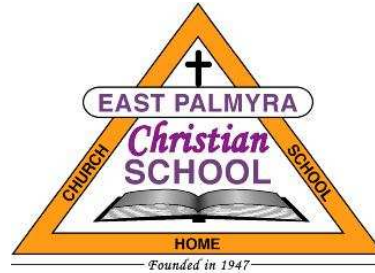


Through Our School Door

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EPCS School Theme 2008-2009:
"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it."

Psalm 24:1a

EPCS Mission statement: *To offer a Christian educational alternative that integrates faith and learning through a Biblical worldview. We strive to equip our students to develop their gifts, to become discerning disciples, and to joyfully serve God in their life's calling in their community and world.*

September 16, 2008

Just Pray

"Just Go" is the essence of discipleship. Then, as you go, Paul says, "Pray." "Be at peace among yourselves...Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of the prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good." I Thessalonians 5:14, 16 – 21. Pray! Prayer is the driving force in a Christian's life. Prayer gives it direction. Psalm 27 says that prayer seeks the face of God. Prayer, according to Psalm 27, is the ability to stroke the Lord's face, to find, and feel the face of God, somewhere, in the midst of and through and beyond the struggles and confusion of this world, through all the muddle, to, somewhere, find the face of God. Prayer is the purest and most direct relationship with God. "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me." Psalm 27:8, 9

And the apostle Paul says to "pray without ceasing..." Could it be, that in our labors, as we do them for the Lord everyday, there is a chance that that is prayer, that we are seeking God's face? Could it be that in our relationships with one another, as we show grace and mercy, there is a chance that that is prayer, that we are seeking God's face? Could it be that in our devotions, in our Bible reading, and in our seeking God's holy face, that that is prayer? Could it be that in our rising and in our going to sleep, in our seeking do search out God's will in our lives, that that is prayer? If so, then heed the apostle and "pray without ceasing." Seek to stroke God's face, in your work, in your relationships, in your business dealings, in your politics, in justice, in the environment!! Stroke God's face for EPCS as well, for it's programs, for it's students, for it's teachers, for the Board, for the Auction and the committee, for the Circle. Seek to stroke God's face often! "Come," says my heart, 'seek God's face!'"

May the Lord bless you; may the Lord keep you; may the Lord lift up His face to shine on you.

(Credits to Rev. Susan Schaeffer of Asbury United Methodist Church)

Auction Committee

On behalf of the Auction Committee, all four of them who attended the Auction Committee meeting on Friday evening, I wish to ask you to consider serving. This fund-raiser, which typically raises some much-needed \$18,000 - \$20,000 for EPCS, needs more members to help. There is no way that four persons can undertake an event as massive as this! If prayer is the ability to stroke God's face, then please do so as you consider making yourself available, not only on the day of the Auction, but in it's planning as well. Feel free to give Kelly or Cheri a call at the EPCS office if you feel led to help out on the committee or if you want more information. 597-4400. Thanks!

EPCS Website

Please feel free to peruse the new EPCS Website www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com . In it you will find much information regarding Auction News (check on top right right of the Home Page) and Workers List, as well as other materials. We are adding pictures, forms, and information as we go.

EPCS Calendar

Monday, September 15

Tuesday, September 16

Soccer Practice until 4:45 pm

Wednesday, September 17

Faculty Devotions—7:35 am

Thursday, September 18

Soccer Practice until 4:45 pm

Friday, September 19

School Assembly—8:20 am
Pizza for lunch

Monday, September 22

Soccer Practice till 4:45 pm

Videos and DVD's can be checked out on Thursdays afternoo, please return them the following Monday or next school day if a holiday. Thank you for your co-operation!

~ Promotion and Enrollment ~

We will be putting in another school t-shirt order soon, so if you didn't get to order a shirt, or would like more shirts, please fill out the attached form and return to the office by Mon., Sept. 29th. Parents who ordered at the new family meeting do not have to return the form. Thank you!

Advertising EPCS: The promotion committee is renewing the movie advertisement, which runs before each movie at the West Wayne Theater in Macedon. The cost for the year is \$1000, which is a great value for a year's worth of advertising. Donations toward this promotion would be gratefully accepted. Please let the office know if you can offer a gift, large or small.

~ Auction News ~

Mark your calendars for October 4, 2008, for the 28th Annual Harvest Festival and Auction. Be thinking now of what items you might have around the house that you could donate to this major fundraiser! You could also help by visiting friends or neighbors who have just had garage sales and asking them if they would donate any remaining items to the school auction. Tax receipts can be furnished.

If you know of any great ideas for businesses that we should contact, please let us know. We also pray that many of you will be "go-getters" and help solicit businesses EPCS contact and pick up items they are willing to give us.

If you have any questions or would like to join this committee, please contact us.

In Christ - Don and Cheri Winslow 986-4240

reroteacher@verizon.net

~ Class Baskets ~

Class basket coordinators are needed! Below the following classes are in need of an auction class basket coordinator: 3rd and 4th, 5th and 6th, 7th and 8th and 9th. The responsibility of the coordinator is to create a themed basket containing gifts which will be auctioned off at the Harvest Festival. The coordinator can either ask each class member for money towards the basket or ask for a gift towards the themed basket. Any questions please call Jill Beckens at 483-9027.

~ School Cleaning~

Families who will be cleaning the school will receive a letter this week reminding them of the process to follow this year. Thank you!

This week

Mon ~ Rose

Tue ~ Lockwood

Wed. ~ Clark

Thur. ~ Mallette

Fri. ~ Cramer

Next week

Mon. ~ Rose

Tues. ~ Collom

Wed. ~ Collom

Thurs. ~ Synesael

Fri. ~ Collum

Please make arrangements if you need keys to clean after hours. Remember to initial the calendar in the janitor's closet after you finish. Thank you!

~ Office Supplies ~

The Office is always in need of stamps donated. Thank you!

~ Directory Change ~

Amanda 7th grade - Scott & Sue Fagner 573-7404

~ Library News ~

The library is open for checking out books Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please return after 1 week, or renew them if necessary. Only 3 books checked out at one time.

~ *Preschool* ~

Bb is for bugs, butterflies, baskets of apples, balls, bubbles, birthdays! God gives us so many happy and interesting things to enjoy!

We are hoping to make a trip sometime this fall to Liam Morgan's farm to watch the apple picking process.

It is Liam's birthday this Tuesday! Happy Birthday!

Baskets for the Auction this year from Preschool and Kindergarten will be nearly a dozen decorative baskets heaping with apples (about a peck each, I think). We are looking for donations from preschool & Kindergarten families of a jar of caramel topping (non-perishable) to add to each basket.

Grandparents Day on Friday, October 10 at 10 a.m. Preschool children and grandparents are invited to be our guests on that morning.

Thank you to the families who have cleaned school! It is much appreciated by all!

~ *Kindergarten* ~

Clouds and wind, rain and sun are all part of God's weather. Our hearts and prayers go out to the many people affected by the damaging storms.

It's our Cc and Dd week. We are working on writing the letters, and especially learning to distinguish the lower case b's and d's. Clocks & telling time to the hour are being introduced this week. Also, we will be distinguishing and naming the 4 main coins, as well as learning that a nickel is the same as 5 pennies.

Kindergarten schedule includes P.E. on Monday & Wednesday (sneakers reminder for those who've not had them on that day), Music class on Tuesday and Thursday, and assembly on Fridays. Join us if you can first thing on Friday mornings for assembly. The students are invited to bring an offering on Fridays to support two World Vision children. Leah's birthday is on Friday. Happy Birthday!

A jar of caramel topping from each Kindergarten family would be a great donation to our Auction baskets. Mrs. Erica Van Camp is the coordinator for Kindergarten and Preschool. She will be needing some help to assemble 11 small wicker baskets heaped high with mouth watering apples and a jar of caramel, wrapped and tied with ribbon and a cinnamon stick.

Call your grandparents and church pastors to invite them to Grandparents Day on Friday, October 10 at 10 a.m. Everyone is in for a real treat that morning!! Cookies or goodies will be needed that morning to help welcome the grandparents and pastors to our school. After a 10 a.m. program, classroom visits will be fun. This is a half-day of school on the Columbus Day weekend.

~ *First and Second Grade* ~

Auction Basket theme is "Baby Girl".

Bible: We are learning about how sin entered the world. Our memory verses are Genesis 1:1 and Psalm 139:14. Please look these up with your child and help them memorize them.

Reading: Please read for 15 minutes each day with you child.

Math: First graders are working on exploring addition. Second graders are reviewing how to write number sentences for addition and subtraction.

Spelling: Unit test will start today for 2nd grade. Be on the look out for a homework packet.

~ *Third and Fourth Grade* ~

Social Studies We will be looking at the different regions of New York State.

Spelling: We will be starting our first lesson this week. We will not be doing a practice test this week. We will have the final test on Friday.

Bible: We will begin learning about Moses.

Book Orders are due on the 19th of September. ☺

Math: We are continuing to work with number theory and will also start reviewing addition and subtraction computation.

~ *Fifth and Sixth Grade* ~

Auction Basket: If you are willing to coordinate the basket for our class, please let me know.

Math: Both grades are continuing to review and learning new information about number theory. Sixth graders are also working with exponents.

Reading: Our first unit contains stories from different countries. We will be looking at what part our heritage plays in our lives. You might discuss your family's particular heritage with your student.

Your student has chosen a book to read for September's book report. It would be a good idea to have your student plan to finish reading it in the next two weeks so it isn't necessary for him/her to rush through the actual report. A form will come home sometime this week, and will be due Oct. 3.

Social Studies: We are doing a review of map skills this week.

Bible: Our first unit looks at the life of Christ. This week, we will focus on the writers of and differences between the Gospels. Our memory work is Matthew 5: 1-7.

Spelling: Practice test on Wednesday, final test on Friday.

~ *Seventh and Eighth* ~

Grade American History: The 7th and 8th graders will be presenting their projects in class this week.

Bible: The Bibles have been ordered and should arrive either late this week or early next week. Students may

start bringing in the money to pay for them, or may wait until they arrive. Hard cover Bibles will cost \$27.00, and soft covered Bibles will cost \$17. The price is a little higher than expected due to tax. Please make checks out to Judy Rachow as I used my credit card to place the order.

~ 9th grade ~

Global Studies: The 9th graders will be working on power point presentations on the origins of human civilization. They will present them either on Friday or Monday.

~ Band Lessons ~

Wed. 12:40 Hunter

Thurs. 9:05 Jessica 10:00 Ciara, Mara 10:30 Kaitlyn 12:40 Andrew

Fri. 9:05 Molly 10:00 Carolyn 10:30 Drew 11:00 Noah B. 11:30 Garrett 12:40 Emily 1:10 Noah C. 1:40 Caitlin 2:10 Meredith

Next Mon. (9/22) 9:10 Amber 11:00 Shannon 11:30 Alyssa

Reminder: Grandparents' Day will be on Oct. 10th at 10:00 am. Band, jazz band and choir will be performing in addition to the classroom presentations. Please invite grandparents, other family members and your pastor to this special morning.

~ Spanish ~

Assignment sheet: All 7/8/9 students have an assignment sheet that covers all of September. This sheet also indicates when quizzes and tests will be given. Students are responsible for making any changes needed on the assignment sheet.

Materials needed: All students need at least a 2 inch, 3-ring notebook, and loose leaf paper. It is also suggested that page protectors be used for the handouts that have been distributed. The page protectors will keep the pages clean, and eliminate accidental tearing out of essential pages. 7th graders need to keep their handouts for use next year!

Spanish Dictionary and Study Guides: There will be an order form going home today. If you want your child to have a Spanish dictionary, or the laminated Spanish Conversation, Vocabulary, and Grammar study guides, please indicate your choices on the order form. No money need be sent in at this time. When I submit the order, I will let everyone know how much tax and shipping is to be added to the \$4.95 or \$5.95 price of the study guides. Your child does not have to have these study aides, but I do recommend them. Please stop in to see the samples I have available.

5/6 Spanish started last week. We are reviewing, and will continue our study of command forms.

Spanish Buddies: Grades 1/2 will meet their buddies on Friday at 10:40. A day for Grades 3/4

has yet to be determined. This year we will study the alphabet, the colors, and parts of the body.

~ Circle News ~

Hot Lunch News: Hot Dogs, Mac and Cheese and Dessert. Ashley Conley, Julie O'Dell and Maggie Cosh.

DESSERTS are needed for hot lunch each week. Desserts should be made to accommodate 54 students, plus faculty and staff. If you can provide a dessert, please call Maggie Cosh (above #) to schedule a week. Thank you!!!!

Change for Education start saving your change now, for our drive that begins in February.

Breen's and Tops Cards are available in the office if you'd like to purchase them. They are like having a prepaid gift card. The school gets 5% back on these sales.

Box tops and Labels are still being saved throughout the year. Please save the Campbell Soup (entire label – especially the UPC code) labels and the Box Tops for Education labels from selected products. Thanks!

Items for Sale: Book Sox, Water Bottles, Cookbooks, Napkins, Cards, Rada Cutlery. Check [] [with one of the secretaries and they can show you the selections we have available.

Old Cell Phones, Empty Ink Cartridges and Rinsed Pop Cans are still being collected. This is an easy way to raise \$\$ for the school.

Buy-A-Brick If you've been thinking about purchasing a brick to honor, or in memory of a loved one, please contact Sue Priem at 597-5420 for information.