



Soaring to New

The Soaring to New Heights Campaign is excited to share that we now have over \$11 million pledged to our building project! To our nearly seven hundred individual donors we want to say a huge thank you! The Matching Gift Challenge ended May 25 and a financial update will be shared in the June Focus. We ask that you will continue to keep PCGS in your prayers as renovations to the Legacy Space happen throughout the summer.

Please pray for the safety of the workers and that construction stays on pace for the space to be ready by the start of the 2018-19 school year. The Campaign Committee is so thankful for God's goodness and continues to hold fast to the school's mission of preparing our children for a life of service in God's kingdom, and ultimately sending them out to reclaim and impact the world for Christ. Thank you so much.

Summer Hours

The school office will have flexible hours throughout the summer. Typically the office will be open 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The office will be located in the portable building for the summer.

2018-19 Registration

Registration for the 2018-19 school year will be held July 12 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.; July 16 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m., and July 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Due to construction at the school, registration will be held at Pella Christian High School in the commons area. Lunch and other optional fees can also be paid on the July dates. If you cannot make any of these three time slots, please come to the school office after July 20. Here is the approved 2018-19 tuition scale:

Annual Society Meeting

The Pella Christian Grade School Society meeting was held May 22 at 6:00 p.m. The following people were elected to serve on the 2018-19 Pella Christian Grade School board representing:

Calvary CRC: Kyle Van Wyngarden

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Faith CRC: Jerry VerMeer

Second CRC: Levi Nieuwsma

The following staff members were recognized who are leaving the system:

Valerie Sinnema (1 year); Kim Kolb (3 years); Stephanie Lantz (4 years); Mark Van Maanen (4 years); Anali Reigstad (4.5 years); Dori Boer (5 years); Lyn Howerzyl (5 years); Laurie Nieboer (8 years); Marvin Van Haaften (14 years); Maureen Mason (16 years); Lenora Schut-De Haan (16 years); Laurie Goodyk (17 years); Julie Kuyers (18 years); Cheryl Fynaardt (25 years); Carol Ribbens (36 years); James Steenhoek (45 years)

Summer T.R.I.P.

T.R.I.P. orders will continue to be processed on Tuesdays at noon. Local orders will be ready Wednesday morning and national order ready by noon on Friday.

Staffing Update

Welcome to the following people to the PCGS 2018-19 staff:

Mrs. Brenda Huisman as our new One to Grow On Lead Teacher and Three School Assistant Teacher for 2018-19. Mrs. Huisman is a Central alum with a degree in Elementary Education and endorsements in Reading and Early Childhood Education. Brenda currently serves as a Kindergarten Prep Teacher at Yellow Iron Academy. She previously served twelve years as the assistant One to Grow On preschool teacher at the Creation Station Preschool.

Maestra Lucila Prado as our new Spanish Immersion Middle School Teacher for 2019-20. Maestra Prado lives in Las Quintas, Guadalupe, México. She has a BA in applied linguistics and two masters degrees in Curriculum and Instruction as well as Teaching-Knowledge Process. Maestra Lucila has ten years of teaching experiences in lower elementary, middle school and high school. She also served as a graduate assistant at LaGrange College in LaGrange, Georgia.

Number of Students	Total Tuition	Monthly Payment (10)
Kindergarten	\$4,465.00	\$446.50
1 Full Time student	\$5,580.00	\$558.00
1 FT student + K	\$9,600.00	\$960.00
2 FT students	\$10,600.00	\$1,060.00
2 FT students + K	\$13,950.00	\$1,395.50
3 FT students	\$14,785.00	\$1,478.50
3 FT students + K	\$17,465.00	\$1,746.50
4 FT students	\$18,130.00	\$1,813.00
4 FT students + K	\$20,140.00	\$2,014.00

Nathan Nikkel shared opening devotions.

Consent Agenda

The board approved sharing agreements with Oskaloosa Christian, Peoria Christian, and Sully Christian. The board approved changes to the Finance Committee's update of the Long Range Plan. The board approved a list of potential replacements for outgoing Finance Committee and Development Committee members.

The board approved the new banner designs. The board approved increasing the student lunch prices from \$2.45 to \$2.50 and adult lunch prices from \$3.55 to \$3.65. These price increases are minimums for the Federal hot lunch program. The board approved directing memorial funds given to the school to the TAP fund.

Old Business - An update was given on staff openings for 2018-19. The board approved the second reading of series 800 of the Board Policy Manual, which deals with School Finance. The board reviewed and discussed the annual meeting agenda and responsibilities.

Correspondence - The board received a letter of thank you from Timothy Christian School regarding the partnership with the Teaching for Transformation Framework.

Reports - Chad Vink shared the financial reports. Craig Juffer gave a curriculum and technology report. David Te Grotenhuis shared highlights from the preschool and head of school report.

Education - The board approved

changing the One to Grow On class schedule from Monday, Tuesday and Thursday schedule to a Monday, Wednesday and Friday schedule.

The board approved a motion to hire Brenda Huisman as the One to Grow On Preschool Teacher and a Three School Assistant Teacher. The board approved the middle school elective class proposal for 2018-19.

Finance - The committee shared that changes have been made to state and federal income taxes for 529 plan giving. Withdrawals from 529 plans have historically been for college education expenses and now K-12 educational expenses are also eligible. In addition to this change, families can now take a state tax deduction for contributions to 529 plans. The Finance Committee hopes to have information on this program change available to families soon.

Building and Grounds - The minutes of the May 1 meeting were shared for information.

Executive - The minutes of the April 20, May 1, and May 11 meetings were shared for information.

Development - The minutes of the May 14 meeting were shared for information.

Building Project - The minutes of the April 27 and May 11 meetings were shared for information.

Soaring to New Heights Fundraising - An update was given on the progress of the Matching Gift Challenge.

New Business - Information on registration dates and times was shared for information.

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.

Bus Drivers - Part time and full time bus driving positions are available. Position could be combined with the janitor position listed below.

Elementary School Counselor -- This is an opening for a 73% time K-8 School Counselor Position. It is a shared position between Pella Christian Grade, Newton Christian, Oskaloosa Christian, and Sully Christian Schools. The primary responsibilities of this position include meeting with individual students, providing input to staff on meeting student needs and delivering instruction in each classroom at each school approximately once a month. An articulated sequenced curriculum has been developed for this position.

Preschool Assistant Teacher - This position is the assistant preschool teacher three mornings a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). This position could be combined with the Three School assistant teacher opening for full time employment.

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.

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.

May

- 28 Memorial Day, office is closed
- 29 Summer office hours 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

July

- 12 Registration 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. at PCHS
- 16 Registration 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. at PCHS
- 19 Registration 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at PCHS

