# Grandparents' Day Nov. 17 Parents Needed to Help with refreshments

#### **CBCS** Newsletter

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#### Nov. Calendar of Events: View online at

www.cbcslions.com

#### **A Message From Pastor West**

Fall is here, and Thanksgiving will be here before we all know it! I love this time of the year because it causes us to stop and remember. We remember the family times when we all get together around the dinner table. We remember the sweet smells of desserts baking in the kitchen and the aroma of a Thanksgiving turkey slowly cooking in the oven. It is a time when we acknowledge the blessings of a good Father who has promised never to leave us nor forsake us (Joshua 1:5). God is indeed good to us.

This past year may have also been met with hardship and heartache that may make it difficult to say "Thank you" to God. We must, however, see God's blessings as He sees them, not as the world sees them. We have our salvation, which means forgiveness and a home in heaven for eternity. This, of course, is our most important possession. We have our families, our children, our memories, the basic every day blessings that God allows us to enjoy each day ... the breath of life, another day, food on the table, living in freedom in America as well as in Christ. God is truly good.

Take time with your children and talk about the goodness of God. I think that if we really just settle down and ponder that thought, we will find He is not only good, He is also great. Lord bless the Central family during this Thanksgiving season - and, oh yes, come join us in worship! We would love to have you because we are very thankful for you.



#### Friday, November 10

School & Daycare will be closed in recognition of Veterans' Day, which is Sat., Nov. 11.

#### Grandparents' Day: Nov. 17, 9-11am . . .

Our students look forward to this event every year. The program will be in the gym, & there will be classroom visits & refreshments. Also, grandparents will have a chance to have photos taken in the gym with their grandchildren. (Remember: It's a half-day.)

#### Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 20-24

(School & Daycare Closed)



"Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name." I Chronicles 29:13

## Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry "Operation Christmas Child"



We are excited about our students being able to share with children around the world by filling "Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes. This is a great family missions project. Involve your child as you purchase items to be included in the boxes that we will put together here at a Packing Party or as you fill a whole box on your own at home. Please pray with your children for each child who will be receiving them. A check for \$9/box (payable to Samaritan's Purse) is needed to help cover the cost of delivery. We hope that many parents will help in this way. Also, we need 10 parents from each class (fewer for smaller classes) to donate plastic shoebox-size boxes. The plastic boxes can be used for so many purposes. The box itself becomes a "gift" for the parents of the child receiving it! For the boxes we will fill together at the Packing Party on Wed., Nov. 15, each grade is asked to bring certain items:

K3 & VPK - Toys for ages 2-4, and socks for their size feet

K5 & 1st - Toys for ages 5-9 (nothing war-related)

2nd & 3rd - Toiletries and lower-elementary-sized socks

4th - Coloring and activity books and crayons

5th - Toiletries and upper-elementary-sized socks

6th - Toys for ages 10-14 (nothing war-related)

7th - Middle-school-sized socks

8th - School supplies

HS - Toys, sunglasses, ball caps, watches, and flashlights with AA batteries

For those bringing toiletries, suggested items are toothbrushes, mild bar soap (in plastic bag), comb, washcloth, hair clips, deodorant...**BUT** <u>NOT</u> liquids, lotions, aerosol cans, or toothpaste.

At the Packing Party the boxes will be filled with all the donated supplies. Our collection of items begins now and will continue through Tues., Nov. 14. We would like to fill over 200 boxes. For those filling a box yourself at home, we need those boxes turned in by Fri., Nov. 17. Please ask your child's teacher for a pamphlet or go online:

Operation-Christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/

Thank you to Pastor and Mrs. West for heading up this ministry. We feel very blessed with the opportunity to bless children all around the world in this way.

If you have been participating during past years, please be aware of two changes this year: No candy/No toothpaste

#### Cancellation of *Chick-fil-A* Spirit Night...

Because the Valrico *Chick-fil-A* is under renovation, we have cancelled the Spirit Night that was scheduled for Monday, Nov. 6.

#### Senior Night for CBCS High School Girls Volleyball Lions . . .



Teegan Ahrens, Hannah Estrella, Mary Mitir, & Taylor Scowden were recognized at Senior Night, with parents there to join in the celebration. In addition to the flowers, they were each presented with a volleyball signed by all their team members. The team is shown below as they lined up before the game, with Coach Patterson at far right.



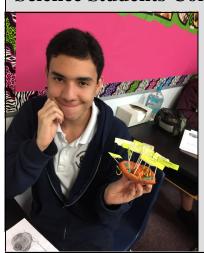








#### **Science Students Continue To Amaze Us!**





Above Left: Joshua Caleman, 9th grade, demonstrates success in Biology Modeling lab.

Above Right: Jared Smith & Destinie King, 6th grade, test which height hill will cause more stream erosion.

# Congratulations: JV Volleyball Team Winners With 1st Place TBCAL Trophy!!



### Let's "Think Scrip" As We Plan for Thanksgiving

for he is good.
His love endures

Psalm 136:1

Thanksgiving is almost here! We will be preparing our turkey dinners with all the "fixins" to go with it. As we prepare for this time of thanksgiving, I would like to encourage you to think Scrip!

Stock up on your Scrip cards before you head out to shop on Black Friday! There will be some great deals you won't want to pass up.

The low denominations are back! These make great stocking stuffers, teachers' gifts, birthday gifts, or just because. Here is a list of the low denominations we will have for a limited time: Amazon \$10, Olive Garden \$10, IHOP \$10, Outback \$10, Starbucks \$5, Target \$10, Walmart \$10, Red Lobster \$10, and Home Depot \$10. Get them while they last!

The weather is cooling down just a little bit, and the ducks are flying back to CBCS! For every Scrip purchase in the month of November or December, your child will receive a duck. Not just any duck! Our ducks have personality! Stop by the Scrip store and check them out.

Mrs. Cheri Craven, Scrip Coordinator

#### Cross Country Concludes & Soccer Season Begins . . .

Congratulations to our fourteen Cross Country runners for a successful finish in their championship meet. Now we are gearing up for an exciting Soccer season, with the following students selected as team members.

Varsity: Antonio & Ezequiel Acevedo, Owen & Ethan Newell, Celia Young, Tayden Clark, Trinity Heine, Emma Kerzan, Melody Martin, Austin Osborne, Brittany Santillon, Jared Smith

JV: Emma Alonso, Isaiah Cohen, Carlos Fernandez, Anthony Gonzalez, Frank Hernandez, Jeremy Johnson, Kendall Johnson, Tyler Young, Scarlett Duarte, Tylor Formont, Branden Kerzan, Esther Strasavich, Delsin Urbina, Toby Gonzalez, Azura Patten, Raylix Velazquez, Daniel Viana

# 26th Annie Walk/Run-A-Thoir

Thank you for your support of our 26th Annual Walk/Run-A-Thon. All funds are designated for technology upgrades. If we meet our school-wide goal of \$12,000.00, all the students will enjoy a school-wide "Cookout & Games Day."

We are in the process now of recording the donations & collected pledges. Every student who has collected at least \$50 from their flat donations and pledges by Nov. 3 will receive our annual Walk-A-Thon T-shirt.

With at least \$75 collected, they will also qualify for the CiCi's Pizza Party. With \$100 collected, they will enjoy Lunch & Bowling



A popular "Collection Day" promotion was when Principal Martin scooped sundaes. Here VPK Director, Mrs. Martin, assists Jenna Mohammed with her ice cream treat.

with Mr. Martin & Pastor West. The Grand Prize is a crisp \$100 bill (actually two of them...one for the student collecting most in Elementary and one for most in Secondary). The money must be collected and turned in by Nov. 3 to qualify for the individual and class prizes. The class with the highest percentage of money collected by then (with 50% of the class collecting at least \$30) will enjoy "PICNIC & GAMES" at the park! Also, the teacher of the very top class will receive a \$25 Scrip gift card & a half day off, with Mr. Martin or Pastor West teaching the class!

#### Thank You to Our Business Sponsors:

We are most grateful to the following businesses that have sponsored our Walk-A-Thon T-shirts as of the publication of this newsletter. We hope to receive more business sponsorships by Nov. 3. Business donations can be designated to qualify student(s) of your choice for the various prizes. (Please indicate on your business sponsorship page which student or students are to receive credit towards the prize promotions.)

Rick Bateman Window Cleaning & Pressure Washing - (813) 685-7685

Jim Bishop, Charles Ruttenberg Realty - (813) 484-5829

Fearnow Insurance, Inc. - (813) 679-5255

North Star Lending - (813) 409-2362

North Star Realty Professionals - (813) 324-7809

Stan White State Farm Insurance - (813) 971-1123

# "Doughnuts With Dad"

















Dads & Granddads got students off to a happy start with doughnuts together before school began.



Thanks to all the parents & grandparents who turned out to cheer for the students & help mark lap cards.