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Career Day

Written by the 7th and 8th graders

On November 2nd, the 7th and 8th grade students went to WCCC for Health Career Day. We attended three presentations conducted by health career professionals including a Respiratory Therapist, a Laboratory Technician and an Occupational Therapist.

During the respiratory therapy presentation, we learned about sleep apnea and some of the machines used to treat it.

In the lab technician's hour, we learned about the different aspects of lab work such as blood tests and flesh tests.

Finally, in the occupational therapy session, we were taught how medical tests are used to diagnose problems with muscles. We also learned how to help people regain their strength.

Our group of students obtained a lot of knowledge about health careers, but the best part of the day was when we all won prizes. Some of the prizes included a gift card to Barnes & Nobles and weekend passes to a skiing resort.

We enjoyed the visit to WCCC and want to attend again next year!

Alumni Corner

It was wonderful to see Kevin Schuster back at CFA! This time Kevin was here not as a student, but as a part of his college requirements. Kevin, a 2010 CFHS graduate, is studying to be a social studies teacher. He came to observe middle school social studies classes. Best wishes to Kevin as he pursues a college degree!

Christian Fellowship Academy Thanksgiving Feast

Written by Kindergarteners and Mrs. Delmanto

On Friday, November 18th, 2011, our school gathered together for a feast that was similar to the one attended by the Pilgrims and the Native Americans so long ago.

We thanked the Lord for His many blessings and the students dressed in their best Pilgrim and Indian attire.

When the Kindergarteners were asked what was their favorite part of the celebration, there was quite a variety of answers. Thomas said, "Having my family attend was the best part!" Julia said, "I think the best part was when we prayed together." Javon said, "I liked having my family there and seeing my mom cooking in the kitchen was my favorite part!" Isaiah said, "I liked singing the Turkey Trot song on the stage and



The CFA Kindergarten is Ready for a Feast!

seeing my dad and Carter wearing their Indian hats at school!"

Mrs. Delmanto agreed the Turkey Trot song was a lot of fun especially when the parents sang and performed the song with the students. Of course, each person who attended said the food was absolutely delicious!

The Christian Fellowship Academy would like to give a special "thank you" to Mrs. Tanya Johnson and the Westmoreland Community Action and staff for providing the Thanksgiving meal.

Firefighters Visit Christian Fellowship Academy

Written By 1st & 2nd Graders

On Friday, October 28, 2011, the Claridge Volunteer Fire Company came to teach us about fire safety.

They taught us to not have a towel around our stove. This is so our little brothers and sisters will not pull on the towel and get burned with boiling water.

We also learned that we should not hide in our stuffed animals if there is a fire. This is so the firefighters can easily find us.

The firefighters dressed in their masks and firefighter



Academy Students Enjoy Ride in a Fire Truck!

clothes to show us what they looked and sound like when they were ready to fight a fire. Our favorite part was the ride in the fire truck!

Grandparents Day at Christian Fellowship

By the 3rd and 4th Graders

Grandparents Day was on October 26, 2011. This special day dedicated to grandparents enables these special people to share and enjoy their grandchildren's school.

The day began with a morning chapel service, engaging music and skits performed by the students, classroom tours, a photo session, and concluded with a delicious lunch of minestrone soup, chicken salad sandwiches and dessert!

Student comments include: "We had an awesome lunch with our cool grandparents," said Dane.

Tristian said, "Grandparents Day was so much fun and the food was fantastic!"

Gianna stated, "We were able to eat lunch with our grandparents



Students Perform for Grandparents

and the day was awesome!"

James stated, "For Grandparents Day, our class made a newscast and my grandparents enjoyed the lunch!"

Franklin said, "Two of my favorite things were the minestrone soup and the desserts!"

Featured Teacher

Mr. Sarber's Biography

I was born into a wonderful Christian family with parents who took seriously the command to raise my older brother and me in accordance with God's Word. I have been in church all of my life and I also attended Christian schools.

I graduated from Penn State with an engineering degree in 2002, but as I grew in my relationship with the Lord Jesus and worked more with children, God opened my heart to His vocational calling for my life. In 2010, I earned a graduate degree in elementary education and a middle school math certification from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

In addition to teaching at CFA, I also work part-time as a therapist for autistic children.

On October 30, 2010, after two and half years of courting, God united Elizabeth Coleman and me as husband and wife. With the exception of Jesus Christ, Elizabeth is the greatest blessing God has given to me. We both love the Lord with all that we are. Together, we pray constantly, study the Bible, serve our loved ones and serve in our church.

In addition to serving the Lord, working, and loving my wife, I also enjoy fitness walking, swimming, watching the Pittsburgh Steelers and reading Christian books, especially those about theological concepts.



Ken Sarber

Testimonials

"CFA's excellent phonics program is the core element of their highly successful reading program!"

Ruth Metcalf

Catapult Reading and Math Specialist

From the Principal

CFA has been blessed with so many wonderful events this fall! On November 19th, 2011, we held our 30th Anniversary Charity Auction at Four Points by Sheraton. It was a lovely time of fellowship and fun. I am happy to announce the Lord's blessings of \$14,000 in profits!

We extend a heartfelt "thank you" to the CFA Auction Committee, CFA School Board, Christian Fellowship Center, and all the volunteers and donors who made this event possible.

At CFA, we are teaching the students to give of themselves during the Christmas season. In computer class, the students made cards to send to the troops. Residents of a nursing home will also be blessed with handmade cards. This early training of giving bears fruit in the adult lives of our alumni. Shanna Madden, a 2010 CFHS graduate, is currently involved in the Locks for Love program and the Stuff-a-Bus program for Toys for Tots.

We are also excited about our Christmas service project and fundraiser, Adopt-a-Beanie. The purpose of the fundraiser is to donate new Ty Beanie Babies to patients at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. The proceeds from the \$10 adoption fee benefits CFA.

The Adopt-a-Beanie concept was inspired by the generosity and love bestowed upon us as my youngest grandson battled for his life when he was twenty-eight days old. A Children's Hospital nurse placed a plush monkey into a Christmas stocking at the foot of his crib. It was such a comfort that a stranger cared enough to go out of their way to give a gift to a sick child during the Christmas season. My grandson still sleeps with "Baby Monkey" and our family's memory of the special gift will last a lifetime.

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." This Bible verse is the reason we're coordinating the Adopt-a-Beanie program. At CFA, we want to demonstrate His love to others and give them hope and a smile during a difficult time.

Our goal is to gift the patients of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh with as many Beanie Babies as possible. This is the eternal perspective and spiritual investment we instill in our students on a daily basis. The students are learning how they can positively impact the community and reach others for Christ.

Mrs. Gustavich

Upcoming Events

CFA Christmas Program—December 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Market Day Orders Due—December 22, 2011

Last Day of School Before Christmas Break— Dec. 22, 2011

Market Day Order Pick-up—January 2, 2012

First Day of School After Christmas Break—January 3, 2012

Beanie Baby Distribution at Hospital—January 18, 2012

Dental Awareness/Hygiene Program—February 7, 2012

Valentines Day Parties at CFA—February 14, 2012