



PELLA CHRISTIAN GRADE SCHOOL FACTS

Theme for 2016-17: "Building in Christ" = 1 Corinthians 3:9: "For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building."

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- *Pella Christian Grade School was organized in 1912; we are in awe of God's faithfulness for more than 100 years!
- *We serve more than 530 students from three years old to eighth grade. Our class sizes range from 15 to 25 with an average class size of 19 students.
- *PCGS serves from 12 denominations and 33 churches.
- *Our Creation Station Christian Preschool serves nearly 100 three, four and five year old students.
- *We offer a Spanish immersion option for children in preschool-5th grade. Spanish immersion helps children become bilingual, as your child will learn all of the core subjects in Spanish. Please visit our website to learn about pre-registration details and more about the benefits of Spanish immersion.
- *Each teacher is a professing Christian and is certified by the State of Iowa. Some PCGS teachers have visited Israel and Turkey.
- *Our kindergarten schedule follows a progressive schedule: Monday/Wednesday/Friday during the first two quarters, Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday during the third quarter, and all five days during the fourth quarter. All days are full days from 8:30 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.
- *Ten bus routes provide economical transportation in a three county area.
- *Our overarching goal with technology is to teach children how to use it appropriately. Beginning in 4th grade students use a school supplied iPad which stays at school. In 5th grade students use a school supplied Chromebook computer that stays at school. Beginning in 6th grade students receive a Chromebook computer, which is taken to and from school each day. All electronic devices are managed and filtered both on and off campus.
- *Recently, Forbes.com ranked Pella as the third best city in the nation to live in based on the "best bang for your real estate buck in regards to public and private education."
- *Based on the largest Christian education study ever conducted, The Cardus Survey suggests a summary of their findings: "Graduates have been found to be uniquely compliant, generous individuals who stabilize their communities by their uncommon and distinctive commitment to their families, their churches, and their communities, and by their unique hope and optimism about their lives and the future."
- *There are four easy ways to help lower tuition costs. Tuition assistance applications are on our website at www.pellachristian.net.
 - STO = Fill out a one page Student Tuition Organization form made available each spring. STO helps PCGS families with over \$180,000 each year.
 - TAP = Fill out a one page Tuition Assistance Program form. TAP helps PCGS families with over \$120,000 each year, and approximately 50% of our families qualify for TAP each year.
 - TRIP = Open a Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP) account and order gift cards for the places you already spend money. TRIP helps PCGS families with over \$40,000 each year.
 - NICE = Do you qualify for our New Incentive to Christian Education program? You qualify if you have not previously paid tuition for your child's K- 8 education. The NICE program covers 1/2 of your tuition during the first year and 1/4 of your tuition during the second year.
- * We believe each child is a unique image of God and strive to get to know how God has created each child so we can best "challenge each child to develop their individual, God-given gifts for a life of service in God's kingdom."