



The Ireton Christian **BEACON**

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

ICS Community, March has been a busy and exciting month at Ireton Christian School. In the middle of many special events, we continue to be reminded of our theme for the year, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." God faithfully guides our school each day, and we are thankful for the opportunity to learn and grow together in a Christ-centered environment.

We had a great time celebrating Reading Month with our fiesta theme, along with many guest readers who visited classrooms throughout the month. It is always encouraging to see students excited about reading, and we appreciate the staff, parents, grandparents, and community members who helped make this a fun and meaningful experience.

Our students have also enjoyed opportunities outside the classroom, including the middle school choir festival, which allowed students to use their musical gifts alongside other schools. We also spent time together as a whole school during chapel group activities, Pixie Week, and our recent pep rally, building friendships across grade levels and strengthening our school community.

These moments remind us that we are living out our mission each day. At Ireton Christian School, we desire to see students grow not only academically but also in their faith, character, and willingness to serve others. We are thankful for the support of our families and community as we continue to follow the Lord's leading this year.

In Christ,

Laura Moes, Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2-6	No School - Easter Break
April 10	Full Day of School
	K-4 th Grade to Circus
April 22	Unity Track Meet
April 23	5 th - 8 th Grade Des Moines Trip
April 30	Spring Concert/Culture Fair
May 1	Field Trip Friday
May 7	Mother's Day Tea
May 13	Sioux Center Track Meet
May 18	KOK Graduation
May 20	ICS 8 th Grade Graduation
May 21	Last Day of School
	11:30 dismissal

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM PRESCHOOL

Over the past two months, our preschool classroom has been full of fun and learning! The preschoolers enjoyed celebrating love and friendship with a special Valentine's Day party. We also celebrated Presidents Day by imagining what it would be like if they were president. Their creative rules included things like "Every kid can eat candy in bed," "I will stay up late every night," and "Everyone would be kind to everyone!" These sound like some great rules to me!



In February, we wrapped up our exercise unit with an exciting field trip to the big Dome in Sioux Center, where the preschoolers learned soccer games and skills from the Dordt soccer coaches and players - I think we've got some future Defender players on our hands! As we look ahead to warm spring days, it's so rewarding to see how much these little ones have grown this year—from learning their ABCs and numbers to discovering what it means to be a kind friend. Some are even beginning to read! I am looking forward to the last few months with these little learners!

Miss. Roghair



KINDERGARTEN

As we look forward to spring, we notice that the school year is heading quickly toward the end . . . and there is still so much to do! To get through the long winter months, we tried to add a little extra fun into our days. So far in March, we have been challenging ourselves to read more! With a fiesta theme around school, we have had some activities that give us a little bit of fun and remind us of how exciting reading is!



Along with our regular classroom subjects, we have invited Sioux County Nature Center in to talk about animals and nature, learned about how important bees are to our community, participated in a mural project that will be on display at Prairie Woods this summer, played volleyball with the Dordt Men's Volleyball team, and got an Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation grant to tap a maple tree and use the sap to make maple syrup (and of course, we had to make and eat pancakes!). What a joy it is to learn together each day!

Mrs. Kuperus





The past couple of months in our classroom have been filled with meaningful moments, even in the midst of our regular routines. In February, we said goodbye to our student teacher, Miss Westphal. Our students truly enjoyed learning from her and built special connections during her time with us. Before she left, they shared some heartfelt “words of wisdom” for her future classroom. Their advice included reminders that a good teacher should always be kind, give plenty of recess, never be mean or hurt students, and never yell. We are confident she will carry their thoughtful (and honest!) advice with her as she begins her teaching journey.

Now in March, our classroom has come alive with our Fiesta-themed reading month. Students are enthusiastically diving into books while participating in engaging activities planned by our wonderful reading committee. We are also in the midst of a fun habitat unit in science. The students are excited to culminate their learning with a zoo taking place here at school on Tuesday, March 31 from 2:45–3:15 in the gym. If you’re interested in learning more about some of God’s unique creatures, we have some zoo keepers that would be happy to teach you about their animals that day!

Through it all, we are reminded of God’s goodness and the many blessings He provides in our school community—whether through relationships, opportunities to learn, or moments of joy in the classroom. As we look ahead to the fourth quarter, we are excited for what’s to come and eager to see how God will continue to work in the lives of our students and staff.

Mrs. Oolman



SOCCER/TRACK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 13

Game at Sheldon @ 4 PM

Tuesday April 14

Game at Sanborn @ 4 PM

Wednesday, April 15

Track Shadow Practice @ Northwestern

Thursday, April 16

Game at OCCS vs Siouxland Christian @ 4 PM

Monday, April 20

Game vs Sioux Center Christian (home) @ 4 PM

Tuesday, April 21

Game at Inwood @ 4 PM

Wednesday, April 22

Unity Track Meet (7th - 8th Grade) @ 12:00

Monday, April 27

Game at OCCS @ 4 PM

Tuesday May 5

Game vs Hull Protestant (home) @ 4 PM

Thursday, May 7

Game vs Hull Christian (home) @ 4 PM

Tuesday, May 12

Game vs Rock Valley (home) @ 4 PM

Wednesday, May 13

Trailblazer Track Meet (5th - 8th Grade) @ 10:15

2ND GRADE

March is Reading Month, and the second graders have been enjoying exploring a variety of new books over the past few weeks. To add to the excitement, we have welcomed several “mystery readers” into our classroom. They have shared favorite stories ranging from unicorn adventures to trains and even biographies of basketball players!



In science, the second graders—along with the first graders—have been working diligently on their habitat diorama projects. After studying the many habitats God has created, each student selected an animal to research and has become an expert on it. We look forward to sharing these creative projects with you at our upcoming Zoo!

In Bible class, we are continuing our study of the parables Jesus taught. Some student favorites include The Good Samaritan and The Hidden Treasure. Each story helps us better understand what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. It is my prayer that students continue to grow in their knowledge of and love for Jesus as we explore both new stories and familiar ones.

Mrs. Vander Berg



APRIL AND MAY BIRTHDAYS

April 3	Karissa Roghair
April 10	Alissa Richardson
April 11	Levi Byker
April 12	Sadie Fedders
April 17	Emma Gradert
April 19	Lily Lutter
April 20	Ember Van Driessen
April 24	Bennett Hooyer
April 29	Clay Richardson
April 29	Axton McInnis



May 8	Max Muller
May 12	Eden Van Driessen
May 28	Kaden Byker
May 29	Zachary De Boer
May 30	Henry Bos
May 30	Talon Kramer



5TH & 6TH GRADE



We are entering the busy time of year. The 5th/6th graders have been learning a lot of new things. They are finishing up their studies in Wit and Wisdom on the Civil Rights Movement and the barriers many people faced in athletics. They have been working on writing research essays about various science topics. They finished their final quarter in Social Studies studying Ronald Reagan.

Finally, they have started their second quarter in Social Studies and have begun learning about WWII. Many students are enjoying reading *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry, a novel taking place during WWII.

We continue to remember God's many blessings each day in and day out. March is reading month. We started it out by opening our new books from Book Blast. They were so excited to have something new to read and a few other prizes. Our theme for the month is Fiesta. So, we have been participating in a March Madness Spanish Song Bracket every morning. We have also gone on a hunt for 100 tacos for the 100th day of school. We are most excited for our food tasting and fiesta later this month.

We ask for continued prayers as we finish our last quarter of the year.

Miss Schiebout

7TH & 8TH GRADE

The third quarter has brought some fun activities for our 7/8th grade students. We were able to attend the Unity Christian FFA day where the students competed in different competitions testing their knowledge of meats, soils, flowers, farming practices, tools, mechanics, and the list goes on. The winners from our school were Zac Dekkers and Rylee Zomermaand!

Our annual basketball pep rally was held in February, where the 8th grade boys played a game against the teachers and then against the rest of the basketball team. It was a fun way to end our day and if you want to know the winners, you can ask the boys!



The Dordt men's volleyball team spent an afternoon at our school during their spring break. During our time with them, the girls played volleyball in the gym and the boys played football outside, since it was a nice day. Our boys gave the Dordt team a run for their money as they outnumbered them, and some of them had never played football. It was fun!

In addition to these fun things, we do spend LOTS of time learning as well! March is reading month, so whenever we have extra time, our heads are in books! We are thankful for all the different ways we get to learn!

Mrs. Hoogland



3RD & 4TH GRADE

Isn't this weather crazy? Blizzard one day and three days later it is all melted and 70 degrees! I feel like our room can be like this. We can all be a little crazy some days but then the next day, we are all on target to learn. :) The kids sure have enjoyed the couple days of snow and building but I don't think it will last long.

We are enjoying our reading month for March. The kids in my room have been reading many pages to fill up our table of tacos in the hall. We are all excited to try new foods tomorrow. We are especially loving the songs we are listening to every morning and doing our March madness of music. We really had fun with Dr. Dave Mulder and his silly songs and the way he read a book in Grover's voice.

With March also comes March Madness with basketball. We have all filled out our brackets and can't wait for the games to start! I am pretty sure Kansas is going to be the winner. Haha.

The kids are all getting faster each day with their math facts. If you see them in church ask them a multiplication fact and see how fast they can do it. They would love to tell you! We are also practicing reading different stories each week to improve our reading skills. They are getting better every day. We hope you enjoy reading a good book, too.

We are excited to have a little longer break at Easter to celebrate our risen Savior. We hope you all have a blessed Easter.

In Christ, Mrs. Sieck



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