

# Newton's News— Feb. 10, 2010



## Our Philosophy of Christian Education - Part 2

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52)

A few weeks ago we discussed the four aspects of growing to maturity as exemplified in the life of Jesus: intellectual growth, spiritual growth, physical growth, and social growth. We want our children to have the same balance in their lives that Jesus showed in His life.

This week we will focus on intellectual growth in more detail. We know that it is impossible to separate intellectual growth from spiritual growth and achieve a good outcome. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Proverbs 1:7). Christian education starts with the following beliefs: that God exists, that He has spoken through His Word, the Bible, and that He must not be ignored because He is the center of life. Our belief in God provides us with a unifying truth that integrates all academic learning, binding it together as one intelligible whole. Try viewing each academic discipline as a way to understand God's creation and how He works his will. The study of science and mathematics helps us understand God's creation in all its amazing beauty and complexity. We now know even more fully than David knew how "fearfully and wonderfully made" we are. When we "consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place" (Psalm 8), we are even more overwhelmed than the psalmist by God's seemingly infinite creation. As we study history, we see how God has used nations and events to further his purpose. The conquests of Alexander the Great and the establishment of the Roman Empire each take on new meaning when seen as preparation for the spread of the Gospel. The study of language and communication is more serious when we understand that we will use our language skills throughout our lives to witness to others. The power of words is put in proper context when compared to the power of the Word.

The like-mindedness of Christian school parents allows us to have a learning environment with fewer distractions and more support from home, leading to greater academic achievement. Next week I will discuss academic achievement in more detail.

"Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

Mark Kline

President, LCEA Board of Directors

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

I Cor.13:4-5 NIV



SWAT packets come home Friday! All directions, materials, and popcorn/drink pack will be included. . .everything for your family to have a "packet party" over the weekend. Family and class prizes are explained in the packet as well. Please pray for this fundraiser, and plan to participate! Thank you.

Your SWAT Committee

## Parent-Teacher Conference Sign-up

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 4th, from 1:00 to 8:00 PM and Friday, March 5th, from 12:00 to 6:00 PM. Sign up sheets are located outside the office for Preschool through 8th graders. Each conference will be 20 minutes. Conferences for middle schoolers will be student led. Sixth grade conferences will be held with Ms. Southard or Mr. DeJong. Seventh grade meets with Mrs. Cooley and Mrs. Potter will be meeting with eighth grade parents. Mrs. Cooley will also meet with any parents who would like to discuss Passport Learning. Please sign up by Wednesday, February 17th.

## Calendar

### FEBRUARY

15 EARLY DISMISSAL- 11:45/12:00; NO LUNCH  
19 ACSI SPELLING BEE, ELDRIDGE, IOWA  
25 ENROLLMENT OPEN HOUSE 7:00 PM  
26 SECOND TRIMESTER ENDS; BASKETBALL  
BANQUET

### MARCH

4 EARLY DISMISSAL; PARENT-TEACHER  
CONFERENCES 1:00-8:00 PM  
5 NO SCHOOL; PARENT CONFERENCES 12:00-6:00  
19 JUNIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM HOSTS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL OUTREACH WITH 89.1  
SPIRIT RADIO AT OAKLAND NAZARENE

### APRIL

9 ANNUAL BANQUET FEATURING JOSH  
MCDOWELL  
10 PARENTING SEMINAR FEATURING JOSH  
MCDOWELL  
15 Kdg.-5th MUSIC PROGRAM & ALL SCHOOL  
INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM  
29 MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

## School Closings & Delays

We do not necessarily follow the Cedar Rapids Community Schools when it comes to canceling classes or delaying the start of the school day at Isaac Newton. Please check the school's website at [www.incaonline.org](http://www.incaonline.org) or the local television stations and their websites. for the latest updates. If there is ever a time where we do not cancel and you are concerned for your safety, please call the office to let them know your children will not be attending that day. The missed work can be made up. We don't want to put anyone at risk. We are striving to minimize the number of days to be made up, but trust you to use wisdom in making your own decision about coming to school.

All students who arrive after 8:15 AM or 10:15 on days when there is a 2-hour delay should stop in the office for a pass before going to the classroom.

HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY!

**PSO PRAYER EVENT**  
**FOCUS: OUR SCHOOL BOARD**  
**WED., FEB. 17**  
**8:15-8:45 AM (bagels, juice, & coffee  
provided)**  
**-or-**  
**12:00-12:45 PM (lunch available\*)**

Join us in the teacher's lounge at either of the times listed above to spend focused time in prayer. The lunch prayer time has been set up so you can come from work, eat lunch with your child, join with others in prayer, and be back to work in one hour. \* Please call the office by 9:00 on the morning of the 17th to order a lunch.

### INCA STUDENT WINS ESSAY AWARD

Congratulations to Anna King for winning first place for the essay she submitted to the VFW. She won \$75.00 for her essay title "When is the Best Time to Honor our Veterans?" Her essay will now compete at the district level.

### DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

Are you looking for a Scrip order, have questions about the basketball schedule or the lunch menu, or wondering if Isaac Newton is dismissing early? Many of your questions can be answered by going to our website at [incaonline.org](http://incaonline.org).

### OUTDOOR RECESS

The students have been enjoying playing in the snow during recess time. They will go outside for recess if the windchill temperature is 0 degrees or above. Please see that your children come with the proper attire: boots, snowpants, hats, and gloves.