



CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS CONNECTION

WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2012

CONGRATS CAST OF "YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN"

MASTER CALENDAR PRESCHOOL

January 2012

- 9 Half Day Preschool Programs Resume
- 16 All Classes Closed (MLK Jr. Day)
- 26 Half Day Closed (4's Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 27 Half Day Closed (4's Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 30 Full Day (4's/5's Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 31 Full Day (4's/5's Parent/Teacher Conferences)

Charlie Brown - Riley C.
Sally Brown - Brayden K. & Hunter M.
Lucy Van Pelt - Coryn M. & Davis F.
Linus Van Pelt - Curren G.
Snoopy - Wyatt M.
Schroeder - Andrew N.
Peppermint Patty - Sarah H.
Marcie - Angel B.
Pig Pen - Dylan O.
Violet - Maddie D.
Freida - Vanessa P.

Shermie - Conner R.
Little Red-Headed Girl - Maddie J.
Woodstock - Kendra A.
Truffles - Hailey R.
Mary Jo - Brianna F.
Peggy Jean - Becca H.
Tapioca Pudding - Daniela V.
Floyd (Lambcake) - Dominic S.
Clara - Kiara B.
Shirley - Caitlyn R.
Mimi - Cassidy M.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE REMINDERS

Monday, January 16th – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 18th – Minimum Day K-11th

MASTER CALENDAR K-11

January 2012

- 9 School Resumes
- 13 Report Cards
- 16 No School (MLK Jr. Day)
- 18 K-11th Minimum Day/Early Dismissal

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The following before/after school programs will be resuming this month. Watch for flyers coming home with your students for more detailed information.

- Mad Science
- Spanish
- Christian Arts & Theatre
- Elementary Band
- Karate

CHAPEL MISSION PROJECT



Monthly Donation Updates

September 2011: \$2,381.18

October 2011: \$2,611.00

November 2011: \$2,401.50

December 2011: \$492.50

Grand Total: \$7,886.18

At all chapel service this year we will be accepting an offering. Every penny collected will be sent to CauseLife to fulfill our commitment to build a **Deep Bore Well**. Will you partner with us? If every student brings 50 cents to chapel every week during the 2011-2012 school year we would come very close to being able to build a well in just one year.

Your support is helping to improve the health, education, economy, and the overall welfare of the lives of thousands of people. For many, your fifty cents will make the difference between life and death.

For more information please visit www.causelife.org. Thank you in advance for your partnership in this worthy endeavor.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

It is almost conference time for our 4's/5's Program at Crossroads Christian Preschool! Over the course of the next month, the teachers will be assessing each child in their class. At the end of January teachers will set up Parent/Teacher conferences to meet and review that assessment. During this time your child's teacher will be working alongside you in helping to determine your child's readiness for kindergarten. For many years, only a child's chronological age was considered in deciding the timing of school entrance. However, we now know that readiness involves much more than just a child's chronological age. In other words, being 5-years of age does not automatically make the child ready to enter Kindergarten. A birth date is not as important as individual development, which is why assessments are so important.

School readiness is the ability to cope with the school environment physically, socially and emotionally as well as academically, without undue stress. How is it possible to know if your child is ready for Kindergarten? First, step back and take a good look at your child, not your neighbor's child or your nephew or niece, but your child, because unique to each child is his/her own particular rate and pattern of growth. The second thing you can do is to become informed about your child's development in relation to school readiness. At Crossroads we help you with this by having each child participate in a one-on-one assessment with his/her teacher. This assessment is not an intelligence test, but an assessment of the child's readiness to participate in the kindergarten program based on his/her individual development.

Ready children are able to cope comfortably with all aspects of the program and for them kindergarten will be a place where they eagerly engage in the learning activities and confidently master new skills. If your child is not ready the teacher/school may recommend waiting a year before enrolling them in kindergarten. This recommendation is only made after observing and assessing the child's individual development. Knowing the importance of keeping your child moving forward in their spiritual, academic, social and emotional growth, we have a transitional Kindergarten Program available for your child. Please remember that waiting another year to start kindergarten does not mean your child "failed" preschool or is being retained, rather he/she is being allowed to develop at his/her own pace. The Transitional Kindergarten Program is the perfect bridge between Preschool and Kindergarten. Kindergarten is only the beginning of your child's formal educational years and our desire is that every child enters school confident, eager and excited about learning!