

The Cornerstone Contact

May 5, 2025



~~ From The Office ~~

Welcome back to a new week!

This week we will have our final senior project presentations. This will finish out the year for these and then we are in full blown graduation mode. All the best to the presenters - Mikenzie, Zoe & Kayella

On Thursday, we will be having our Speech Contest for our students in grades 5-8. We will begin the contest at 12:45pm in the ARC auditorium. All are welcome to attend, although active toddlers may not be the ideal audience member as we ask for quiet listeners. Thank you!

Other than these activities we are rapidly approaching the end of the school year with lots of work going on behind the scenes with organizing things for end of the year class trips and graduation. Teachers are feeling the pressure to get through all the curriculum. There may be only a few weeks remaining, but there is still a lot to accomplish.



Ecclesiastes 12: 13

"The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

Happening this week:

Wed: Sr. Project Presentations
Thurs: Speech Contest 12:45 in the ARC auditorium

Birthday Greetings:

Tues: Myles H
Thurs: Sawyer S
Thurs: Heidi V
Fri: Mikenzie D



Freshman Student TTC Driving

Tuesday:

Drop Off From CCS to TTC (10:10am):

Ranelle F & Janice D

Pick Up From TTC to CCS (12:00 pm):

Tessa K & Debbie J

Thursday:

Drop Off From CCS to TTC (10:10am):

Jada T & Janice D

Pick Up From TTC to CCS (12:00 pm):

Jada T & Debbie J

Speech Contest:

Students in grades 5-8
12:45-1:50pm in the ARC auditorium

All are welcome!

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audience member as we ask for quiet
listeners.



May 15
for the Volunteer Social

Memory Work: Grade 1: Ps.150:3 & Grade 2: Ps. 139:1

Next Week: Grade 1: Hy. 8 & Grade 2: Ps. 30:1

1st & 2nd G R A D E

~~ From Mrs. Kruyswijk ~~

A memorable lesson from last week: Bible story of the conversation after breakfast on the shore with Peter and Jesus (after 153 fish caught in the net). Jesus says, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Which, in application, turns the question to them, with dad's name lending seriousness and weight to the question: "Olivia, daughter of Jon, do you love Jesus?" "Drew, son of Lance, do you love Jesus?" Jack, son of Dustin, do you love Jesus?" And so it went. And all the answers were a resounding YES! And then comes Jesus teaching, "Feed my sheep." So let's do that this week as we walk by the light of John 21.

BIBLE

M-I Corinthians 15:6 and Matthew 28:16-20 Gathering on the Mountain

T- Luke 24:50-52 and Acts 1:9-11 Jesus' Ascension

W-Review

Th - Test

MATH 1: We'll be working on a big project starting this week! We'll be writing numbers to 1000 before the end of the year. We'll tape paper together to create a scroll. Also, mixed addition and subtraction facts, dimes, nickels, and pennies, centimeters, and a test on Tuesday

MATH 2: More on right angles, parallel lines, a good hearty review of subtraction facts, subtraction 3-digit numbers with money amounts, multiplication by 3s, making and labeling an array, using the language "quarter after" and "quarter to" with clocks

ART: a still life, a life-size bowl of fruit: horizon line, front, back, disappearing lines



~~ From Mrs. Kooiker ~~

In first grade, we finished our research on moose and are now working on completing our museum exhibit flyers for practice in informative writing.

Second graders are finishing up their imaginative pieces inspired by If I Built a Car, If I Built a House, and If I Built a

School by Christ Van Dusen. Students have been working hard to make sure their writing includes all of the essential elements: a strong introduction, opinions and reasons, linking words and a clear conclusion. From underwater trampolines to robot cooks to jello walls, their creativity is shining!

1st Grade:

VoWac Phonics: 130-133, end of unit test (irregular vowel teams)

Spelling List: were, brook, looked, four, hood, book, cooking, took, crooks, good, wood, foot

Stories: "A House is a House For Me"

Vocabulary, Grammar: conjunctions, compound words, synonyms and antonyms

Writing: informative writing – museum flyer project

2nd Grade:

VoWac Phonics: Lessons 225 – (review soft /c/ and /g/,) review

Spelling: course, launch, often, jigsaw, animal, law, every, guess, laundromat, put, dawn, nurse, against, listen, friend

Stories: "Runaway Ralph" by Beverly Cleary, "The Boxcar Children" by Gertrude Warner

Vocab: vocab from "Runaway Ralph"

Grammar: colons, commas is a list

Writing: opinion

Memory Work: **Grade 3: Ps. 29:1 & Grade 2: Ps. 70:1** **Next Week: Grade 3: Ps. 47:3 & Grade 2: Hy.67:7**

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~~ From Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Klos, Mrs. Kleyn ~~

Here comes another one of those 'normal' weeks. Isn't that great! We love those. It can be a nice solid week of learning. Mrs. Kleyn will be in on Monday so Mrs. Johnson can catch up on some admin work. This means that Monday afternoon will be History classes instead of Science, which were missed due to the PD day. Mrs. Klos will be away this coming weekend, so again Mrs. Kleyn to the rescue to lead the instruction on Thursday as well as Friday. We thank her for her time and willingness to be there for our students.

Bible(3/4):

Mon: Nehemiah comes to Jerusalem Neh 1:1 -2:10

Tues: Nehemiah inspects the walls Neh 2: 11-3:32

Wed: Opposition to the reconstruction of the wall Neh 4

Thurs: Difficulties amongst the Jews Neh 5

Fri: The wall is complete Neh 6,7,11,12:27-47

Math(3):

Mon: Find the volume of a rectangular prism

Tues: Divide two and three digit multiples of 10 by a one-digit number

Wed: Locate negative numbers on a number line

Thurs: Divide a two-digit number by a one-digit number

Fri: Division facts of divide by 6, by 8, by 9; fact assessment of x8

Language Arts (3):

VoWac: Review -alk and -all. Unit test

Spelling: -all, -alk

Reading: Final activities for Charlotte's Web, Story: County Mouse, City Mouse

Writing: Interviewing our friend and writing it out

Grammar: Prefixes, Suffixes,

Science (3/4):

History: The Nicene Creed and Pompeii and the volcano Vesuvius

PE (3/4): Tuesday and Thursday: Sports Day preparation

~~ From Mrs. Stevens ~~

Language Arts 4

This week we'll be reading our last selection in our Open Court readers. Next week we will begin our last novel study of the year. Wow! We're almost done with the school year.

Reading: The California Gold Rush

Vocabulary: emigrants, persecution, abandon, prospecting and verified

Grammar: Sentence pattern: S-Vt-IO-DO

POS (Part of Speech): Prepositions

Writing: Questionnaire

Spelling: Soft g / j / giant, gypsy

Homework: Hopefully, your student is close to finishing reading their biography and ready to complete their Creative Response to Reading which is due Friday. □



~~ From Mr. Houweling ~~

Math 4

The half lessons per day sure is a blessing. It gives a little more time to hone some of the facts and skills :)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
L114:1-15	L114:16-30	L115:1-15	L115:16-30	Test 21: L101-105

Have a wonderful week

~~ From Mrs. Kottelenberg ~~

Music 3/4

* Playing Quiz on Tuesday: "Breezes Blowing," p. 5

* Challenge: new pages 6 - 9

* Practice 30+ minutes/week

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Memory Work: Grade 5: Ps. 26:5 & Grade 6: Ps.54:1

Next Week: Grade 5: Ps. 44:2 & Grade 6: Ps.145:1

~~ From Mrs. Kooiman ~~

Students have been working very hard to prepare for their speeches. They will be presenting them in class this week on Monday/Tuesday, and then a few students will be chosen to present in the whole school competition on Thursday.

As far as our upcoming field trip, I have all the necessary drivers and even a few extra chaperones, so we are good to go! Thank you to all the volunteers. More information will come as it gets closer.

This week, two things to note are the history test on Wednesday and the Bible test on Friday. Even as the weather gets nice out, please continue to help your students study for these assessments.

Have a great week!

Bible: finish unit on Joshua, test on Friday

Language Arts

- **Reading:** The Twenty-One Balloons - types of conflict

- **Writing:** presenting speeches

- **Spelling:** packet due before the test on Friday

- **Grammar:** prepositions

Science: nutrition - fats and carbohydrates

History: Cold War review, test on Wednesday

Geography: time zones

Devotions:

- Monday: Austin

- Tuesday: Sean

- Wednesday: Jaelyn

- Thursday: Paul

- Friday: Anna

- Next Monday: James

Current Events: Paul and Anna



~~ From Mrs. Bareman & Mrs. Sterk ~~

5th/6th Grade Math

This week we plan to complete Lessons 108 - 110 as well as Test #21. We also hope to spend one period completing AIMS web testing.

~~ From Mrs. Kottelenberg~~

Music 5/6

* Some students still need to be tested on Spring/Amazing Grace

* Practice 40+ minutes - free choice on any pages in booklet

* We plan to play alto recorders this month. Look for a letter coming home with details.

Absent email: absent@cornerstoneschool.us

CCS is **Pistachio & Cashew Aware!**

Memory Work: Grade 7 & 8: James 1:22-25

Next Week: Grade 7: Ps.114:1 Grade 8: Ps.123:2

~~ From Mr. Houweling ~~

Alongside other CCS staff, I spent two days in Edmonton this past week with colleagues from our sister schools for a professional development course — a great opportunity to align, exchange ideas, and push our thinking forward. These sessions help clarify direction and sharpen our approach, especially around how we think about and use AI. It was energizing to challenge and be challenged.

We're very thankful to have two moms joining us for the upcoming Warm Beach camp! This past Saturday, we had a work party at the Klos's to help raise funds for the trip. You might be wondering why your child wasn't involved—don't worry, we didn't need the whole class. Only those who volunteered were included in the email thread. It turned out to be a lot of fun!



Last week, we selected two Grade 8 students and three Grade 7 students to compete in our school speech competition: Cassie, Taleesha, Sophia, Lukas and Petyon. The speech competition will take place **this Thursday at the American Reformed Church**, starting at 12:45 p.m. You're welcome to join us!

Here's the list for this week:

Tuesday: History Chapter 8 Test: Recent Times in the PNW

Friday

- Spelling unit 27
- Memory Verse
- This week: Ps 114:1 (7) 123:2 (8)
- Next week: Matthew 5:14-16
- See below for Bible discussion essays and leading
- Science Test - Mixtures and special properties of liquids

Everyday:

- Math corrections and completion of lesson work
- Spelling and dictation assignment work.

Friday Bible Discussions:

Date	Topic	Essay	Leader
9th May	Acts 5:17-42 Suffering for Christ		
	Verses 17-28	Jace	Emma
	Verses 29-42	Thomas	
16th May	Acts 6 The exalted Christ calls the old covenant people once more		
	Verses 1-15	Peyton	Taleesha

7/8 Mathematics:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
L115:1-15	L115:16-30	L116:1-15	116:16-30	Test 21:L101-105

Devotions this week:

Mon: Lleyton, **Tues:** Jude, **Wed:** Sawyer, **Thurs:** Peyton, **Fri:** Kiersten

Devotions next week:

Mon: Elijah, **Tues:** Chase, **Wed:** Jake, **Thurs:** Justin, **Fri:** Kaylyn

Point to ponder: "A word spoken can never be taken back" – Chinese Proverb

Have a wonderful week

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General News:

Upcoming Dates:

May 2 - PD Day
May 23 - Sports Day
May 26 - Memorial Day
May 27 - Sports Day Backup
May 30 - Eighth Grade Graduation
June 6 - Last Day of School
June 6 - Senior Graduation

From the Cleaning Ladies:

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Cleaning Schedule:

This Week: May 5 - May 9
Karen M, Michelle V, Sharon V, Jocelyn V
Next Week: May 12 - May 16
Janice DM, Evelien K, Kaylene H, Lynzi S

Plant Sale Update

Greetings!

The plant sale continues this week Friday & Saturday! Please bring boxes if you have a few to spare.

Here's the link to sign up for a shift.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1l3alm1hnH84fqRiy_Fvsr4LUn3SHkbchtcZ1t5JK5LM/edit?usp=sharing

You can also text Janice Dykstra at 360.739.0197 to sign up for a shift.

Thanks so much,
The Plant Sale Committee

Coupon Books!

There are less than 20 coupon books left before we are sold out for the 2025 year. If you need another book or two grab one now before they are gone. Feel free to ask Debbie Johnson for a book from her office or text Clarissa Chase (360-927-8025) for a book. Coupon books are \$15/each.

Thanks, Clarissa and Fiona