

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

April, 2018

Thy Spirit, O LORD, makes life to abound; the earth is renewed.... Psalter 287

School Board Monthly Report

Meeting Held April 11, 2018

1. President Nathan Schiermeyer reads from Isaiah 12 and opens with prayer.
2. Minutes from previous Monthly Board Meeting held 2018-03-03 are received for information.
3. Treasurer's report is received for information.
4. Tuition report is received for information.
5. Building report is received for information.
6. Transportation/Busing Report is received for information.
7. Mr. Loren Gritters enters the meeting.
8. Principal's report is received for information.
9. Classroom visits are received for information.
10. Ed Committee Report is received for information.
11. Mr. Loren Gritters exits the meeting.
12. Technology Report is received for information.
13. Scrip Committee Reports are received for information.
14. Foundation Committee Report is received for information.
15. Foundation Treasurer's Report is received for information.
16. Letter from Guild is received for information.
17. Script minutes are read.
18. Motion is made to receive script minutes as read. Support and Carried.
19. Motion is made to adjourn. Support and Carried.
20. Terry Van Maanen closes with prayer.

Next Meeting Scheduled For May 02, 2018

Scrip Schedule Updates

1. Because the Wealth Bible study season has come to a close on April 4, there will be **no Wednesday Scrip hours** until next fall.
2. Regular Scrip hours: Mon. and Thurs. 9:30-12.
3. Scrip will be available during Visitors Day on April 18 from 1-3pm. (No Scrip hours on April 19 due to this change.)

Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$176,725.07

Budgeted YTD: \$214,950.00

Difference YTD: (\$38,224.93)

Ladies Guild News

The Ladies Guild would like to thank all those who came and supported our school at the 3 on 3 basketball tournament!

Upcoming Events:

*The Mother Daughter Tea will be held this Tuesday at the Hull Protestant Reformed Church. Punch Bowl starts at 6:00. Come dressed for a tea party and an enjoyable evening!

*The Guild would like to invite you to Visitors' Day at our school on April 18 from 1-3 pm.

*The Interscholastic Music Preview Night for the 6-8th grades will be held on the evening of the 18th at school. Check the school website for the schedule for the night.

*Kindergarten Round Up will be on April 26 starting at 12:30.

*Come enjoy a beautiful night of music at the combined music program of HPRCS and Trinity on May 1!



School Calendar

APRIL

- 17: mother-daughter Tea
- 18: Visitors' Day 1-3 PM
- 18: music intersch. Preview night
- 24: intersch music @ S C Chr
- 26: kindergarten round up
- 26: 2:30 dismissal

MAY

- 1: TCHS & HPRCS music program
- 2: WCHS track meet (8th)
- 8: Young Authors' Tea @ 2 PM

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

There are just under six weeks left in the 2017 – 2018 school year, and the teachers are all busy making the necessary preparations and plans to finish the curriculum for each of the subjects they teach at their grade level. There is always so much material that each of us as teachers want to finish teaching in our classroom before we dismiss the students for the summer. The Lord has led each of us to know our calling for our lives – to teach His children. The teachers are pleased and humbled to be able to fulfill the calling, as we work together with the parents, to rear children in the fear of His name.

In addition to the regular classroom work, April is the month where teachers are planning class trips for each grade, the 7th – 8th grade soccer season is beginning, and the 5th – 8th graders are practicing for the Dordt Track meet which is held on Wednesday, afternoon, May 16. Most of the practices are held at our school, but we do rent the A.R. Hesla field in Hull a few times each year to allow the students to practice events which we are unable to do at school such as high jump or relays.

First Grade Flying Fast

By Mrs. Jacque Van Maanen

Spring Break has ended and we are heading into the last 9 weeks of the school year. The school year has been a fast, busy, and productive one thus far.

We have learned many things in First Grade. Some things harder than others: everything from tying our shoes, to addition and subtraction facts, to reading passages from our readers and from the Bible. I always feel like First Grade is like climbing a high mountain. It takes hard work, you must be diligent, never give up, keep going, keep climbing!! When you reach the top of the mountain, you look forward to sailing down the other side. As you are descending, you still must keep walking but it gets easier and your walk becomes enjoyable and before you know it you have reached the bottom and feel a great sense of accomplishment! So is life in First Grade: they read and read and at first it is hard work, but they keep trying, keep working at it and they learn to read better and better with each day! At the end of the school year, they do feel a sense of accomplishment. I'll let you in on a secret: I love listening to them read; it is a beautiful thing and makes my heart feel so happy!

This is also the time of the year when the Prot. Ref. Special Ed. Board asks our school for a budget request for our 2018 – 2019 Discovery/Resource room. We, as a school, are very thankful for the financial assistance this society has provided to our school for the past seven years. Currently the Society provides financial support for 15% of the school's resource room budget. For the 2017 – 2018 school year this Society approved assistance to us of approximately \$9,300. This commitment is being paid to our school in four quarterly installments. Mrs. Gritters and Mrs. Westra are the teachers who work in our Discovery/Resource room and are striving each day to provide the necessary resource help to those students who need more individualized instruction. We thank them for the assistance they are able to provide these students

God in His infinite wisdom graciously gave us many children, each with his/her God-given abilities. We, as parents and teachers, strive to educate them to the best of our ability. Please remember the teachers, children, and their families in your prayers.



If you would like to know, our BIG reading challenge is this month! Each child is asked to read 20 minutes each day of the week. Each week, the students will record their minutes on the bulletin board and add their minutes with a calculator. On May 4, we will have our grand Beach Party!

Before I close, I just want to say thanks again to all of the parents for faithfully spending time with your child each night. It may be listening to them read, helping them with their homework, going over their memory work, guiding them with their home spelling, or studying for a test. As a staff, we greatly appreciate all the help you give your child at home. God has given us these precious children to raise, it isn't an easy task but one well worth every minute spent working together. We covet your prayers here at school and pray that we continue working hard up to the very last day of school!

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made!" Ps. 139:14a