

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and with all thy getting get understanding. Prov. 4:7

School Board Notes

Meeting Held Jan. 9, 2019

1. President Mike De Jager reads from Ephesians 4:17-32 and opens with prayer.
2. Minutes from previous Monthly Board Meeting held 2018-12-05 are received.
3. Financial reports are received.
4. Technology Committee Report is received. MMS to improve storage of technology equipment at a cost not to exceed \$300.
5. MMS to request reimbursement from the guild for \$1,491 for a smartboard and two Dell chrome books.
6. Principal's Report is received.
7. MMS to dismiss at 2:30 pm on January 23 instead of January 24 so our teachers can attend a PRTI livestreamed speech.
8. Teacher intention slips, wages, and other financial matters are discussed.
9. MMS to purchase/install a water bottle filling station to the current drinking fountain located in the junior high hallway in the amount of \$850.
10. Dan Blankespoor closes with prayer.

Next Meeting Scheduled for February 6



He casteth forth His ice like morsels: who can stand before His cold? Psalm 147:17

Church Collection Report

Received YTD: \$ 136,555.12

Budgeted YTD: \$ 172,654.58

Difference YTD: (\$35,799.46)

Ladies Guild News

Our next meeting is tomorrow evening, January 14, at 7:30 in the 7th grade classroom. New members are always welcome. It is a great time to join and learn what the Ladies Guild is all about. Come out and hear what all the committees are busy working on.

Be watching for dates for several upcoming activities. We are planning a Father/Son social, Grandparents Day, and a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Also, this year is the Rally which includes a 1 mile and 5k fun run and/or walk. Start your training early so you are ready to join in on the fun! These will all be held in the next few months before school is out for the summer.

From the Scrip Office

Thank you to everyone who purchased Scrip during the holiday season! Your efforts raised thousands of dollars for HPRCS in December. New Scrip merchants: **4 Brothers** restaurant (\$25 at 3%) and **B Fierce** boutique (\$10, \$25, and \$50 at 8%). **Scheels** will soon be offering \$100 cards (8%) so both \$25 and \$100 cards will be on-hand at school. And remember that you can pay your **Neal Chase Lumber** bill (2%) with Scrip! Contact Jill DB with any questions at scrip@hprcs.com or 470-4075.

School Calendar

January

14: IA Assessment tests week
23: 2:30 dismissal (Wed.)
30: Ed Committee meeting

February

6: school board
14: 2:30 dismissal
18: Presidents' Day-no school
28: 2:30 dismissal

March

1: all-school program

Principal's Corner

By Mr. Gritters

It is hard to believe that we are officially into the year 2019! We are halfway through another school year. Friday, January 11, marked the end of the 1st semester for the 2018 – 2019 school year. January is always a busy time for everyone, and for us at school it is no different. January is the month when our school administers the Iowa Assessment tests. This coming week, January 14 – January 18, has been set aside to administer these tests to all of the students. Results of these assessments for each student are given to their parents at the March conferences. Overall results of each grade are reported to the Education Committee, to the SIAC, and to our school board.

Many of the classrooms are busy practicing for the All School Program to be held Friday evening, March 1, the Lord willing. They are using the morning singing each day to help prepare the students. The theme of this year's program is "Alleluia He Lives". The program will be broken into three subdivisions of the crucifixion, the resurrection, and the ascension. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend. We, as a school, look forward to reciting and singing the songs of

praise for the honor and glory of Jehovah God at this program.

During the past few years the staff of our school has been busy analyzing and updating the various subject curriculums which are taught in each classroom. So far they have updated the math, reading, spelling, English, science, and social studies curriculums. For the 2018 – 2019 school year, the staff is updating the Bible curriculum taught in their classroom. We hope to have this completed by the end of this school year.

Teaching and learning about God's creation and His great works fill up each of the school days throughout the school year. The education children receive must be well rounded in earthly matters, but even more importantly, it must be God-centered and God-glorifying. Scripture must be the foundation of every subject and worked into every sphere of the school. May we continue to strive to teach the students the ways of the Lord within our school – not for our own benefit, but for the glory and honor of God. What a joy and blessing it is to be able to educate our children in our own covenant Christian school!



Happy New Year from Second Grade

By Mrs. Sharon Keizer

Greetings from the 2nd Grade Classroom! The students are once again hard at work as we begin another new month at school. As we turn the calendar page to January and begin a new year we also see a few new things in our classroom.

The name tags on the tops of our desks have been replaced by new ones written in cursive! This change is also seen in our penmanship books where we have now started our first cursive letter. The cursive alphabet has also been added to the front of the room!

We have said goodbye to our old reading books and math books. They will be replaced by new books at the start of the second semester. In math we are moving from adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers with regrouping to understanding 3-digit numbers! Soon we will be seeing even tougher regrouping! When we start our new reading book it is amazing how much smaller the print is for each story! We start to see fewer pictures and more words on each page. It feels great to mark the progress we are making.

Another new activity for 2019 is the start of SRA. This is a reading program that the students enjoy doing in their spare time. The reading level gets more difficult as they progress through the different colors and they get a boost

In comprehension and build vocabulary skills using this program. Each student progresses at a different rate and it is great to see the growth in their reading skills.

We will also have a new person in our classroom throughout 2019. Miss Lydia Huizenga will be coming to our room every day to help out for 45 minutes during reading class. We are all looking forward to getting to know her better!

The students will begin doing afternoon devotions this month. A different topic is chosen for each month and a paper will come home to fill out so the parents are able to help their child prepare for this.

We are studying the Kings of Judah and Israel in Bible class. As we study God's Word and see His handiwork around us we are reminded of the promises he has made to His people throughout the ages. Even though these promises are old, it is still amazing to see them come to pass in our lives and to see that God's mercy is new to us each day of each year. As the years pass we see His compassion and love for His people in new and personal ways. We repeat together, "Great is Thy Faithfulness"! We pray that everyone will have a blessed New Year!