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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.

Blessed To Be A Blessing

During our February Chapel, we talked about love and ways we could share love with others. Our chapel activity was making Valentine's Day cards for all of the residents at Fellowship Village, which our 5th and 6th grade class delivered to the residents.



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten

The Inwood Christian School Board is asking all parents of preschoolers who will be kindergarten age next fall to complete the Kindergarten Survey that is attached to this newsletter. This survey will help the school board in developing their budget and supply needs for the 2024-2025 school year. Please return this form to ICS or CRC mailbox #159 by March 8. Thank you!

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KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

March 11, 2024

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

It is Kindergarten Round Up time! We are eager to meet prospective kindergarten students and welcome them to Inwood Christian School. We will begin Kindergarten Round Up at 6:30 p.m. with a parent meeting, that will be held in the gym, while the prospective kindergartners will be involved in activities with Mrs. Folkerts in the kindergarten room. After the meeting is completed, parents are welcome to stay and fellowship with the other parents or visit the kindergarten room.

If you have questions about Kindergarten Round Up or need to schedule another time to visit with Mrs. Folkerts, please contact the school office at 753-4541.

If you know a family who might be interested in sending their child to Inwood Christian School or who has a kindergarten age student, please contact the Inwood Christian School office. We will be happy to send information about ICS to them.



(Summer birthdays are celebrated on the student's/ staff member's half birthday during the school year.)

- February 1 - Ryker Blom (half birthday)
- February 3 - Mrs. Vander Veen
- February 4 - Mrs. Folkerts (half birthday)
- February 6 - David Jones (half birthday)
- February 9 - Mrs. Lucas
- February 11 - Mrs. Hoogendoorn
- February 15 - David Chew
- February 16 - Jayla Van De Stroet (half birthday)
- February 21 - Vivienne Reinke
- February 26 - Haven Lucas
- February 28 - Emily Attema
- March 3 - Silas Spaans
- March 9 - Lydia Nieuwendorp
- March 14 - Isaac Attema
- March 18 - Miss Hawf
- March 18 - Tayvia Williams
- March 27 - Tena Leusink
- March 29 - Tatum Van Beek
- March 31 - Mrs. Klarenbeek
- April 4 - Charlotte Reinke
- April 9 - Jurnee Faber
- April 10 - Scarlett Grevengoed
- April 19 - Weston Van Grouw
- April 19 - Mylah Van De Stroet
- April 21 - Blakely Schroder
- April 27 - Avery Stearns

SonLight Preschool

Registration for 2024-2025

SonLight Preschool is a part of the Iowa Universal Preschool. This allows us to offer preschool free of charge to Iowa students.

An Open House & Registration will be held at Inwood Christian School
 March 11, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Parent Meeting will be held at 6:15 p.m.

Classes will meet Monday through Thursday from 8:00 - 11:20 morning session or 12:10-3:30 afternoon session.

*Must be 4 years of age on or before September 15, 2024

For more information contact
 Stephanie Klarenbeek, Director, 712-753-4541

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 16 - No School
- Feb. 19 - No School, President's Day
- Feb. 22 - Choir Festival
- Feb. 23 - No School, Staff Development
- Mar. 6 - Chapel
- Mar. 7 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar. 8 - No School, P/T Comp Day
- Mar. 11 - Preschool Registration, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 11 - Kindergarten Round-up, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 12 - School Board Meeting
- Mar. 15 - End of the 3rd Quarter
- Mar. 28 - Early Dismissal, 1:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29 - No School, Good Friday
- April 1 - No School, Easter Monday
- April 3 - Chapel
- April 8 - 12 - Assessments
- April 9 - Soccer vs Sanborn Christian, Away
- April 9 - School Board Meeting
- April 16 - Soccer vs Hull Protestant, Away
- April 18 - Soccer vs Hull Christian, Away
- April 19 - Grandparents Day
- April 19 - Early Dismissal, 11:40 a.m.
- April 22 - Spring Music Program, 7:00 p.m.
- April 25 - Soccer vs Rock Valley Christian, Home
- April 30 - Soccer vs Orange City Christian, Home

PRESCHOOL

Wow, have we been having fun in preschool! We have been working hard, but we have also been celebrating! February is reading month at school, and to celebrate we have some dress up days. A favorite dress-up day of the preschoolers is pajama day! They love being able to show off their fun pajamas, blankets, and stuffed animals. The students were excited to read with Miss Jamie and older students while having some fun treats! Another fun day was Valentine's Day! We wore red and pink to school, and the students created their own Valentine's Boxes at home with their family. The students did a great job with their creations! Some fun activities we did for Valentine's Day was playing Valentine BINGO, making Valentine Oobleck, but the favorite activity was trading treats in the classroom!



KINDERGARTEN

Even though the temperature was cold outdoors, the kindergarten class kept busy with fun indoor activities during the month of January. We enjoyed our annual Polar Bears and Pajamas Day several weeks after Christmas break. This was a day filled with learning interesting facts about polar bears. We also did lots of fun polar activities while wearing pajamas! Our favorite part of the day was watching a movie and eating popcorn!

Another highlight in January was our science unit on Animals. After learning about different types of animals, we listed four things they need to live: food, water, shelter, and air. Later the class was divided into groups to create "Animal Needs" posters for the animal of their choosing. Each group presented their posters to their classmates and answered any questions that came up. Everyone did a great job as both presenters and listeners!



The kindergarten class also kept very busy memorizing Psalm 23. After weeks of practice, each student did an amazing job of reciting this precious psalm. All were given certificates and bookmarks as a remembrance of their accomplishment.

1st/2nd Grade

We have been working on lots of fun things in first and second grade! We planted our very own radish plants which we watched grow, we had a cop come to our school, we got to see his cop car, and the kids got their very own stickers. We are also doing lots of fun reading activities such as partner, fidget, and pointer reading. We celebrated the 100th day of school, had pajama day and a read and feed! The students had fun dressing up for red and pink day and making valentines boxes in art. The first graders are learning about service animals so we had a real service dog and handler come in. She talked about how her service dog helps her every day!



1st - 4th Grade

Monday, February 5th, was the 100th Day of School! The 1st through 4th graders had a variety of activities centered around the number 100. They also came to school dressed as a 100 year old person! The activities included finding patterns, making 100 Grateful Hearts, making a symmetrical snowflake out of 100 paper chains, building towers out of 100 marshmallows, some writing prompts, and of course, math problems!



3rd/4th Grade

Half way! The second quarter went by so quickly it's hard to imagine that we are halfway through this school year! The third and fourth graders have been busy and working very hard! It's such a joy and a blessing to watch them get excited about our work!

We are currently reading several historical fiction books! For our classroom reading time, we are reading about the Underground Railroad. We also just completed a novel study called Number the Stars. This story is set in Copenhagen and is about the conflict between the Jews and Nazis.

As a reward for the completion of the first semester and all their hard work, the students were treated to a special day - Books, Blankets, Snacks, and Comfies. We spent some time relaxing and reading in our comfy clothes with our favorite books and blankets!

In Bible we have been learning about David and how he went from a shepherd boy to a great king! We also studied about David and his friend Jonathan and what an important part he played in David's life. An activity the students did was to think about that friendship, write a simile, and explain how it applies to David and Jonathan's friendship. Below you can read their creative and applicable thoughts:

David and Jonathan Similes

Ruby: A friend is like a locket because it keeps a secret. Jonathan kept it a secret where David was hiding.

Emily: A friend is like a paint brush because they will paint a path for you.

Kent: A friend is like yeast because you grow in friendship. David and Jonathan grew close to each other in their friendship.

Weston: A friend is like a binder because it keeps your secrets inside. Jonathan didn't tell Saul where David was hiding.

Ethan: A friend is like a worm because it can reel in happiness. Jonathan made David happy when he didn't kill David.

Owen: A friend is like a sharpener because they can sharpen your day. David and Jonathan sharpened each other.

Scarlett: A friend is like an eraser and white board because they wipe away your fears. Jonathan wiped away David's fears by keeping David safe.

Blair: A friend is like a globe because they will show you where to go. Jonathan showed David the way to escape.

Parker: A friend is like a payloader because they will help you carry your load. Jonathan helped carry David's load of worries.

Lennox: A friend is like a flashlight because they will show you the way to go. Jonathan showed David where to stay.

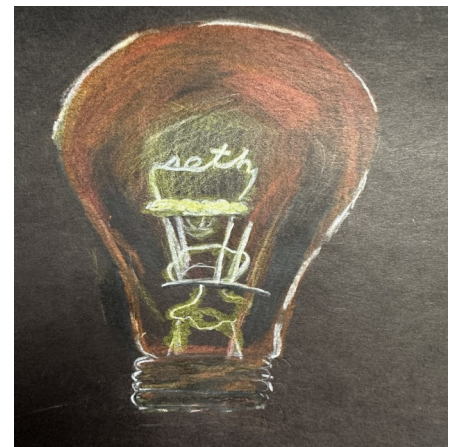
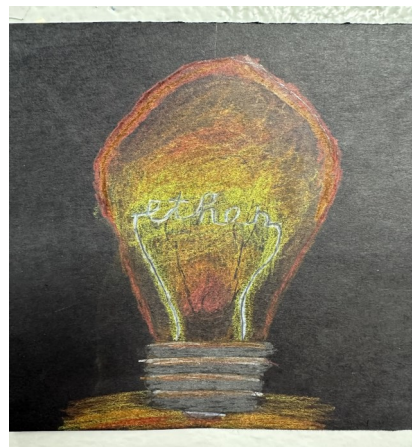
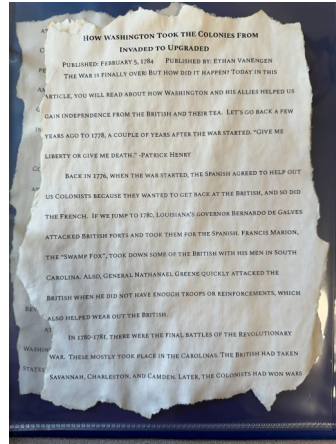
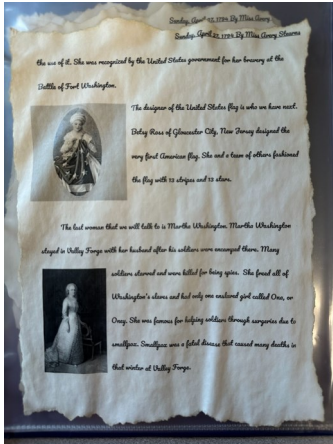
Jayla: A friend is like a "Q" and a "U" because "Q" and "U" stick together like glue. Jonathan and David were best friends and stuck together.

Vivienne: A friend is like a flower because it grows together. Jonathan and David grew in peace together.



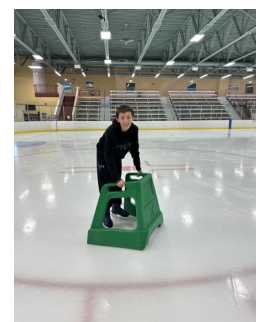
5th/6th Grade

The 5th and 6th graders have been busy at work learning about different topics in our United States history. They were authors of their own newspaper article about the different topics of the American Revolution. They were able to make their articles look “vintage” by ripping the edges and dipping them into coffee to give them an antiqued look. They wrote about what started the American Revolution, the major battles, what ended the revolution, and everything in between. We are also doing a small focus study on Black History Month. We have done research on The Underground Railroad, Ruby Bridges and her bravery, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Civil Rights movement, and current strong representatives in Black History. We just finished our novel study on the book *The City of Ember*. *The kids really enjoyed reading this and making their predictions throughout the story about how it would end. They had to decide if Ember would have enough light to continue throughout the book.*



5th - 8th Grade

On February 15th, the fifth through eighth graders traveled to the All Seasons Center in Sioux Center to try out ice skating! There is a rotation of different field trips for the 5th-8th grade P.E. class, and it was time to try a winter sport! Many students took to the ice hesitantly, but were soon skating around with more confidence!



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

December 12, 2023

Josh Van Grouw opened the meeting with devotions followed with prayer. The minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting were read by title and approved. The agenda was established with the following present: Rebecca Schouten, Pete Van Velzen, Brian Stearns, Tyler Attema, Josh Van Grouw, Darren Davelaar, Todd Reinke and Michael Grevengoed.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was reviewed. Personal days were approved, School hours were discussed. EANS funds and NICSTO funds were discussed.

Treasurer's Report

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

Education Committee Report

Michael Grevengoed gave a positive report on his school visit. Head Teacher evaluations were discussed.

Building/Grounds Committee Report

Plastic trays will be ordered for the boot racks. A mirror will be installed in the girls bathroom. A coat rack will be ordered.

The doorbell in the office is not working again. A new one has been ordered and will be installed in the near future.

Other Business

Bus inspections were completed on November 29. We will need to find substitute bus drivers for various dates in February. Staff Christmas gifts were discussed.

The next school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Josh Van Grouw.

Michael Grevengoed, Secretary

January 9, 2024

Brian Stearns opened the meeting with devotions and followed with prayer. The minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting were read by title and approved. The agenda was established with the following present: Brian Stearns, Josh Van Grouw, Darren Davelaar, and Todd Reinke. Rebecca Schouten, Pete Van Velzen, Michael Grevengoed and Tyler Attema were absent with notification.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was reviewed. Personal days were approved. ISASP testing (which will take the place of Iowa Assessments) will need to be held during the 4th quarter of the school year.

Hot Lunch Report

Student account balances were discussed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was given, and profit and loss statements were reviewed. Tuition concerns were discussed. Financial reports were discussed. A report was given on the fall drive and various gifts that have been received. The NICSTO funds have been received and distributed to the designated families.

Education Committee Report

Intention Slips will be handed out. Brian Stearns is scheduled to visit school in January.

Other Business

Substitute bus drivers were discussed for February.

The next school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Josh Van Grouw.

Todd Reinke, Secretary pro tem

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

February 6, 2024

Tyler Attema opened the meeting with devotions followed with prayer. The minutes of the January 9, 2024 meeting were read by title and approved. The agenda was established with the following present: Rebecca Schouten, Brian Stearns, Tyler Attema, Josh Van Grouw, Darren Davelaar, and Todd Reinke. Pete Van Velzen and Michael Grevengoed were absent with notification.

Principal's Report

Principal Van Velzen's report was reviewed.

Personal days were approved, School hours were discussed.

Intention slips were reviewed.

Project requests were approved by text.

The theme of "Believe, Grow, Serve" for the 2024-2025 school year was approved.

Preschool registration & Kindergarten round-up will be held on Monday, March 11.

Christian Education Week was discussed.

Hot Lunch Report

Student account balances were discussed.

Treasurer's Report

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

The first payment has been received from West Lyon for the 2022-2023 preschool year.

A report was given on the income and expenses of the ICS Auction and Supper.

Education Committee Report

Brian Stearns gave a positive report on his school visit.

Staff salaries were discussed.

Building/Grounds Committee Report

The Board approved to let the 7th/8th grade students paint ceiling tiles in their classroom.

Pea gravel for under the tire swings will be coming this summer.

A new freezer for the kitchen will be delivered the week of February 19.

The roof on the school needs to be replaced. Bids are being looked into.

The next school board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Concept minutes were read and approved. Closing prayer was given by Todd Reinke.

Todd Reinke, Secretary pro tem

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

STATEMENT OF FAITH AT INWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

* We believe there is one true God who is holy and perfect. We believe that God reveals himself to us as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

* We believe that man was created in the image of God. We believe that man was created perfect, but through choice, man sinned. We believe that it is only through the grace of God through Jesus Christ that man is brought back into fellowship with God.

* We believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God. It is our source for instruction, the center of focus for our education, gives instruction for a godly lifestyle and all that happens at Inwood Christian School. The Bible, the Word of God, provides the final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind and of all we believe. For purposes of Inwood Christian School's faith, education, policy, discipline, and use of its facilities, everything must be done in accordance with God's Holy Word.

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The Inwood Christian School Society Foundation Board would like to encourage anyone who is not a member of the ICS Foundation to become a member and join with those who support a Christ-centered education for our children. If you are currently not a member of the Inwood Christian School Society Foundation but would like to become one, please fill out the bottom part of this page and return to school, along with your check for the annual \$25 membership fee or \$500 for a lifetime membership.

I / We would like to become a member/members of the Inwood Christian School Foundation to help make Christian education affordable now and in the future. Enclosed is my/our Foundation membership dues of \$25.00.

Name(s) _____
Address _____

Please return to ICS Society Foundation, Inc., 302 East Madison, Drawer C, Inwood, IA 51240, or CRC church mailbox #159.

KINDERGARTEN SURVEY

INWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
302 East Madison, Inwood, IA 51240
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To: Parents of Prospective Kindergarten Students
From: Miss Rebecca Schouten, Head Teacher
Date: February 2024

As we make plans for the 2024-2025 school year, we need to compile information relating to projected enrollment. A part of this includes the prospective kindergarten students. This information is helpful and needed in developing our budget and supply needs. Please check the appropriate blank below and return to school by **March 8, 2024**. Thank you!

_____ Yes, we plan to enroll our child in kindergarten at Inwood Christian School next year.

_____ Our child is old enough to attend kindergarten next year, but we are still undecided whether or not we will send him/her because of age.

_____ No, we have decided to wait one year before enrolling our child.

_____ We would like more information about Christian education in general and ICS in particular.

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Child's Name _____ Male/Female Birthdate _____

MISSION STATEMENT OF INWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
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