

Hull Protestant Reformed Christian School SCHOOL NEWS

April 2019



A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. Prov. 25:11



School Board Notes

Meeting Held April 10, 2019

1. President Mike De Jager reads from Ephesians 6:10-24 and opens with prayer.
2. Minutes from previous monthly board meeting held 2019-03-06 are received.
3. Financial reports are received. As of March 31, we are approximately \$60,000 short of our year to date budgeted offerings.
4. Principal's Report is received.
5. MMS to reimburse a volunteer \$212 for bookcase supplies.
6. We discussed a potential social media and vaping presentation for the upper grades.
7. Ed Committee Report is received.
8. MMS to approve "The Perfect Wisdom of our God" for 8th grade graduation and to purchase this song along with "Closing Prayer."
9. MMS to propose participation in NICSTO to the society and send a letter to the society explaining the program.
10. MMS to propose a sliding scale to the society.
11. Terry Van Maanen closes with prayer.

Next Meeting Scheduled for **Thursday, May 2.**



Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$186,469.94

Budgeted YTD: \$ **246,220.83**

Difference YTD: (\$59,750.89)

Ladies Guild News

The Ladies Guild would like to thank everyone that came out to the 3 on 3 basketball tournament whether it was to volunteer your time, play ball, or eat some food. It was a fun day!

We also had a great turn out on the Grandparents Day. Thanks to everyone that made that day a success. The kids love showing their Grandparents what they are learning.

Rada cutlery will be ending soon so if you are wanting some products for yourself or to give as a gift, there is a limited time. Get those orders in soon.

We are also having a cookbook sale – 2 for \$40 or just 1 for \$25. They are in the school kitchen and you can leave your payment in the office. If you have any questions regarding either the Rada or the cookbooks, please contact Audrey Meyer or Sue Uittenbogaard

Our next meeting will be on May 13. We will be signing up for all the committees. New members are welcome to join. This will be the last meeting of the school year.

Happy spring from the Ladies Guild!

Scrip

Scrip hours through the end of the school year will be Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30am to noon.

School Calendar

April

16: music intersch @ SC Chr
25: 2:30 dismissal
26: K,1,2 Chapel

May

1: Western Chr track meet (8th)
2: school board
9: 2:30 dismissal
15: Dordt track meet (5th-8th)

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

There are just under six weeks left in the 2018 – 2019 school year, and the teachers are busy making the necessary preparations and plans to finish the curriculum for each of the subjects they teach at their grade level. We teachers have much material we each want to finish teaching in our classrooms before we dismiss the students for the summer.

I am thankful to announce that all our full time teachers and our music teachers have signed their contracts to teach in our school once again next year. I am grateful that the LORD has again granted our school dedicated teachers to teach the covenant children.

In addition to the regular classroom work, April is the month where teachers are planning class trips for each grade, the 7th – 8th grade boys' and girls' soccer season is beginning, and the 5th – 8th graders are practicing for the Dordt Track meet which is held on Wednesday afternoon, May 15. 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.

This is also the time of the year when the Prot. Ref.

Growing into New Creatures

By Mrs. Rachel Mooy

“the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.” Springtime is here and with it new beginnings. Life is renewed on the earth. This time of year always brings with it the realization that my kindergartners are ready for something new, too. They have grown in remarkable ways and are almost ready for first grade.

When they came to me at the beginning of the school year, a few could write their names a little. Now they understand that names begin with an uppercase letter which sets them apart from other words. They can now properly form their letters, hopefully remembering to start them at the top and not the stinky feet. Their fine motor skills have improved immensely since the beginning of the year. Their writing is much neater and stronger and they can stick with it for much longer. Just ask them what stamina is.

At the beginning of the school year, few students know all the letters of the alphabet and even fewer sounds. Now they can tell you all of them. They can also put them together to read and write words. They even know what is necessary to form a sentence. They are working on writing their own stories right now. They can read simple books by themselves or with a little help. They know thirty

Special Ed. Board asks our school for a budget request for our 2019 – 2020 Discovery/Resource room. We, as a school, are very thankful for the financial assistance this society has provided to our school for the past several years. Currently the Society provides financial support for 15% of the school's resource room budget. For the 2018 – 2019 school year this Society approved assistance to us of approximately \$10,300. 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 strive 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 unique 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.



or so sight words.

Brand new kindergartners can usually count to 10, but now they can read and write the numbers all the way to 100 and some even farther. They know how to add and subtract numbers to 20, and they are beginning to understand the place value of numbers.

Classroom and on the playground! They know there are problems they can solve by themselves and which problems are too big for them and require an adult. They know how to obey a teacher. They can sit through a story and retell some of the key details afterward. They have learned that they are the boss of their learning. It is their responsibility to make sure they are learning the information they work with each and every day.

II Corinthians 5:17 says, “...old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new.” This is so true of these kids this past school year. They are no longer little kids solely dependent upon their parents. They can now spend time away from home learning to make choices in accordance with God's law. They are becoming new creatures also as they grow in their understanding of bringing forth the fruit of the Spirit. I am always a little sad to see them go but also amazed at what they have learned and what they can do.