



PELLA CHRISTIAN GRADE SCHOOL

Newsletter

May 23, 2018

Soaring to New Heights Matching Gift

The Soaring to New Heights Campaign is excited to share the news 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 ends 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 specifically 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. God Bless!

Writing Awards

Congratulations to the following PCGS short story and poetry winners of the 2017-2018 Iowa Reading Association Writing Contest.

- 2nd grade: Kyara Gomez -short story (State 1st)
- 5th grade: Addison Bandstra- short story (State 1st)
- 1st grade: Luke Schreur - poetry (State 3rd)
- 3rd grade: Elias Keegan - poetry (State 3rd)
- 7th grade: Sydney Van Arendonk - poetry (State 1st)
- 7th grade: Janae Vande Noord - poetry (State 1st)

Students, thank you for using your individual God given gifts for a life of service in His kingdom.

2018-19 Registration

Registration for the 2018-19 school year will be held July 12 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.; and July 16 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. and July 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch and other optional fees can also be paid on the July dates. 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:

- Calvary CRC representative: Kyle Van Wyngarden
- Calvary CRC representative: Craig Roose
- Faith CRC representative: Jerry Vermeer
- Second CRC representative: Levi Nieuwsma

The following staff members were recognized for years of service to Pella Christian Grade School: 5 years - Mary Blackledge, Lyn Howerzyl, Rebecca Gomez, Laurie Nieboer and Nolan Wiersma; 10 years - Dennis Brostrom and David Te Grotenhuis; 25 years - Cheryl Fynaardt; 45 years - James Steenhoek.

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); Analü 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)

A card basket is located in the front entry of Pella Christian Grade School to share well wishes with these staff members.

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

Employment Opportunities

Pella Christian Grade School is advertising for the following openings. A complete listing of openings can be found at pellachristian.net under the News tab:

Bus Drivers - Part time and full time bus driving positions are available. Potential for three full time bus routes to be available for the 2018-19 school year. Position could be combined with either the janitorial position listed below. Please contact fynaardtch@pellachristian.net for more information.

Part Time 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 will work under the supervision of PCGS custodian, Kevin Stursma. The candidate can choose the three-hour window in between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 am.

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.

Cross Country and Volleyball Coaches

Pella Christian Grade School is looking for a middle school cross country coach and a 7th grade volleyball coach for the fall of 2018. Please contact Athletic Director, Jake Fancher at (fancherj@pellachristian.net) for more information or if interested.

Preschool Assistant Teacher - Position is the assistant teacher for Creation Station's preschool program three mornings a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). A teaching license is preferred for each of these positions as well as an early childhood endorsement.

Applications will be accepted until each position is filled. Application materials including the faith statement, application information form, and necessary information can be found on the school website pellachristian.net. Interested applicants can contact David Te Grotenhuis (tegrotenhuisd@pellachristian.net) for more information.

End of Year Highlights

- Friday, May 25 -last day of school 11:35 p.m. dismissal.
- Friday, May 25 -classroom moving noon through 6:00 p.m.. Volunteers can sign up at <https://goo.gl/tfrKat> Volunteering is a great way to complete your two required building and grounds volunteer hours. Many slots are still available.
- Friday, May 25 -8th grade graduation 5:45 p.m. The class of 2018 eighth graders will graduate that evening at the Pella Christian High School Vermeer Auditorium.
- Saturday, May 26 -classroom moving help is needed from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Volunteers can sign up at <https://goo.gl/tfrKat> Volunteering is a great way to complete your two required building and grounds volunteer hours.
- Monday, May 28 - classroom moving from 8:00 a.m. through noon. Volunteers can sign up at <https://goo.gl/tfrKat> Volunteering is a great way to complete your two required building and grounds volunteer hours. Many slots are still available.
- Monday, May 28- Memorial Day, school office is closed
- Tuesday, May 29 -classroom moving from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. This is the last opportunity to complete building and grounds volunteer hours for the 2017-18 school year. Volunteers can sign up at <https://goo.gl/tfrKat> Many slots are still available.
- Thursday, May 31 -All Kindergarten through eighth grade report cards will be mailed home through the United States Postal Service. Due to construction no end of the year event will be held. The school office will be located in the portable building for the summer. Office hours will be limited. Typical office hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Following this date the physical school building will be closed to all staff, students and visitors until mid-August or until publicized. Please abide by all construction zone postings.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items are on display for students and parents to claim missing items. Tables are located inside the front entrance of the school during school hours. Any items remaining after May 25 will be donated to missions.

Summer Office 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 during remodeling this summer. T.R.I.P. orders will continue to be processed on Tuesdays at noon with local items ready for pick up on Wednesday mornings and national orders ready by noon on Fridays.

May Calendar

May

25	11:35 a.m. dismissal, last day of school
25-29	Building Volunteer Opportunity
25	8th grade graduation, 5:45 p.m
28	Memorial Day, office closed
29	Summer Office hours 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.