



# Newsletter

March 11, 2020



"Living God's Story" - 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

## Kindergarten Meeting

A prospective kindergarten parent information night will be held on Thursday, March 12 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This meeting is for all parents who would like to learn about our Christ-centered Kindergarten program and curriculum. Please plan to attend to learn more about kindergarten at Pella Christian Grade School and get a chance to see the progress on the renovated kindergarten area.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Pella Christian Grade School kindergarten through fifth grade conferences will be scheduled through an online system. In the next week, you will be receiving directions from your child's classroom teacher on how to sign-up for conference times on Monday, March 30 and Thursday, April 2. The earlier you sign-up the more time options will be available.

Conferences for students in grades 6-8 are walk-in conferences to be held in the Legacy Gym. Middle school teachers will be available to meet with parents on Monday, March 30 from 4:00-8:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 2 from 12:15-1:15 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m. Parents are encouraged to come during these time slots to visit with teachers regarding student progress during the second grading period. Report cards were sent home with student on Tuesday, March 10.

## March

16-20	No School, Spring Break
16	Board Meeting
24	PC Knowledge Bowl
25	2:35 p.m. dismissal, professional learning
26	Spring Band Concert

"Viviendo la Historia de Dios" - 1 Timoteo 4:12 "Que nadie te menosprecie por ser joven. Al contrario, que los creyentes vean en ti un ejemplo a seguir en la manera de hablar, en la conducta, y en amor, fe y pureza."

## Corona Virus Update

The office has received questions about what steps PCGS has or will be taking regarding keeping our children safe and virus free. Below is a FAQ that has been put together using information available to us now. Information about the Corona Virus is changing daily and we will respond to that information as it becomes available.

What steps has PCGS taken to prevent the spread of infection?

- Each day student desks and chairs are disinfected.
- Common spaces are disinfected daily.
- Bus seats are wiped down at the end of each day.
- We encourage all students to have a water bottle and to use the refill stations instead of using water fountains.
- We have talked with our students about standard precautions such as hand washing, not touching your face, and avoiding unnecessary touching (high fives, etc.)
- We have communicated to families that students who are exhibiting symptoms stay home and be fever-free for 24 hours without the aide of medications before returning to school.
- Over Spring Break, custodial staff will be working to thoroughly disinfect all areas of the school.

## Integration Town Hall Meeting

Beginning March 12, the integration briefing will be distributed on Thursday of each week. No integration briefing will be shared next week. The Pella Christian Schools Administrative Leadership Team meets each Wednesday. Moving the integration briefing distribution to Thursday allows the team the appropriate time to finalize the integration briefings based on the information we discussed during those meetings.

The next Town Hall meeting will be held at Covenant Reformed Church located at 2805 Fifield Road in Pella on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. This Town Hall meeting agenda will be to listen to specific questions and concerns around Biblical and doctrinal fidelity. Our hope is to see you on April 7.

## A Grand Day

Everyone is invited to please join us for the third - fifth grade music program to be held Thursday, April 16. This program is the night before A Grand Day, scheduled for April 17.

Friday, April 17 will be A Grand Day at Pella Christian Grade School. All grandparents and special friends are invited to join students for a morning of sharing and learning. The morning will begin with a student led chapel with K-2 sharing a few of their favorite songs with you, too! After the chapel program coffee time will be served. Then visitors will can visit classrooms until lunch is served. A lunch menu and schedule for the day will be shared in the March 25 newsletter. Students will be dismissed for the day at 1:35 p.m. on April 17.

## Winter Bash

Certificates are now available to purchase from Winter Bash in the school office. Checks for the face value of the gift card can be made out to Pella Christian Grade School, P.I.E. Thank you for your generous support!

- Family Eyecare Center \$50
- Anytime Fitness \$50
- Pella Rental and Sales, Combo Bounce House, \$150
- Digital Galleria Designs \$100
- Oriental Trading \$35
- Country Inn and Suites (Pella) \$212
- Royal Amsterdam Hotel \$180
- Strawtown Cottage \$170

Show your Eagle Spirit! We have Pella Christian Yard signs and PC decals available for purchase. All the money raised goes to support PIE. Yard signs are now available to purchase in the school office. Signs are made of 12 gauge steel and a vinyl decal applied that is made to last 7-10 years outside. PC yard signs are \$35 and Pella Christian with eagle yard signs are \$25. Stop by the school office to check out the selection.

## Online Creation Station Intention Form

Online Creation Station Christian Preschool Intention Forms for the 2020-2021 school year are available on the school website [pellachristian.net](http://pellachristian.net) under the Preschool tab. Preregistration for Creation Station Christian Preschool is highly recommended, as classes are filled on a first come, first serve basis. Creation Station Christian Preschool will be offering Three School, Preschool, One to Grow On and Spanish Immersion classes. Check out Creation Station's Facebook page for the latest information and updates.

## Prayer Ministry

Join us to pray for our school every 2nd and 4th Monday morning of the month. Meet at the Pella Christian Grade School cafeteria space for social time (including coffee and snacks!) from 8:15-8:45 a.m. Prayer time from 8:45-9:15 a.m. Childcare is provided during prayer time. This group is open to anyone who wants to pray for our school. Hope to see you at the next meeting on March 23.

## Employment Opportunities

Pella Christian Grade School has the following employment opportunities:

For 2020-21) **One-On-One Spanish Immersion Aide**

The person in this full time position would provide services to a lower elementary student in our 1st grade Spanish immersion classroom. All subjects in the immersion program are taught in Spanish so that the students learn Spanish as a second language through content material. The candidate must be a committed Christian who is fluent in Spanish and proficient in English. This position is a full-time position. A current Iowa teaching certificate or paraeducator certificate is desired, but not required for this opening. Interested applicants can view the employment portion of our school website or contact David Te Grotenhuis at [tegrotenhuisd@pellachristian.net](mailto:tegrotenhuisd@pellachristian.net) for more information.

For 2020-21) **Morning or Evening Part Time Janitor**

This position will work three hours each evening or morning following a school day. There are no additional responsibilities during summer break or days that school is not in session. The candidate will work under the supervision of PCGS custodian, Kevin Stursma, and can choose the three hour window in which they accomplish their assigned tasks between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Interested applicants can contact Kevin Stursma ([stursmak@pellachristian.net](mailto:stursmak@pellachristian.net)) for more information.

For 2020-21) **Spanish immersion 4th-grade and 5th grade full time classroom teachers**

All subjects in the immersion program are taught in Spanish so that the students learn Spanish as a second language through content material. The candidates must be committed Christian who is fluent in Spanish and proficient in English. The ability to obtain an Iowa teaching license is required for this position. Interested candidates can contact Rebecca Gomez ([gomezre@pellachristian.net](mailto:gomezre@pellachristian.net)) for more information.

Interested applicants can download an application packet under the employment opportunities portion of the Pella Christian Grade School website.