my commitment to be better, do better for the sake of my children's health! I am determined to keep trying over and over again, until I have successfully encouraged my own children to make healthy food choices, at least most of the time. I know that this is a struggle for many parents. I think of the beginning of their little lives, and how I chose what I felt were the very best nutrients for my children, and wonder at what age did I feel that it was no longer such a necessary factor in helping them to reach their God given potential?

During this week, September 21-24, we are going to "start at the very beginning" once again as a school community, as we celebrate PACK (Pack Assorted Colors for Kids) Week. This is a week dedicated to encouraging healthy eating choices at school and at home. We will focus on God's amazing rainbow of natural colors that we can find in the bounty of fruits and vegetables that God has created! From creating still life portraits of fruits and vegetables, tasting familiar fruits like bananas and more unusual vegetables, like jicama, it will be both a fun and informational focus on choosing to eat from God's amazing rainbow of color.

*Jill L. Barton, Elementary Principal*

## Grown-Up Gatherings

### PTO/HCSA

The first meeting of the PTO/HCSA will take place on Monday, September 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Pleasantview Campus in the Chapel area. PTO serves the students of CCS both through providing activities and events to draw families together, as well as raising funds for additional projects and purchases to supplement the educational experience of all CCS children. All parents, teachers and others who play vital roles in the lives of students at CCS are invited to attend.

### Grandparents Gathering

The first meeting of the Grandparents' Club was held on the very first day of school, and was a great success. There was even a great-grandparent in attendance! Grandparents provide a vital network of love and support here at CCS, and the next meeting will be October 6th at the Coventry Campus Library. All Grandparents of CCS Kids are welcome.

### Ladies Bible Class

Any moms, grandmoms, and "guardian-moms" of CCS students are welcome to attend a Ladies Bible Class that will meet on Tuesday evenings twice a month beginning on Tuesday, October 13th from 7:00-8:15 p.m. at the Coventry Campus. Come out to enjoy fellowship and light refreshment with one another, and a period of study in God's word. Jill Barton will facilitate the class and we will be using the book Friendship, Cultivating Relationships that Enrich our Lives as a guide to our discussion. We will enjoy getting to know one another as we strive to let Christ lead our lives! Watch for more details very soon.

## Elementary Clubs to Start Soon

Elementary level clubs are offered to enrich the lives of students and provide extra-curricular activities that help expand their horizons and social skills. Take a look at the offerings below to know what opportunities are coming up in the next few weeks. While some activities can be adapted for broad age ranges, others are more narrow in their offering by design. There will be additional club offerings later this year, including Art, Latin, and the memorable Hundred Dresses Book Club. If you or your child have a particular interest that you think is club-worthy as an introduction to elementary aged students, please let us know. Additional details about each club, signing up and procedures for dismissal and pick-up will be sent home with children this week.

Club	Grades	Date/Time	Cost
Impact Cheer	2-5	3:15-4:15 Mondays Sept.21-May24	\$125
Newspaper Club	3-4	3:30-4:30 Tues. Oct.20-Dec.1	\$0
Geography Club	K-4	3:30-4:30 Thursdays Oct.8-Dec.3	\$15
Chess Club	1-4	3:30-4:30 second and fourth Thursdays Monthly, start October 8	Bring Chess set to share if possible.

## Open House and Parents' Night September 24

Almost three weeks of school have already elapsed! All parents of enrolled students are encouraged to drop in between 6-8:00 p.m. this Thursday, September 24. Families who would like a discussion and meeting specific to their child's performance may always schedule that with the teacher, this evening is mostly about becoming reacquainted or familiar with the teacher and school setting for your child's current grade.

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 from 9:00-5:00, and the school is open for prospective families to have a guided tour at that time. If you have shared 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!