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Principal's Corner

The school has been buzzing with the challenge we received from a family with a donation. We were challenged to make a \$100 donation grow. We added an extra \$100 of our own and distributed among all the students in grades three through eight, grades kindergarten through second grade were just asked to raise money through various means as the others. Each student was given a \$5 bill and challenged to make the money "grow" (seeing how much could be raised) in two weeks. We read the parable of the talents and related that to the opportunity set before them. We asked the students to not ask for donations (just for the sake of receiving money, but to raise their money by coming up with a creative way of doing so, we gave them some ideas, such as; through doing small jobs around the house, chores, allowances, buying, making, and selling those goods, collecting pop cans, using some of their own birthday money, raking leaves for neighbors, etc.

The theme for the month of October is "Diligence" and seemed to fit very well with the task set before them. As "diligent" stewards in God's kingdom we wanted the students to be active right now for the betterment of the mission of their school. The students were to be active in pursuing a goal they set for themselves to reach through this project. This didn't allow them time to procrastinate or put it off, with only two weeks to see the return on their efforts. Our wrap up was to converse how this can be beneficial in all aspects of life. We need to be diligent with our time in balancing the many activities that we encounter each and everyday, we need to be diligent in ways we use our talents, we need to be diligent in how we encourage each other, we need to be diligent in our work, and especially in our spiritual and devotional time that we spend with the Lord, whether that be in personal devotions, family devotions, or devotions in our classrooms.

Mr. Schoonhoven

NICSTO - Donors Needed!

PLEASE prayerfully consider a contribution or donation to Ireton Christian School through the NICSTO program. It has GREAT TAX BENEFITS for you, the donor!

We need your continued support. The contributions goal for 2009 is \$20,000 and the year is coming to a close soon. You can download a copy of the NICSTO form off our website link at (www.iretonchristianschool.com) or ask for a copy from the office. We sincerely thank you for your support, Christian education is a very important means by which we can educate our youth who will be tomorrows leaders grounded in Christ!

Please Consider Becoming A Foundation Member

The board would like to invite anyone to help promote Ireton Christian School. For a yearly fee of \$25 or a Lifetime membership of \$500, you can become an Ireton Christian School Foundation member. Please visit the school office or mail \$25 or \$500 to Ireton Christian School and you will be added to the membership list! All proceeds will be placed in our Endowment Fund. The money raised will help defray the cost of major repairs and educational expenses encountered throughout the year, as well as helping keep the cost of education at a minimum. Thanks in advance for your support!

Volleyball News

The volleyball season has already ended! I had a wonderful time coaching all 14 of the girls on my team. They improved greatly as the season went on. Some of them learned how to serve overhand, some learned how to spike, and they all improved on their passing! We had a few wins at the Dordt tournament in September and another win in October against Sioux Center.

These girls worked hard, had incredible attitudes, and above all, showed excellent sportsmanship during their games no matter the outcome. In both practices and games, they showed tremendous effort. I am already looking forward to next season. We did not have any eighth grade girls so all of the players, Lord willing, should be returning for an even better season next year!

Band News

Welcome from the ICS Band! The 6-8 graders are already hard at work learning several interesting new pieces of music, including an African arrangement of Bell Carol, a song inspired by Stonehenge, a march, and a fast and furious piece called The Sound and the Fury. The fifth graders are doing very well on their new instruments and learning more notes every week! They look forward to showing their skills in our fall concert.

We were also proud to send three of our students to Storm Lake High School, Saturday, Oct. 17. Madison Dorhout, Cody Gradert, and Travis Viet auditioned to be a part of the Northwest Iowa Middle School Honor Band! Cody Gradert and Travis Viet were among the only 100 out of 400 students chosen and will advance to a day of rehearsals and an evening concert Nov. 7 at 6:00pm. Congratulations to them and we wish them the best!

We look forward to seeing you at our fall concert, Nov. 19!
Mrs. Van Engen

Piano News

On October 19, three of our Junior-High students participated in the N.W. Iowa Christian School Piano & Speech Interscholastics Event, held in Rock Valley. Students were rated by judges on their piano playing accuracy, techniques, musicianship, poise and stage presence. The rating scale was graded as follows: 1-Emerging, 2-Competent, 3-Very well done, and 4-Outstanding. Travis Viet played "Jumpin' the Ivories", a New Orleans jazz piece. Madison Dorhout performed a gentle "Morning at Spring Meadow". Sara Dekkers memorized "Evening in Havana", with a strong Latin rhythm. Each student did very well. My thanks to Travis, Madison, Sara, and also to their parents for their encouragement and support.

Musically yours! Kate Noteboom

Asbestos Notification

In compliance with regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) all parents, teachers, students and employees are hereby notified that Ireton Christian School has a management plan for asbestos available in the school office, should anyone desire to see the plan. Let us know. Areas that contain asbestos are given required periodic surveillance and are maintained according to required regulations.

TRIP News

The next TRIP order date is Nov. 2, by 9:00am. Remember we will be ordering every two weeks through Dec. 14 to make it easier for you to purchase all the TRIP you need for your holidays. Anyone can order TRIP that wishes to support one of our school families. When you order just put it under their name. If you do not have a current order form please download one from the TRIP link on the website before placing an order.

To order any on hand inventory call Donna at #278-2506 (home) or #278-2105 (work).

November Birthdays

Nov. 8	Kate Noteboom
Nov. 9	Caden Schouten, and Evan Feekes
Nov. 10	Tammy Sieck
Nov. 15	Mr. Schoonhoven
Nov. 16	Shelby Riebeling
Nov. 24	Jace Noyes



School Calendar

Nov. 10, 12	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8, Tuesday & Thursday
Nov. 13	No school
Nov. 19	Fall Musical (K-8) 7pm Thursday
Nov. 25	1:30 Dismissal
Nov, 26-27	Thanksgiving Break, no school

Continue Collecting Those Boxtops

Everyone, family and friends, please continue collecting boxtops. It's like free money for our school, used for purchasing equipment, etc.

ICS Staff Has Reason to Celebrate

Friday, Oct. 16, was National Bosses Day. The staff here at ICS therefore had good reason to celebrate with cake and coffee. We honored our principal, Mr. Schoonhoven. He is much appreciated for his leadership and continuous dedication to our school, staff, and students. Many hours and much work are put in by him in all of his different roles. This was a small way to say **"Thank You Mr. Schoonhoven"**.



Kids of the Kingdom Playground

Kids of the Kingdom preschool is excited about having purchased a new playground unit for the preschoolers and the kids at ICS. It was assembled on Tuesday, Oct. 6 in the rain and mud. Brent De Jong, Josh Folkerts, Willard Koopmans, Jeremy Koopmans, Duane Bonnema, Benjy Weida, Mike Vander Windt, Don Mulder, Mike Mulder, Dick Bonnema, Jim Dekkers, Norlyn Van Beek, Greg Van Beek, Mike Rens, Scott Dorhout, Evan De Groot, and Bryan Bonnema were the volunteers who helped assemble it that rainy day. Then after it had dried up a bit the ground work was finished. It stands ready for the youngsters to have some delightful fun on it! A GREAT BIG **"THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THE PURCHASE POSSIBLE AND TO THOSE WHO HELPED WITH THE ASSEMBLING!** It will be enjoyed by many!!!

Kids of The Kingdom Preschool

Colors and glue are put away in cubbies, "Jesus Loves Me" is proudly sung, and the pitter patter of little feet fill the hallways. That's right, preschool has begun!

These past two months have been filled with excitement. Kids of the Kingdom is proud to be a participant in Iowa's Quality Rating System. Currently we are holding, on a five star scale, four stars. We also received funding for all 4-5 year old children to attend preschool for free through the Universal Preschool Grant.

However, the excitement doesn't stop there. KOK has been blessed with twenty vibrant students for the 2009-2010 school year. We are busy inside the classroom using the High Scope curriculum which entails small group, large group, and work time experiences. We are also keeping busy with the many field trips planned throughout the year. Already, we have been on three. In September we were excited to sing to Grandpa's and Grandma's at Hillcrest Care Center in Hawarden. Fire prevention week started us off in October when we visited Maurice's Fire Department and in late October we took a field trip to enjoy the beauty of Fall when we visited Diane's Pumpkin Patch.

God has blessed our Preschool in many ways and we are excited to see His hands at work the remainder of the year.



Mrs. Obbink

Kindergarten

The Kindergarteners enjoyed a trip to the Ireton fire station on October 7. They thought the new fire truck was really great. They enjoyed seeing how far the new unit could shoot water. They got to see what a fireman would look like with all of his gear on, including his air tank. Now they know if they are ever caught in a fire to not be afraid of the fireman and to not hide under a bed or in a closet. They must help the fireman find them in order to be rescued.

The Kindergarteners are doing very well in learning the letter sounds. They have learned how to write the capital and lowercase of nine letters. They have also learned the sound each of those letters make. An exciting new skill they are learning is how to make and sound out words using those nine letters.

They were disappointed to not be able to go to the pumpkin patch yet because it is too muddy and wet out there. We are hopefully going to be able to do that later in October.



Mrs. Vos

3rd and 4th Grade

It was another great month in 3rd and 4th grade! We learned all kinds of new things and got to do some fun activities! This month we focused on being diligent. We set goals for ourselves and worked at really achieving them. We also worked on raising money for Ireton. After reading the parable of the talents, we challenged ourselves to take our \$5 and make it grow. These kids did great! They did all kinds of things from extra chores to selling baked goods they had made themselves.



In science we learned all about plants and animals. We especially studied how plants grow and create seeds. Then we got to go on a field trip to Pumpkin Land in Orange City. There we were able to see all the different types of seeds and pumpkins they are able to grow. We were able to go out to the petting zoo for a while and play with the animals. Then each of the students picked out their own pumpkin that they took back to school and decorated.

In art we had a lot of fun too! We made tessellations. With a small square piece of paper, we had to draw one line on it any way we wanted. Then we cut along that line and flipped the two sides and taped them back together. The design then fit together when we traced it onto a piece of paper. The students could use their imagination and make their design into some fun picture or pattern. We also got to make pillows in art this month. This was a fun activity and kids love using their pillows during the day!

We are all excited to continue to learning and see what the month of November holds in store for us. It should be an exciting month of learning and giving thanks!

Mrs. Mills

The Mayor Visits

The Mayor of Ireton, Dennis Burns visited the 1st and 2nd grade class on Wednesday, October 21. Mayor Burns talked about local government and his job as a mayor. The students asked questions about the pool and the ball park. In the picture with mayor Dennis Burns is left to right, Kylie Van Donkelaar, Page Fedders, Sara Feekes, Hanah Van Beek, Josee Abbas, Annie Endrulat, Jenna Dekkers, Benjamin Abbas, Cali Mulder, Dylan Riebeling



1st and 2nd Grade

This fall weather has been quite dreary. We keep a record of sunny, overcast, rainy or snowy days for our calendar and we found it was a cloudy month. But fall is still interesting. Our class learned Jeremiah 10:5: "Like a scarecrow in a melon patch, an idol cannot speak." After making scarecrows in art, we saw how nature and God can speak to us every day. God is still in control, even if the weather makes us stay inside a lot.

In Bible, we have learned about the first three king of Israel. David and Goliath still is our favorite story. We enjoy singing the songs "Only A Boy Named David" and "Little David, Play on Your Harp".

Our class went to the Northwestern play, "The Jungle Book". It was fun seeing students dressing and acting like monkeys, tigers, birds, and wolves. It helps us know how to "act" when we perform plays.

We went to Diane's Pumpkin Patch on October 27. Diane gave us a ride in her wagon out to the field so we could pick the perfect pumpkin. Then she let us paint the pumpkin in her old shed, showed us all the different gourds she raises, and allowed us see her petting zoo. The best thing is being outside and enjoying God's creation.

Mrs. Goslinga

5th and 6th Grade

The class has completed many assignments and worksheets already. A fourth of the year is now in the books for the 2009-2010 school year. The students have been talking about the Psalms and the meaning from some them. We have seen many attributes to what the Psalmist was feeling at the time of writing, whether that was joy and celebration or lament for their sins or disobedience. The students made posters depicting ways we show praise God in our daily lives.

In math both classes have been working on solving word problems, one-step, or two-step equations. They are also continuously trying to master some flashcards for reducing fractions, mixed numbers or decimal numbers. The class went to the Northwestern play entitled "The Junglebook" and enjoyed the cast of characters and the characters they portrayed throughout the story. They also went to a drama workshop put on by the cast of Unity Christian. The students got to see the Cast act out some different scenes, such as; Freeze Frame, Hitchhiker, The Dating Game, and a scene where they built on each other. The students also got a chance to practice some bits and pieces of their own in smaller groups. It was very enjoyable to see students using some of their talents in a drama setting.

Mr. Schoonhoven

7th and 8th Grade

Who knew the end of the quarter would come so quickly!! The 7th and 8th graders are in full stride as we work forward into the second quarter. During this month we spent a lot of time looking over the idea of diligence. We were curious not only how diligence is something we should focus on in our spiritual lives, but also our academics. It is great to see students working so hard, not only toward the goal of accomplishing good grades, but also to bring glory to God through working to their full potential.

Inside of our subject areas we have hit some difficult tasks. In our Math classes both the seventh and eighth graders have moved into very time consuming concepts. The seventh grade is pushing forward in Algebra, and are now learning the methods of working through multi-variable problems. Along with this, they are also learning the tactics of multiplication and division while those variables are present. It can definitely be a frustrating time when letters begin to be mixed with numbers, and many steps are needed in order to determine the final solution. In eighth grade math we have moved into the final portions of Algebra during which we are learning to graph. They are currently working on how to determine the y-intercept, slope, and being able to state the equation of a graph by looking at the line. This too can be a very time consuming, and exhausting task when first learning. What a great time to be spending our chapels and devotions discussing diligence!

In Bible we have moved into the book of Amos. This is a great study, because many of the students haven't yet taken the time to read this book on their own. We are looking into the actions of the Israelites during this time frame, and how their choices directly affected their relationship with God. While studying this it has also given us a chance to discuss choices we make in our own lives, and choices being made in the world today. It is very interesting to hear the perspectives of the students on how they feel about the choices being made, and how they feel it influences the worlds perspective and relationship with God. What a great year this has turned out to be so far!

Mr. Mills

Board Meeting - October 12, 2009

1. Call to Order-Roll
2. Opening Prayer & Devotions read from Proverbs 4:10-15, 25-27 by Rick Schouten
3. Approval of MINUTES of last meeting
4. Items to be added to agenda
5. Old Business
 - a. Rally Day -put thank you in Independent, send thank you to each business
 - b. Leroy P fundraiser-board will ask him to talk to auxiliary for 2010-2011
6. Principal's Report
7. Committee Reports (be prepared to bring motions to the whole committee for discussion & approval)
 - a. Building-repairs
 - b. Education-Coop position
 - c. Finance
 - d. Bus-inspection Oct 21 at 10:30
 - e. Endowment
 - f. Preschool-playground equipment
 - g. Technology-teacher emails, printer purchased from Sioux County auction
 - h. Promotion/Concert-Bluegrass concert date April 10, DVD's of school & community
8. Finance Committee Reports
 - General (Tim)-38,237.69
 - Tuition Asst (Tim)-662.75
 - Building (Glen)-2050.27
 - KOK Preschool (Glen)-3143.64

*APPROVAL of REPORTS
9. New Business (Items for Action)
 - a. Snowcap renewal
 - b. L4U library support renewal \$599 + \$199/yr (checkmark included)
 - c. Board/Staff Party (potluck at school-new board members in charge of games) on Nov 14, 6:30 at ICS
 - d. Building Toward Our Future Campaign-2nd wave of contacts for 2009-2010 year
10. Bills submitted
11. Review Policies 410-426.2
12. Board Visit -Tim Bonnema
Next: Glen Bonnema

13. Next meeting November 10, 2009 at 7:30pm
(Committees begin at 7:00)
14. Concept Minutes
15. Closing Prayer by Tim Bonnema-motion to adjourn

ICS FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand

	\$19,561.92	Educational Disbursements:
Receipts:		Copier 75.50
Band Income 200.00		Supplies 783.60
Bus (state) 8,705.29		Technology 3,056.07
Donation 525.00		Textbooks 2,689.52
Endowment Fd Int 490.80		Sub Total \$6,604.69
House Rent 400.00		
Interest 13.44		Building Disbursements:
Ireton CRC 2,300.00		Bldg. repairs 1,092.08
Rally Day Sale 16,395.00		Fuel 537.30
Tuition and TRIP 36,372.28		House Property Tax 1,314.40
Grant 1,600.00		Utilities 750.88
Total \$50,606.81		Sub Total \$3,694.66

Receipts & Beginning Balance

	\$70,168.73	Bus Disbursements:
Salaries:		Gas & Oil 183.56
Cooks Wages & SS 642.63		Repairs 2,761.90
Educational 11,664.25		Sub Total \$2,945.46
Educational Pension 1,834.51		Total Disbursements
Educational SS 907.36		\$31,931.04
Janitor 554.44		Balance on Hand \$38,237.69
Medical Employee 1,383.33		
Medical Employer 1,699.71		
Sub Total \$18,686.23		

Church	09-10 Goal	Received	Balance	%Paid
Haw CRC	8,050.00	0.00	8,050.00	0%
Ire CRC	31,050.00	2,300.00	28,750.00	7%
Lebanon CRC	3,450.00	0.00	3,450.00	0%
Bridge of Hope	3,450.00	0.00	3,450.00	0%
Ed. Partners	14,375.00	0.00	14,375.00	0%
Totals	56,925.00	2,300.00	54,625.00	7%

ISB Financial Network	\$646.26
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Endowment CD's & Savings	\$48,271.38
Tuition Savings	\$662.75
Concert fund Checking	\$23,833.98
General fund money market	\$15,674.35
GPPE stock	\$ 440.00

2009-2010 Ireton Christian School Covenant Foundation Members:

Jason Meyer *
Nicholaas and Arletta Dorhout*
Brent and Cindy Davelaar*
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Marlin and Leah Schoonhoven
Margaret Kooistra

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