



A Grand Day

Grandparents and friends are invited to join Pella Christian Grade School students for "A Grand Day" on Friday, April 20. Everyone is invited to start the day at 8:35 a.m. in the gym for a middle school chapel. Kindergarten through second grade students will also be sharing songs from their "A Night of Praise" concert. At approximately 9:15 a.m. grandparents and friends are invited to visit classrooms until the dismissal time of 11:35 a.m. We anticipate that guided tours of the building project may be available. More details will be shared in upcoming publications. Coffee time will be shared throughout the morning. Students who are leaving with a grandparent or friend will be dismissed at 11:25 a.m. followed by students who are riding the bus home. Please note the third through fifth grade program will only be presented on Thursday evening to allow more time for classroom room visits on Friday morning.

Kinder Camp

Kinder Camp is a kindergarten experience for kids turning five by September 15, 2018 will be held on Thursday, March 1 from 8:45-10:15 a.m. or 12:45-2:15 p.m. A Spanish Immersion Kinder Camp will be held on Thursday, March 1 from 8:45-10:15 a.m. 12:45-2:15 p.m. To sign up your child for Kinder Camp or for more information call the office at 628-2414.

A Kindergarten Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pella Christian Grade School Music Room for parents to learn more about our Christ-centered kindergarten program in both English and Spanish.

Pella Corporation Matching Gifts

Pella Christian Grade School is thrilled with the many families with a connection to Pella Corporation. Over the years it has been a privilege that so many sons and daughters have enrolled here, and that we had the opportunity to collaborate with you and to guide these precious youngsters to discover their individual God given gifts for a life of service in God's kingdom.

Uniquely, because of the current building campaign, and the Rolscreen Foundation's commitment to match financial gifts to the building project, we ask you to prayerfully consider participating this week with a gift.

As of today Pella Christian Grade School has received a total of \$28,000 in matching funds from the Rolscreen Foundation. The Rolscreen Foundation has generously authorized matching gifts up to \$100,000. So, \$72,000 is still fully available and welcomed for Rolscreen Foundation "doubling" or matching gift potential. That, of course, means that any dollar amount you make will absolutely be doubled in the coming weeks. Link to form: <https://goo.gl/5xsSCR>.

We all recognize that these special opportunities to double our charitable gift, created by philanthropic donors are rare occasions. Please consider helping soon, to maximize the impact of your charitable gift to the historic "Soaring to New Heights" Campaign for Pella Christian Grade School. Thank you again for the ways you sacrifice, and selflessly give of your time and your resources. — Frederick De Haan, Development Coordinator

Employment Opportunities

Pella Christian Grade School is advertising for the following openings to begin with the 2018-19 school year:
3rd Grade Bible and 4th and 5th grade Social Studies Teacher

This is a 40% time position. The candidate for this position would teach one section of 3rd grade Bible and one section of 4th and 5th grade history in the English language to our Spanish Immersion students. A teaching license is required. The classes could be scheduled for mornings or afternoons.

One on One Aide

The person in this position would provide services to a lower elementary student. A current Iowa teaching certificate or paraeducator certificate is desired, but not required for this opening.

Food Service Worker

This is a part-time hourly food service worker position with typical work hours from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Second Grade and Middle School Teacher in Spanish Immersion

Each position teaches all subjects in Spanish so that the students learn Spanish as a second language through content material. The candidate must be a committed Christian teacher who is fluent in Spanish and proficient in English. Interested applicants can contact gomezre@pellachristian.net.

Applications will be accepted until each position is filled. Interested applicants can find materials on the employment portion of the PCGS website at <http://www.pellachristian.net/news/employment.cfm> or contact David Te Grotenhuis for more information.

Steve Runner shared opening devotions. Consent Agenda - A motion to contract with TK Concrete for school parking lot was approved. A motion to contract with Earthworks to install a drainage pipe of roof drains was approved. A motion to purchase kitchen equipment from Wilson Restaurant Supply was approved. A motion to purchase floor cleaning equipment from building project funds was approved. Motions to pay several building project invoices were approved. Reports - Craig Juffer gave a curriculum and technology report. David Te Grotenhuis shared highlights from the head of school, development coordinator and preschool director report. Michael Vander Molen gave positive classroom visit reports. Education - The board approved an amended school calendar that is based on three grading periods. The board approved a motion to align transitional Kindergarten with the three grading periods outlined in the new calendar. An update was given to the board on openings for the 2018-19 school year. Finance - The board approved motions to approve a 2% increase to staff salaries on the base and increment for the 2018-19 school year. The board approved a motion to adopt the proposed 2018-19 general fund budget along with supporting tuition rates.

Building and Grounds - Information was shared with the board regarding a long range plan for updating legacy portions of the school.

Executive - The minutes of the January 26 and February 2 meetings were reviewed for information.

Development - The board approved the 2018-19 school wide storyline, "Living God's Story" and the storyline verse of Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Building Project - Meeting minutes presented for information.

Soaring to New Heights

Fundraising - The board was updated on the progress of the campaign. Approximately \$120,00 in pledges is necessary to fund the remainder of phase three with an additional \$2.5 million for phase four. There is about \$1.8 million in outstanding pledges for phase three of the building project. Most pledges are three year pledges. The board discussed the need secure a line a credit to fund the remainder of phase three.

Old Business - The board was updated on the status of board member nominees.

New Business - The board approved additional names for board member nominees. The board signed up for times to distribute contracts to staff.

Closing - Derek Van Dyke closed in prayer.

Regional Fine Arts & Spring Band Concert

Pella Christian Grade School Fine Arts event was held on Monday, February 12. Several students from this event were asked to participate in the regional fine arts event on Thursday, March 1 at Sully Christian School from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Students will be sharing vocal pieces, instrumental pieces, art projects and a variety of writings and readings.

A fifth-eighth grade band concert will be held on Thursday, March 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Pella Christian Grade School gymnasium. Students will be sharing the musical pieces they have been working on over the winter months. A freewill donation will be taken.

Creation Station Preschool

Creation Station Christian Preschool is gearing up for registration for the 2018-2019 school year. Parents or guardians who are considering enrolling their children in Three School, Preschool, One to Grow On, or Spanish Immersion Preschool should complete the intention form on-line at pellachristian.net available Tuesday, February 27 at 9:00 p.m. or fill out an intention form provided in the Pella Christian Grade School office.

Elementary Chapel

Do you ever wonder if your mistakes could turn into something great? On Wednesday, February 28, K-5 students will hear Terry Van Dusseldorp share some mistakes that ended up making a big difference. Sometimes we can feel embarrassed about our mistakes, but God can take our mistakes and use them in amazing ways. Terry will be sharing about some wonderful inventions that were created by mistake and inviting us to ask God to take our mistakes and shape them for good.

February

26 Preschool Parent Night "Early Childhood Mathematics", 6:30 p.m. in PCGS Library

27 Creation Station Intention form available online, 9:00 p.m.

28 2:35 p.m. dismissal, professional learning

March

1 Regional Fine Arts at Sully Christian

6 Kindergarten Parent meeting, 7:00 p.m.

7 2:35 p.m. dismissal, professional learning

9 End of third quarter

12-16 Spring Break, no school

19 Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.

