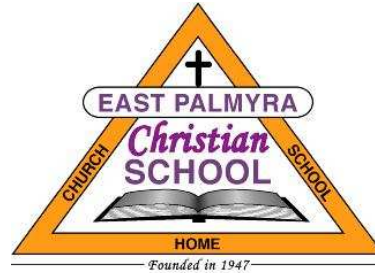


Through Our School Door

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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 22, 2008

Week Three

Well, here we are into the third week of the school year, and we are holding our own. We are off to a very positive start: lots of smiles, lots of hard work, the busy-ness of taking quizzes and tests and grading, and the preparation for soccer season, the Auction (October 4) and Grand-parents' Day (October 10). Our God is faithful and we feel the Holy Spirit in our midst!

Our ninth graders are also faring very well. Please continue to pray for all of us here at EPCS!!

Auction Committee

Please keep the Auction Committee in your thoughts and in your prayers. And help out as you are able. Many of you have signed up to work on Auction Day. Thanks so much!! You may wish to consider serving on the Committee as well. Give Cheri a call at school if you are so inclined. Check out the website www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com for more information on the Auction. The site includes pictures of auction items, Auction News, and workers lists. Thanks for all your help!!

EPCS Website

Please feel free to peruse the new EPCS Website www.eastpalmyrachristianschool.com. Some of the pages are still under construction, but we will fill them with information and pictures as the year goes on. To date, you will find Auction information, the School Door, including archived copies, and EPCS forms, school history, etc. Check us out!

EPCS Calendar

Monday, September 22

Soccer Practice until 4:45 pm

Tuesday, September 23

Soccer Match with Destiny School—4 pm HOME

Wednesday, September 24

Faculty Devotions—7:35 am

Thursday, September 25

Soccer Match with Greece Christian—4 pm AWAY

Friday, September 26

School Assembly—8:25 am

Pizza for lunch

Saturday, September 30

Wind Turbine Meeting @ 10am--Williamson

Monday, September 29

Soccer Practice till 4:45 pm

~ School Cleaning~

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!

This week

Mon. ~ Rose
Tues. ~ Collom
Lockwood
Wed. ~ Collom
Thurs. ~Synesael
Synesael Fri. ~ Cramer
Boss

Next week

Mon. ~ Rose
Tues. ~
Wed. ~ Webb
T hurs. ~
Fri. ~

~ Cadets ~

Will begin meeting starting October 15th from 6:30 - 8:00pm every other Wednesday at EPCS.

Cadets is a Christ centered organization that is very similar to the boy scouts, but it based with the Christian Reformed church. Barry Dingman will lead this group, along with Jared Vandebout, Levi Stoep, and Micah Dingman.

We will have a group time to gather and go over some activities plans, break up in to specific age groups for devotions, and work together on merit badges. Kids will be encouraged to work on badges on their off time too, but will always be working on something as a group. Towards the end of the season, around May, we will have a pinewood derby, and if plans work out may have a camp out some time in the summer.

Any boys in 5th - 8th grades are welcome.

~ Promotion and Enrollment ~

School t-shirt orders are being taken through next Monday, Sept. 29th. An order form went home in last week's school door, but if you need another one, please contact the office. Shirts are available in several colors and cost \$12 for youth shirts and \$14

for adults.

~ Auction Baskets ~

A big thank you to the class coordinators who signed up to assemble the class baskets!

~ Soccer ~

Drivers are needed to transport 16 students to a soccer game to Greece, on Thursday, September 25th . We need to leave EPCS at 2:45. Please call the office if you can drive.

~ Preschool~

"The fuzzy caterpillar curled up on a leaf, spun her little chrysalis and then fell fast asleep. While she was sleeping, she dreamed that she could fly. And later when she woke up, she was a butterfly."

Help the preschoolers look for furry fall caterpillars! It's fun to enjoy these cooler days and observe God's amazing plan for the creatures He created!

We'll enjoy stories and facts about other animals that begin with the letter Cc. Can you think of any? Show and Tell is on Thursday.

Our Bible verse this week is "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Eph.6:1 Caramel topping...some children have already brought it in to add to our Auction baskets. Thank you!!

~ Kindergarten~

What a variety God created! Are you thinking plants? I'm thinking shapes of animal's ears and feet. It's fun for Kindergartners to compare and tell what they see and think about the purpose for each type. What about fur and feathers? And creatures without either? This was the summer of frogs at my house! And where are frog's ears? We'll talk about the life cycle of frogs. Is anyone good at catching a frog or toad for us to look at and release?

It's our Ee and Ff week! Don't forget Show and Tell on Thursday. We'll learn to write our letters and listen for the sounds each makes. The short vowel sound of "e" will be of special focus this week.

Today is the first day of fall! Soon it's the Harvest Festival Auction. Your help is so much appreciated.

October 3, the Kindergartners will be singing a few songs in the Friday morning 8:25 assembly.

Invite grandparents and church pastors to Grandparents Day on Friday, October 10 at 10 a.m. 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~

Bible: This week we will finish learning about Noah and the flood and then we will learn about The Tower of Babel. The memory verses to work on are Psalm 139:14 and Genesis 8:22.

Math: We are still working on our first units.

Reading: Please make sure you are reading with your child for 15 minutes every night.

Spelling: The second graders will have a new unit. Be on the look out for homework.

~ Third and Fourth Grade~

Social Studies: We will be continuing to look at the different regions of New York State.

Spelling: Lesson #2 lists are coming home today. Our practice test is on Wednesday and the final test is on Friday.

Bible: We will continue to learn about Moses in the book of Exodus.

Math: Third graders will spend much of this week learning to round numbers to the ten's and hundred's places.

Fourth graders are reviewing estimation skills and adding and subtracting three digit numbers.

~ Fifth and Sixth Grade ~

Auction Basket: Thanks to all who offered to coordinate our basket (4 people volunteered!) Suzanne Erway will be our coordinator, with the theme "Let's Make a Casserole." You should have received a letter last Friday with ideas. If not, let me know and I'll send home another one, or email it to you.

Math: Both grades are reviewing estimation and other number theory. Sixth graders will work with order of operations in number sentences. Our tests should be coming soon, either at the end of the week or early next week.

Reading: This week our story looks at a Yup'ik family and the way that their lives have changed over three generations. If possible, have your student discuss this topic with his/her grandparents. Your student has received a form for September's book report. It is due Oct. 3. If it is turned in early, extra credit will be given.

Social Studies: Our review of map skill finished this week and we start on our first Unit, "The Land of North America."

Bible: Students are working in groups to plan and present a miracle from the book of Mark. Our memory work is Matthew 5: 1-7.

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

~ Seventh and Eighth Grade ~

Bible: The Bibles were backordered, but should be arriving soon. 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. A journal entry is due on Friday.

American History: The 7th and 8th graders will be finishing their presentations today. Chapter reviews are due tomorrow. Our next chapter will be looking at the settlement of the colonies.

~ Ninth 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 Tuesday or Wednesday. We will be starting our next chapter this week. We will be looking at the Ancient Middle East and Egypt.

~Band Lessons~

Tues. 8:25 Sarah 9:30 Ben 10:30 Noah C. 12:40 Paul

Wed. 12:40 Meredith

Thurs. 9:05 Andrew

10:00 Jessica 10:30 Mara, Ciara 12:40 Kaitlyn

Fri. 9:05 Molly 10:00 Caitlin 10:30 Carolyn

11:00 Drew 11:30 Noah B. 12:40 Garrett 1:10

Hunter 1:40 Brian 2:10 Emily

Next Mon. 9/29: 9:10 Alyssa 10:00 Amber 11:00 Amanda 11:30 Shannon

~ 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. There are a lot of changes, as we haven't been moving as quickly as I'd hoped in any of the classes.

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: Order forms went home last week. Please return them this week. 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 We are reviewing, and will continue our study of command forms. Students are able to

say 'open the book', 'close the book', (door, desk, notebook, eyes, mouth)

Spanish Buddies: We will alternate weeks between Grades 1/2 and Grades 3/4 . Grades 1/2 met their 7th grade Buddies last Friday. Grades 3/4 will meet their 8th grade Buddies this Friday at 11:15. This year we will study the alphabet, the colors, and parts of the body.

~ Circle News ~

Hot Lunch News: Spaghetti, bread, salad and dessert made by Linda Kellogg. Helpers are Maggie Cosh, Linda Kellogg and Kit DePerna.

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.