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The mission of Inwood Christian School is to provide an atmosphere in which each unique child of God is challenged both academically and Biblically to live as a Christian, serving Him in all areas of life.

DONUT STOP READING has come to an end! The students **GREATLY** exceeded our expectations! The goal was to read a grand total of 45,000 minutes! The students actually read 69,720 minutes! We certainly didn't expect that! We are so proud of them! Because of their great effort, the students were rewarded with an afternoon of competitions between their accountability groups and individual classes. The afternoon ended with donuts and treats outdoors!



The Inwood Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities, generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

HEARTS & HANDS BAKE SALE

Hearts & Hands will be having their annual Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Todd's True Value. Come check out all of the yummy treats and desserts we will have available for your Easter celebrations. This will be a free will donation bake sale.



GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents and special friends of Inwood Christian School are invited to attend our annual Grandparent's Day on Friday, April 25. The day will begin with a program in the gym at 9:30 a.m. Coffee will be served at 10:00 a.m. while the students have recess. A variety of activities are planned for the visitors and their grandchildren after recess. School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Grandparents are welcome to take their grandchildren home with them at the end of the day.



NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Inwood Christian School Board is seeking individuals to help carry out our school's mission and who would be interested and willing to serve a three year term. Those who wish to nominate an individual to be considered to serve on the school board, please contact a current school board member.



April 4 -	Charlotte Reinke
April 10 -	Scarlett Grevengoed
April 15 -	Micah Van De Stroet
April 18 -	Elsie Van Beek
April 19 -	Weston Van Grouw
April 19 -	Mylah Van De Stroet
April 21 -	Blakely Schroder
April 27 -	Avery Stearns

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2 -	Chapel
April 3 -	6th Grade Math Bee
April 4 -	8th Grade Career Day
April 7 - 9 & 14 - 15 -	Assessments
April 8 -	Soccer vs Sanborn Christian (home)
April 10 -	8th Grade Math Bee
April 10 -	Soccer vs Siouxland Christian (home)
April 14 -	School Board Meeting
April 15 -	Spring Musical
April 17 -	No School
April 18 -	Good Friday, No School
April 21 -	Easter Monday, No School
April 22 -	Soccer vs Ireton Christian (away)
April 24 -	Soccer vs Rock Valley Christian (away)
April 25 -	Grandparents Day
April 25 -	Carpool a.m. & p.m.
April 25 -	Early Dismissal, 11:30 a.m.
April 28 -	Soccer vs Hull Protestant (home)
April 29 -	Solo Ensembles
April 29 -	3rd/4th Grade Field Trip
April 29 -	Kindergarten Field Trip
May 1 -	Soccer vs Orange City Christian (away)
May 7 -	Chapel
May 7 -	Western Track Meet
May 8 -	Soccer vs Sheldon Christian (away)
May 8 -	1st/2nd Grade Field Trip
May 9 -	8th Grade Day
May 9 -	K-4th Grade Track Meet
May 12 -	School Board Meeting
May 13 -	Soccer vs Sioux Center Christian (home)
May 14 -	Sioux Center Track Meet
May 14 -	Preschool Graduation, 10:00 a.m.
May 15 -	Soccer vs Hull Christian (home)
May 16 -	Hike Day
May 20 -	8th Grade Graduation
May 21 -	Last Day of School, 1:30 p.m. dismissal

PRESCHOOL

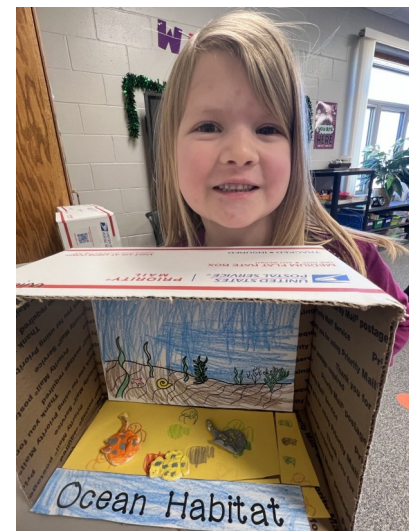
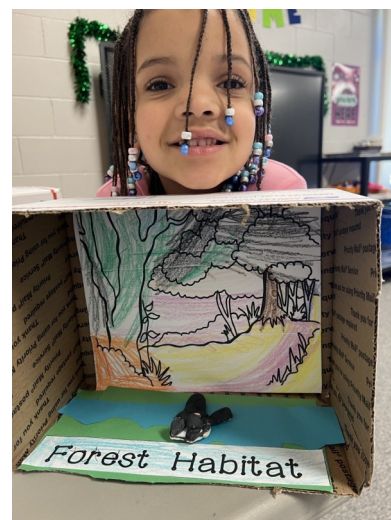
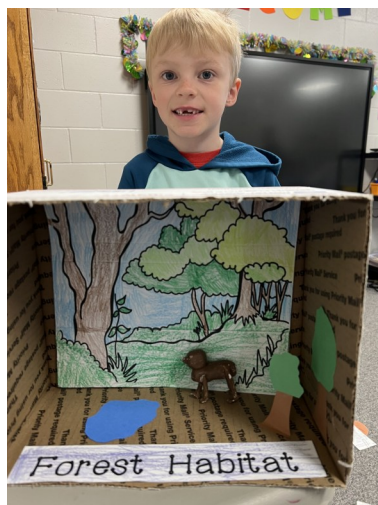
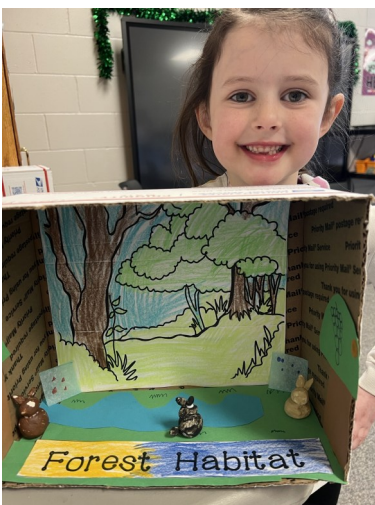
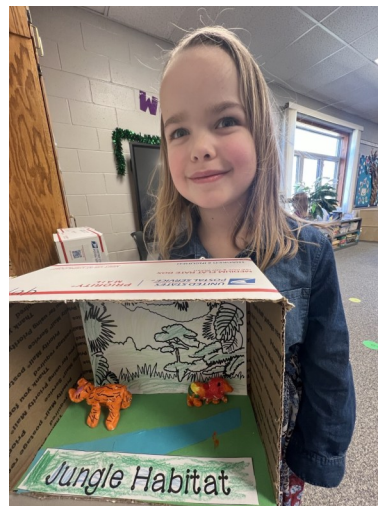
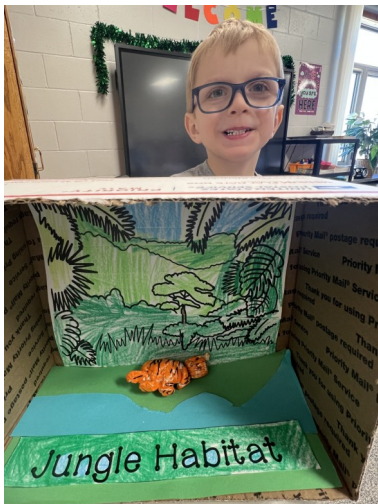
Throughout the month of March the preschoolers worked through the Exercise Study. This study taught the students all about moving their bodies to stay healthy, different body parts, their five senses, eating healthy, who uses exercise in their jobs, and different sports they can play! They loved being active and working out in all different ways. The best part of the Exercise Study was going on our field trip to Valley Elite Gymnasium. The students favorite activities at the gymnasium were playing on the bouncy house, balance beam, swinging from the rope, and running on the trampoline to jump into the foam squares pit! They said it was "the best field trip ever!"



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten has been focusing on learning about Jesus' life - his ministry and miracles. He taught his disciples how to pray and be fishers of men and we are trying to learn to do the same by their example!

In math we have been learning how to add and subtract, but science has been the most fun especially when the students were able to make their favorite habitat and include an animal or two they made out of clay!



1ST/2ND GRADE

In February, our class went to the Washington Pavilion and we watched a musical! We hopped along on the Magic School Bus for a ride into our solar system. Ms. Frizzle and her class taught us about the sun and some planets through songs. It was a great experience! We ended our trip with a stop at the Larchwood Park, which was also awesome since it was such a warm day in February. Thank you to the moms that drove us and for Hearts and Hands for sponsoring this trip!

This is what we liked best about the field trip:

I liked when we saw the play because it was funny and cool. **Charlotte Reinke**

I liked eating lunch because I got to sit by my friends. **Locran Leloux**

I liked when we saw the play because I liked the songs. **Dakota Van Grouw**

My favorite part was watching, learning, and eating with friends. **Eric Van Nieuwenhuyzen**

I liked to watch the play and I liked to listen to the musical. **Jacob Van De Stroet**

I liked the park because it was fun when we went on the slide and when we went on the merry-go-round too. **Cambrie Henrichs**

I liked the park and the play. **Wren Vande Vegte**

I liked lunch and the play because it was my favorite episode and I learned a lot about space and people performed it. **Lane Blankespoor**

I liked seeing the play and we played in the park. **Renna Grevengoed**

I learned a lot about the magic school bus because I liked it so much. **Andrea Cardenas**

I liked that we got to see the play of magic school bus and we got to play at the park and it was fun. **Wendy Vande Vegte**

I learned a lot about space and I learned about planets. **Haven Lucas**

I liked the play and the park because the play was cool and I liked the park because it was fun.

Lydia Nieuwendorp

I liked riding in the car with my friends.
Tatum Van Beek



3RD/4TH GRADE

The students have been working hard and keeping very busy! The highlight of the past few weeks have been in Science! We have been studying all types of energy and how they can change! The fourth grade students wrote about some of our activities to share with you!

"We have been learning about energy. We did a project together about heat energy turning into motion energy by using a lamp and a spiral paper. The spiral began to spin because the heat waves were rising. We also did a project based on potential energy to kinetic energy. We had a dowel with a spring on it, and a foam ball at the end. We pulled back the spring and the ball launched off. We learned about open and closed circuits and even built our own! We had so much fun learning about energy!

By Scarlett, Blair and Jayla

WE did projects showing a change of energy. Everyone had to choose a demonstration and explain the type of energy they started with and what kind of energy it changed into. The types of projects included:

- a basketball and tennis ball that showed potential energy to kinetic energy
- a ping pong shooter that showed potential energy to kinetic energy
- chemical energy to light energy with a glow stick
- a boomerang can that could roll back and showed kinetic energy
- a slide that showed potential energy to kinetic energy
- a marble run that showed potential energy to kinetic energy
- a golf ball roller coaster that showed potential energy to kinetic energy to mechanical energy
- drill putting a screw into wood that showed electrical energy to kinetic energy to mechanical energy
- flying popsicle sticks that showed potential to elastic kinetic energy
- reaction of steel wool and vinegar showing chemical energy to heat energy
- a wind turbine that showed potential energy to kinetic energy
- a wind car that showed potential energy to kinetic energy
- flying marshmallows that showed potential energy to kinetic energy.

Our projects were SO COOL!

By Lennox, Parker, and Vivienne

WE have discovered so many ways that God has created the world and how it all works together!

We also went on a bowling field trip as an ending activity for our PE unit. They improved so quickly over the course of the afternoon! We want to thank our moms Tanya, Brittany, and Shanna for driving us to Sioux Falls!

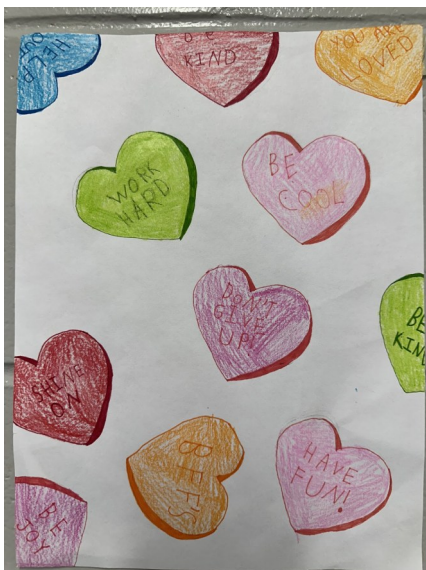
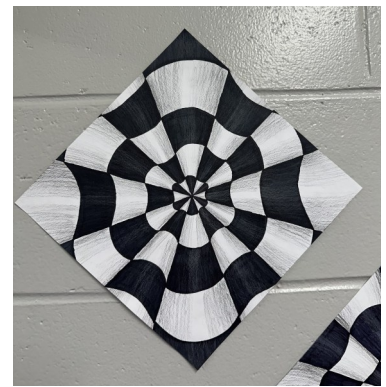
Many more activities will be coming this spring! We covet your prayers as we finish this year so we can continue to work hard and finish strong.



5TH/6TH GRADE

This year, the fifth and sixth graders have been channeling their inner artists through a variety of projects. We have explored different colors and mediums, creating a unique range of artwork. Each student has their favorite pieces, and their projects beautifully showcase their growth in artistic skills throughout the year.

During our art lessons, we have been focusing on 1 Peter 4:10, which says: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* This verse reminds us that we all have unique talents and gifts that we can use to glorify God.



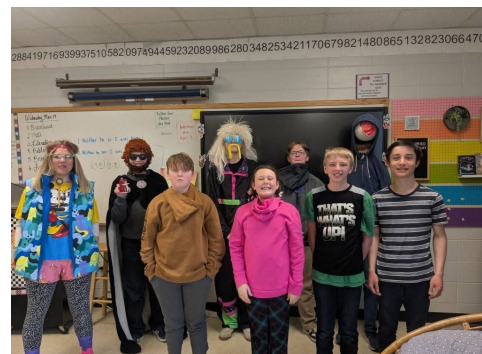
7TH/8TH GRADE

The third week of March was ICS Spirit Week! This was a fun week of dress-up days!

- Monochromatic Monday
- Twin Tuesday
- Wacky Wednesday
- Holiday Thursday
- ICS School Spirit

We had some great outfits, and it was fun to see what the kids would come up with every day!

We ended the week with our 8th Grade Pep Rally, which is an afternoon full of fun that celebrates the 8th graders! It started with a game of Knock-out against the teachers. Miss Schouten pulled out an upset over the students! Next was a balloon stomp game, in which one of the balloons held a special prize - a Homework Pass! Derek was the recipient of that bonus! After that, things started to get a little messy! We covered the 8th graders heads with shower caps full of shaving cream and had teachers throw cheeseballs to see how many stuck! For the grand finale, they played a game that had them pie each other in the face! First Ryker took a pie to the face, then David. Derek had won the game, but it just wasn't fair for him not to get a pie in the face! His mother, Leah, was a willing participant though and got to bestow him with a face full of whipped cream! It was a great way to celebrate (and embarrass) our 8th graders. We've been so blessed with their leadership in this school! They'll definitely be missed next year, so this was a fun way to honor them!



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

March 10, 2025

Tyler Attema opened the meeting with devotions followed with prayer. The minutes of the February 10, 2025 meeting were read by title and approved. The agenda was established with the following present: Pete Van Velzen, Amy Stearns, Todd Reinke, Darren Davelaar, Michael Grevengoed, Josh Van Grouw, Jaron Van Beek and Tyler Attema

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was reviewed.

A Title IX conference will be attended by a representative from school.

Contracts were given to Ruby Young for 1st & 2nd grade, Sierra Swift for 3rd & 4th grade, and Ella Zwart for 5th & 6th grade.

Preschool Registration & Kindergarten Round-up will be held on Monday, March 17.

Kindergarten days for next year were discussed.

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year was discussed.

Christian Education week was discussed.

An update on school hours was given. Thursday, April 17, will be a full day off.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given, and profit and loss statements were reviewed. Tuition concerns were discussed. Financial reports were discussed.

Education Committee Report

Darren Davelaar gave a positive report on his school visit.

Michael Grevengoed will be visiting school in March.

Building/Grounds Committee Report

Mowing for the summer was discussed.

The building renovation was discussed.

Other Business

Nominees for the School Board & for the Foundation Board were discussed.

School bus inspection will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

The next school board meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Jaron Van Beek.

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary

FOUNDATION NEWS

Thank you to all the members of the ICS Foundation who have been so diligent in submitting their dues when they become due and for all of the extra gifts that we have received. Your continued cooperation and sharing have helped to educate our children in an environment that allows God's name to be honored and glorified in all aspects of the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

ICS Foundation Board

PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION AT INWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

- To make children aware of what it means to be God's image bearer.
- To enable children to grow in their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of God's creation.
- To enable children to better understand the effects of sin upon God's perfect creation, including themselves, and the culture we live in.
- To encourage them to respond to God's call to live as His disciples, and to help them grow in their faith and see their own responsibility of developing a personal relationship with Jesus as their Savior.
- To help them develop the Christian characteristics of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- To help children grow intellectually and acquire skills for them to use to better analyze, evaluate, and respond as God's disciples in our world.