



Spring Musical

The evening before A Grand Day, Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 pm, you will not want to miss the 3rd-5th grade performance of the musical "Malice in the Palace: The Story of Esther" by Tom S. Long and Allen Pote. The story of Esther is exciting and you will hear a powerful message that even the smallest person acting bravely can make an enormous difference, for God has placed us where we are for a reason. This will be the only performance of the 3rd-5th grade musical so please join us on Thursday evening. Hope to see you all there!

A Grand Day

Grandparents and special friends please save the date of Friday, April 20 to come to Pella Christian Grade School for "A Grand Day!" celebration. We hope you will join us for "A Grand Day!"



A Grand Day Schedule for Friday, April 20

8:35-9:10	Chapel - all grandparents and visitors are invited to start your visit in the gym
9:10-9:20	Announcements
9:20-10:05	Classroom visits/* Building Addition tours
10:05-10:20	Coffee time will be served in the gym
10:20-11:30	Classroom visits/ *Building Addition tours
11:25	Grandparents and special guests taking student(s) with them will be dismissed
11:35	Students riding the bus home will be dismissed

** The Building Project Committee is hoping to be able to give tours to any interested grandparents and special guests. Due to the finishing stages of the building project (carpet laying), it is possible tours will not be available.*

Thank you for your understanding.

Building Project Fundraising Update

Solomon reminds us of the importance of waiting upon The Lord. In Ecclesiastes 3, he writes, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the Heavens ..."

Throughout the decades that mark Pella Christian Grade School's 106 year history, heavy challenges and soaring blessings both inspired a lifting of our eyes to our Creator God, and today we face a new prayer-filled matter of timing, and we ask for your heartfelt response.

Today the total PLEDGES committed to our building project stand at a historic \$10.9 million, and we are very grateful for those pledged resources. Great progress is accomplished in building classrooms, our first cafeteria, larger kitchen, second gym, etc. Those significant projects comprise Phase three of our total construction's four-phase plan.

Our current, prayerful request is based on Phase three's demands for cash payments this summer and the reality of receiving \$9.0 million thus far of the pledged total of \$10.9 million.

By this summer's date of July 1, we strategically require \$11.0 million in "cash on hand" to complete the comprehensive Phase three. This financial need, coupled with our Board's resistance to acquiring short-term loans to meet construction deadlines, prompt us to prayerfully request of those who can help, to please consider payment of any outstanding pledged amounts to date.

If more time is needed to fulfill the pledges, please know we are still so grateful for those pledges because more is needed to finish our goal which includes Phase four.

Similarly, if you've currently made and fulfilled a one-time gift in 2016 or 2017, and you have the ability to make and complete a new 2018 gift by July 1 this year, we request your financial help in that way.

If you have questions, please know that David Te Grotenhuis and/or Frederick DeHaan welcome your inquiries or suggestions. Together, with the wonderful levels of pledged support already made, we are optimistic that securing the needed "cash on hand" amount of \$11.0 million is attainable, to the glory of God's kingdom and Pella Christian Grade School's role in preparing students to serve mightily in advancing His kingdom.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. — Frederick De Haan, Pella Christian Development Director

Chad Vink shared opening devotions.

Consent Agenda - The board approved *Merlin's Fire*, the 8th grade play for the 2018-19 school year. The board approved the annual society meeting agenda. The board approved a number of motions from the building project committee.

Old Business - An update was given to the board on staff openings for 2018-19. The board was updated on the board member selection process for the May society meeting.

Correspondence - The board reviewed correspondence regarding the CSI pension plan.

Reports - Chad Vink shared the financial 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. Derek Van Dyke gave a classroom visit report.

Education - The board approved the first reading of the updated wellness policy. The board approved a motion to hire Matt Diehl to teach FLES for the remainder of the 2017/18 school year. After a discussion on kindergarten student numbers for

2018-19 the board approved two sections of English and one section of Spanish Immersion Kindergarten for 2018-19 school year.

Finance - The Finance Committee will be sending out fundraising letters for the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

Building and Grounds - Minutes of the March 6 meeting were reviewed for information.

Executive - The minutes of the March 9 and 23 meetings were reviewed for information.

Development - The minutes of the March 19 meeting were reviewed for information.

Building Project - The minutes of the March 3 meeting were reviewed for information.

Soaring to New Heights

Fundraising - The board was updated on the progress of the campaign. Approximately \$100,000 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.

New Business - The board was updated on the activities of the not for profit group, Little Eagle.

Closing - Derek Van Dyke closed in prayer.

Employment Opportunities

Here are recent openings at Pella Christian Grade School. See a complete listing of openings at pellachristian.net.

Elementary Reading Aide

The person in this part-time position would provide reading support to elementary students in the morning for up to twenty hours each week. A current Iowa teaching certificate or a para-educator certificate is desired, but not required for this opening.

Evening or Morning Janitor

This position will work three hours each evening or morning following a school day. There are no additional responsibilities during summer breaks or days that school is not in session. The candidate can choose the three-hour window in which to accomplish the assigned tasks between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 am.

Kindergarten Teacher

The person in this position will teach in one of our three self-contained kindergarten classrooms. This teacher will need to teach kindergarten with strengths in beginning literacy. This position is a 78% position as Kindergarten progresses from three days a week in the first grading period to five days a week in the third period.

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.

Creation Station Program

Creation Station Christian Preschool Spring program "Jammin' to Bed" will be held on Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pella Christian High School auditorium. Parents, siblings, grandparents and friends are invited to attend this special event. The program will feature Three School, Preschool, One to Grow On, and Spanish Immersion Preschool students jammin' in their pajamas. The 2017-18 Creation Station cookbook will be available for \$15. You may order a DVD of the program for \$5.00. Please mark your calendar and join us for an evening of praising God for his faithfulness to Creation Station during the past 21 years. An offering will be taken for Creation Station during the program.

Creation Station Christian Preschool will hold a registration meeting for parents and guardians at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10 in the Pella Christian Grade School gym. You must attend this meeting or you will forfeit your spot. Intention forms are available on-line at pellachristian.net

April

- 4 2:35 p.m. dismissal, professional learning
- 9 P.I.E. meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Faith CRC
- 11 2:35 p.m. dismissal, professional learning
- 12 Creation Station Preschool program, 6:30 p.m. at PCHS
- 18 District V track meet in Oskaloosa
- 19 3rd-5th grade musical "Malice in the Palace: The Story of Esther", 6:30 p.m. in PCGS gym
- 20 "A Grand Day" for grandparents/special friends, 11:35 a.m. dismissal
- 25 2:35 p.m. dismissal, professional learning

