



# The Ireton Christian **BEACON**

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## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

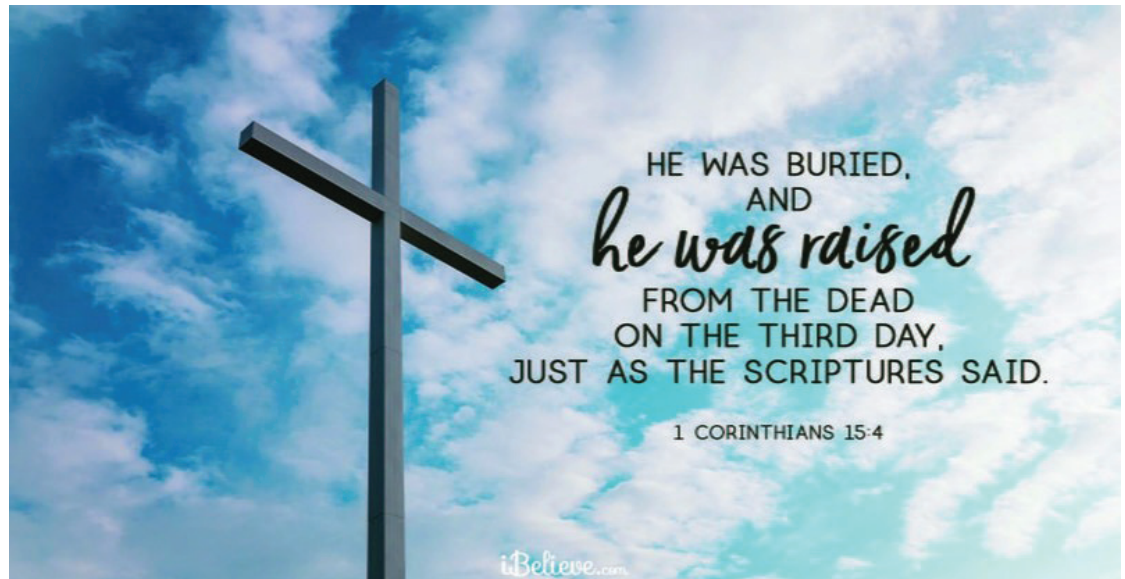
### **An Easter Reflection!**

*Ireton Christian School plays a significant role in the education and spiritual development of each of our students within their Faith journey. As we reflect on Easter, here are some reasons why Christian Education is important!*

- *Integration of Faith and Learning: ICS provides an environment where faith and academics are integrated seamlessly. During Easter reflection, this integration extends to subjects beyond theology and biblical studies. Teachers were able to incorporate Easter themes into their lessons across the curriculum, exploring connections between the resurrection and various academic subjects such as history, science and literature.*
- *Spiritual Formation: ICS prioritizes the spiritual formation of students, fostering a deeper understanding of our Christian Reformed beliefs. Easter holds importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are able to support students in grasping the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection and its implications for their faith and lives.*
- *Covenantal Perspective: Christian Reformed theology emphasizes God's covenant relationship with His people. Easter reflections highlight the fulfillment of God's covenant promises through Jesus Christ. Students learn how Christ's sacrifice on the cross and victory over death establish a new covenant, offering forgiveness of sins and eternal life to all who believe. This covenantal perspective shapes students' understanding of Easter as a celebration of God's faithfulness and love.*

*We continue to encourage our students to deepen their understanding of Easter and its profound implications for their faith and life!*

*In God's grace,  
Mrs. Kooima*



# KIDS OF THE KINGDOM PRESCHOOL

February and March have been all about love and kindness in preschool! In the month of March, we did a thematic unit on kindness. We read kindness books, sang songs, and learned all about what it means to be a kind student, friend, son/daughter, and brother/sister. We completed a 100 acts of kindness challenge, where I challenged my students to show kindness and love towards their peers and teachers throughout the month. For every 10 acts of kindness recognized, we popped a balloon off the wall in our classroom! We ended our kindness unit by blessing all ICS students and staff with a kindness cart surprise. Bookmarks, fidget toys, sweet treats, beverages, and lots of smiles were passed out as an act of generosity and service to our fellow teachers and students. In preschool, we talked about the act of giving and spreading kindness without expecting anything in return. After all, this is what Christ has done for us! The preschoolers also continue to make remarkable growth toward their letter and number skills. I am so proud of each and every one of them. To practice our letter writing skills this month, we tried writing the letters in shaving cream! Now THAT is a fun way to learn!

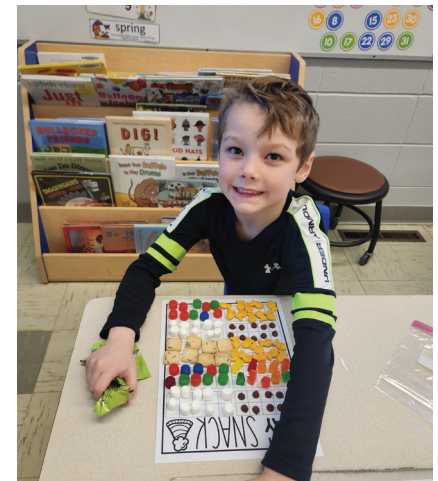
*Mrs. Roghair and Mrs. Plendl*



## KINDERGARTEN

We are into the fourth quarter of kindergarten! When we look back, we see how much has changed so far this year. Kids have grown taller, lost a few teeth, learned to read, and have made friends! As we close out this year, we hope to accomplish a few more things. We always want to learn more about God and his love for us. We also need to keep working on academics - counting by 2s, using tally marks, counting money, writing sentences . . . there is always more to learn. Our class likes the routines, but is excited about the extras in the coming weeks - grandparents day and our end of the year field trip! It has been a good year. We are thankful for the blessings that God has given us as a class, and we look forward to being a blessing to others!

*Mrs. Kuperus*



## 1ST & 2ND GRADE

Can anyone believe we are nearing the end of this school year and are in our final few weeks of school? It hardly seems possible! The first and second graders spent over a month learning about economics in our social studies curriculum. We learned all about how God put us on earth to work and how we need to be good stewards with the resources He provided us with. We talked about producers, consumers, how to make a budget, and how to make wise choices with money. To wrap up our unit, we are working hard on creating a Market Day in school. The students are all bringing in different supplies and are busy making items to sell to the other students in school. All proceeds from this day will be gifted to Royal Family Kids. This is a camp that is held each summer for kids who are in foster care. The kids who come get to be pampered and feel special all week long, while being shown the Love of Christ. We're praying that the money we give will help in a small way to further God's Kingdom. Our class is also working hard on researching an animal, writing about that animal, and compiling everyone's pages into an actual published book. They are SO excited to become "Real" authors and they are working so hard on this project. Hopefully we should have copies of their books by the end of the year. Check with any 1st or 2nd grader if you'd like to read our book. I'm sure they'd be proud to tell you all about their animal!



*Mrs. Oolman*



## 7TH & 8TH GRADE

A couple of weeks ago, the 7th and 8th Graders were invited to Unity to participate with other middle school students in some FFA challenges. Throughout the morning, they collaborated in different activities and contests that measured their knowledge of soils, plants, weeds, flowers, livestock, poultry, grains, agronomy, mechanics, and horses. The small groups cooperated in some leadership challenges as well. From our school, these were the following winners: Kambrie Dekkers—agronomy and nursery/landscape, Kayla Fedders—horse evaluation, Rylee Hoogland—livestock judging, and Evan Hooyer—soils evaluation. Top 10 overall winners included Kambrie Dekkers (2nd), Rylee Hoogland (4th), Zoey Zomermaand (5th), and Kayla Fedders (6th). Great job, ICS students!

*Mrs. Hoogland*

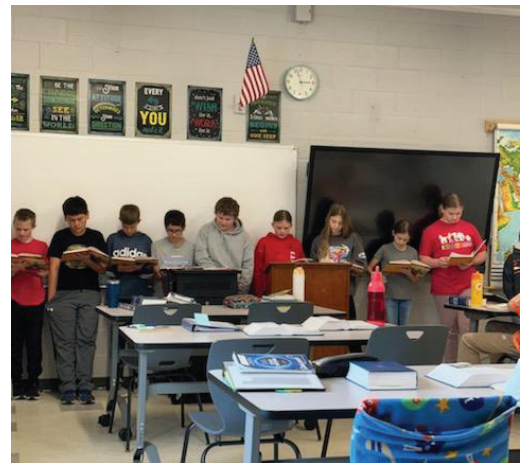


## 5TH & 6TH GRADE

Wow! I cannot believe we are in the 4th quarter of the school year. We have been busy learning with not a lot of special activities happening, but this will change in a hurry with all the busyness of spring activities! We are thankful God has blessed us with health in the 5th and 6th grade homeroom. In literature, we have been reading *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster. He does a fabulous job of mastering wordplay in his book. We have been looking at all the examples of wordplay he uses. Our vocabulary has increased greatly from all the unknown words we have been looking for the meaning of. In grammar,

we are looking at each part of speech in depth. Currently, we are learning about the usage of adverbs. The students are encouraged to apply what we are learning in grammar to their writing. In Bible class, we are blessed to be learning about Christ's death and resurrection during the Easter season. We are learning John 14:1-14 in sections. It brings me great joy to hear His children learn and memorize scripture. As in learning grammar to apply to our writing, we often discuss how it is useless to only memorize scripture, but how it is essential to our Christian life to apply it to our lives and have it change us! We hope to finish strong in the 4th quarter and look forward to all that is ahead!

*Mrs. Zylstra*



## 3RD & 4TH GRADE

When you read this Easter will have come and gone and we hope you had a blessed day! I know the students in my room understand the real meaning of Easter and what Jesus did for us. Wow! We sang "How Great Thou Art" in the room today and it made me tear up a bit to hear them sing and just how blessed we are to serve a God like we do!

We are also busy practicing and getting ready for one of our favorite days at ICS.... Grandparent's Day! We are having a patriotic theme this year and it has been fun learning all the songs for it.

We have been reading, reading, reading in our room and homes this month. We have met our goals and are anxious to go bowling and get pizza for our "work". We also have been practicing being quieter in our room and have been trying to get the letters GAME DAY off the board to have some time to play games. We did it! It took a lot of reminders and a lot of "SHHHHHH" but I can't wait to play Yahtzee with some of the kids. Some of us love basketball so we filled out brackets for March Madness. The kids love paying attention to the games to see who is in first place. (currently me, but it won't last:))

Keep us in our prayers for our Math lessons. We are doing long division in 4th grade. The kids don't appreciate it. 3rd graders are starting Geometry and doing well. We are learning about extreme settings in *Wit and Wisdom*. We are anxious to read the book *Hatchet*.

It is hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of school. Time flies!

*Happy Spring, Mrs. Sieck*



## APRIL AND MAY BIRTHDAYS

April 3	Karissa Roghair
April 11	Levi Byker
April 12	Sadie Fedders
April 12	Rebecca Plendl
April 17	Emma Gradert
April 20	Ember Van Driessen
April 24	Bennett Hooyer
April 24	Elaina Butcher
April 25	Brenda Johnson
April 29	Clay Richardson
April 29	Axton McInnis
May 7	Megan Kooima
May 9	Willette Ansong
May 12	Eden Van Driessen
May 18	Olivia Fedders
May 29	Zachary De Boer
May 30	Henry Bos
May 30	Talon Kramer



## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18	KOK Field Trip to Launchpad
April 22	Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
April 25	Spring Concert (3rd - 8th Grade) 7:00 PM
May 3	Field Trip Friday
May 9	Mother's Day Tea (PreK-2nd Grade) 2:30 PM
May 16	ICS Track & Field Day (PM)
May 20	KOK Preschool Graduation 7:00 PM
May 22	End of 4th Quarter 11:30 dismissal 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 PM

## SOCCER/ TRACK SCHEDULE



Wednesday, April 17	Unity Track Meet
Thursday, April 18	Game at Orange City Christian
Monday, April 22	Game at Sanborn Christian
Tuesday, April 23	Home vs Sioux Center
Monday, April 29	Game at Sheldon Christian
Thursday, May 2	Home vs Hull Prot
Tuesday, May 7	Game at Inwood Christian
Tuesday, May 14	Home vs Rock Valley Christian
Wednesday, May 15	Sioux Center Track Meet
Thursday, May 16	Home vs Hull Christian

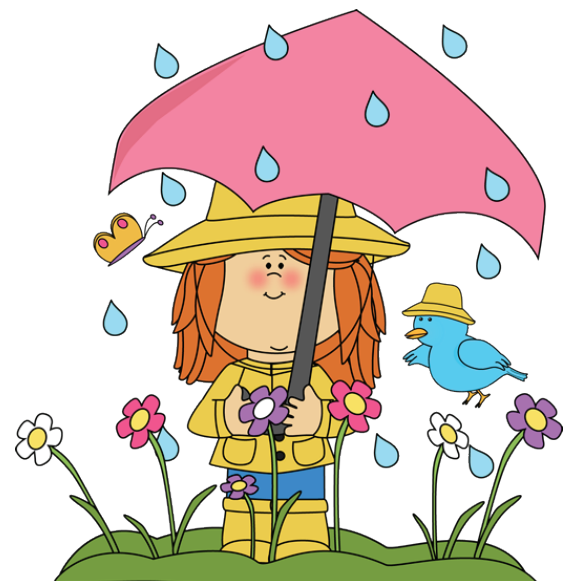
## TRIP NEWS

Upcoming order dates are: April 15 (last order before payout), May 13.

TRIP Order forms can be printed off the school website if you need one. Orders need to be in the TRIP box in the school office or given to Donna Koopmans by 8:00 AM on order dates in your family envelope. No late orders will be taken.



APRIL  
Showers  
BRING MAY  
Flowers



# ICS BOARD MINUTES

## February 2024

Opened with devotions.  
Principal's Report, board minutes & finance report approved.  
M/S/C ICS Library Guidelines  
M/S/C KOK budget 2024 - 2025  
Discussed ideas for Auxiliary to spend their funds  
M/S/C \$50 toward eighth grade capstone digital project  
Reviewed board workshop  
Reviewed Vision/Mission/Core Value from REFINE EDU  
Discussed School improvement plan for CSI  
M/S/C purchase IEW writing curriculum  
Reviewed Board Policy  
Closed in prayer  
\*M/S/C - motion/support/carry

## March 2024

Opened with devotions.  
Principal's Report, board minutes & finance report approved.  
M/S/C JMC school information system - purchase 24/25 school year  
M/S/C new teachers trained in curriculum online professional development  
Discussed - outside building updates, security cameras  
Hiring Updates - Need to hire FT Middle School Para & .5 FTE Math Interventionist and TAG teacher  
Discussed CSI accreditation  
Reviewed board policy  
Closed in prayer  
\*M/S/C - motion/support/carry

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