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NICS Auction Update!

Thanks to everyone for their work on our auction. We had many more bidders than in past years. It's great to see the support from the community by those who donated and those who attended. *Thank you to all our donors!!!* Funds raised from the regular portion of the auction = \$22,866. Funds raised from our 3 buildings that were auctioned off = \$12,100. **TOTAL RAISED = \$34,966!!! Praise God!!!**

The following items arrived at the school after the auction, or did not sell at the auction. Please email Tracie VandenBerg at [stvandenber@mchsi.com](mailto:stvandenber@nichsi.com) to provide a bid on any of the items. Highest bid for each, purchases the item. Please submit your bid **by March 16**.

1. 2 tickets to Arnold's Park in Okoboji. Expires 09-09-18. Value \$60.00.
2. 1 night stay in standard room at Best Western Holiday Lodge in Clear Lake. Expires 03-06-19. Value \$134.00.
3. \$50.00 gift card to Slumberland Furniture.
4. Bonnie Willis Studios - \$40.00 off \$200.00 Baby Photo Package.
5. Bonnie Willis Studios - \$300.00 off \$1650.00 Wedding Photo Package.
6. We have a couple of stamp collections for sale – we will take bids on them. Or let us know if you know of a stamp collector who would like to take a look at them.

Capital Campaign Corner

We were happy to get \$12,100 from the sale of the three buildings this past Saturday at the auction. Work has already begun on the two larger buildings by those who purchased them. That means no more garage for our gym class. The PE teacher will be looking for some creative ways to do PE for a few months, especially until warmer days. Thanks to all who helped get the word out! Please continue to pray for funds to come! Excavation of the ground is scheduled to begin the day after school gets out.

"O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago." Isaiah 15:1

"Glorify God...Serve Others"



What's
Happening

March 8
School Board Meeting

March 12
*7-12th Grades Science Night

March 16
*12:30 Dismissal/End of 3rd Qtr.

March 19
*High School Field Trip to Decorah

March 20
Kindergarten Round Up/Open House

March 23
No School – Parent Teacher
Conferences

March 26-April 2
No School/Spring Break

April 1
Easter Sunday

April 3
Annual Parent Meeting

* Indicates additional info in newsletter
* Refer to the NICS Basketball Facebook page for more accurate details

PLEASE NOTE:

Next Friday, March 16, school will let out at **12:30 p.m.** instead of 12:00 noon to make up time for snow days. The last day of school will now be **a full day of school**, instead of a half day to make up snow day time.

- **SCIENCE NIGHT RESCHEDULED!** Science Night has been rescheduled to **Monday, March 12**, from 5:45 – 7:15 p.m. with presentations beginning at 6:00 p.m. The schedule has also changed slightly, so please see the attachment in the newsletter email. Students should dress up (no t-shirts, sweatshirts, or sweatpants). Parents, grandparents, and friends of students are welcome!
- **HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TRIP – REFLECTIONS ON THE TOMB!!!** Mr. Miner will be taking the high school students on a field trip to Decorah on **Monday, March 19**, to do a re-enactment of Jesus' burial. Please see attachments in the newsletter email for more information and details.
- **Social Studies Fair!!!** NICS will be having a Social Studies Fair for K-6th grade students ONLY on **Tuesday, April 24**. This will replace the traditional Science Fair for them this year. **Please see attached letter in the newsletter email for more information.**

- **ALL PARENT MEETING - DATE HAS CHANGED!!!** The All Parent Meeting date has been **changed to Tuesday, April 17**, 6:00 p.m., at the school. There will be updates about the building campaign, committee updates, tuition updates, enrollment updates, new board members voted on, and more. *The presence of at least one of the parents from each NICS family is required.* If you are unable to attend, please contact Mr. Miner.
- **529 SAVINGS PLANS FOR K-12 STUDENTS!!!**
Please see the document attached to the newsletter email that provides information on the use of government 529 savings plans that may be made available for use to parents paying for K-12 private education tuition.
- **SCRIPT ORDERS!!!** Script orders this month are due to the office by the end of the day on **Monday, March 19**. We encourage you to seek family/friends to purchase Script to help grow your account. This is an easy way to support Christian education. Forms can be dropped off at the school or given to Steve and Tracie Vandenberg. Forms are available in the school office. **Please make note that Script order due dates for the remainder of the school year are as follows: March 19, April 16, May 14.**
- **BASKETBALL BANQUET!!!** This year's Basketball Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 15, 6:00 p.m., at Praise Community Church. All players and their families are invited to join us in celebrating a great season. Drinks and tableware will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.
- **\$ GIVE US YOUR USED INK/TONER CARTRIDGES!!!** NICS belongs to the Staples Rewards Program and for every used ink cartridge we turn in, we receive \$2.00 back in rewards money! We can turn in up to 20 cartridges per month. The ink/toner cartridges can be from personal or business printers or copiers, any size. Our supply is getting low, so help us to continue to get these rewards benefits, by bringing in your used cartridges to the NICS office, anytime!
- **SPRING PLAY – FAIRY TALE: THE EVER AFTER**
Spring Play tickets will go on sale tomorrow morning at the Auction!!! Price is \$10 for a standard ticket or \$15 for a premium ticket. The play features a Christian message, NICS youth as actors, and a fairy tale setting. Hors D'oeuvres will be served during intermission by fairy tale characters (at least that's the plan!). Please let Myrtle Nelson (myrtlenelson@live.com) know if you or your youth (not one of the actors) has a prince, princess, knight, frog, or other fairy tale character costume and would like to help serve (or share a costume). Tickets are also available now in the school office.



FROM THE TEACHERS

NOTE: Please be aware of the changing temperature changes which bring mud and wetness. Snow pants and boots are still very much needed until all the snow is gone. We need your help to check your child's bag for wet snow pants or mittens that may need to be washed or dried out before returning to school the next day. We have a very limited amount of extra mittens/snow pants to share.

Remember to check for wet clothes that are being sent home, and for extra dry clothes and socks to keep at school. Thank you!

Kindergarten – 1st – 2nd Grades

Bible Story: Blind Bartimaeus, Triumphal Entry and Last Summer.

Memory Verse: John 15:13, "Great love has no one than this: that he lay down his life for his friends."

Heritage Studies: Jamestown and Robert Hunt

Science: Finding healthy foods.



MYSTERY BAG:

Choose to bring something from our study topics.

Presenter: Jordyn

This Week's Snack Schedule

Monday: Gabby **Tuesday:** Briley **Wednesday:** Brady **Thursday:** Jordyn **Friday:** Carter

Please bring fresh fruit, veggies, granola bars, go-gurt, or popcorn. No crackers please! We don't keep extra food from snacks. The students miss a snack if someone forgets their turn.

Kindergarten:

- Keep practicing:
 - Letters and sounds – Tt, li, Ss, Nn, Hh, Ww, Ee, Bb, Pp, Uu, Kk, Cc, Dd, Aa, Gg, Ll, Mm, Oo, Vv, Ff, Rr, Jj, Xx, Zz, Yy, Qq
 - Sight words – here, is, the, mother, blue, green, a, love, orange, pink, his, has, come, purple, are, father, for, yellow, brown, Jesus, to, black, put, white, what, said, was, off, where, give, Bible, have, of, one, two, three, four, you, five, six.
 - Recognizing numbers – 0-79. Counting by 1's, 5's and 10's to 100. Counting by 2's to 20.
 - Please remember to be reading take home books. Review last page with word families.

1st Grade

- **Spelling** – List #23 Room, zoom, bloom, zip, skip, slip, zipping, skipping, slipping, two
 - Tests on Wednesday, March 14 and Friday, March 16 (as needed).
- **Phonics** – Au, aw words. Service word: Christian
Topics – Learning about the orchestra.
- **Math** – Reading a bar graph, counting by threes, adding 3 digits with money amounts.

2nd Grade

- **Spelling** – List #24 Better, funny, summer, ladder, sinner, happy, sunny, drummer, dinner, letter, buddy, zipper, silly, muddy, slipper, can't, I'll, word, work, world
 - Tests on Wednesday, March 14 and Friday, March 16 (as needed).
- **English** – Working on writing a personal fictional story.
- **Math** – Subtracting with 3 zeros in the minuend, dividing by 2.

3rd – 4th Grades

Bible Verse: Nehemiah 9:9-12

Bible Topic: Moses, Exodus 4-9

NOTES: **No swimming this week. Students may bring their own snack each day or eat an item from their lunch since we will have snack time each day before first recess.**

5th – 6th Grades

Bible Verse: The Apostles' Creed in full

Bible Topic: Test on Pentecost on Thursday or Friday

NOTES: **No swimming this week as it is Spring Break for Mason City schools and they are at the Y.**