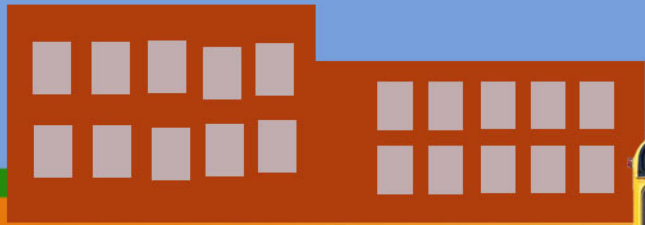
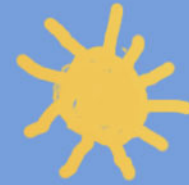


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"Dream, Inspire, and Learn with God's Grace!"

School Administrator's Corner

By: Mrs. Nichole Laven

Happy 2009!

It has been such a delight to see everyone returning safe and hearing about all of the wonderful, fun family stories and traditions many of you shared this season! I hope you enjoyed the wonderful Christmas Program or Cookie Decorating with the children. It amazes me every year to see how much growth, success, and confidence the children gain from the beginning of the school year to where they are at mid-way through the school year. A parent has been kind to record our programs for you to capture this growth on DVD's from the Elementary Christmas program which is available for you to purchase for \$5.00 through the office. If you would be interested in video taping for the Spring Program, please let the office

staff know through a telephone call or note sent to the office.

With the beginning of 2009 upon us, we will also have many other notes coming through to the office before, during, and after conferences. In the past we have created a valuable School-wide assessment program for which we receive extensive, creative, and positive feedback to help our program grow. Your feedback about our program is critical to the growth, opportunities, and new ideas for which the foundation of our program. For example, this year we offered a sibling class and for next year we plan to offer a four-day a week Pre-Kindergarten class. We have also added specialized classes to include Spanish, Computer, Physical Education, and Music. These

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Early Childhood Coordinator's Corner

By: Mary Grote

Welcome to the start of a new year, we hope your family had a wonderful Christmas break. Preschool classes are making a splash into the new year with beach parties, ocean themes and a focus on Jonah and the Whale.

With the start of the new year, comes registration for the 2009-10 school year! Elementary registration for current families is Monday, January 26. Preschool and open enrollment registration is on

February 2. Trinity offers both all-day everyday Kindergarten and half-day programs. If your child is enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten this year, you may be interested in attending "Taste of Trinity." Occurring on January 30, Taste of Trinity is an excellent opportunity for your Pre-K student to experience one hour in a Kindergarten class. During this hour, parents are welcome to attend an informational

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Parent Project

Team Members:

Chair: Katie Potter

Technology: Kim Jacobson

Recorder: Tamara Hink

Volunteer Coordinator and Media Specialist:

Jessi Guerin

Lunch Duty Coordinator:

Hallie Jones

Lunch Room and Recess

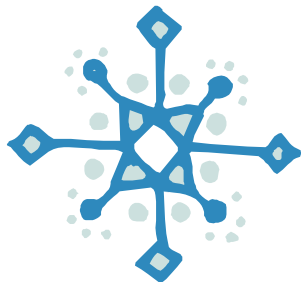
Staff:

George Mix

Lori Tollberg

Classroom Contacts:

*******We are looking for one classroom contact for each classroom**



evaluations you receive at conferences or have already received can be returned to the classroom teacher in a sealed envelope for confidentiality or you can drop them by the office and put them into the beautifully wrapped "Survey" box. Your family is one of utmost importance and feedback is essential for Trinity Christian School to continue to Dream, Inspire, and Learn with God's Grace.

Many of you will also receive information about Taste of Trinity and registration information for the 2009-2010 school year. January 26th, 2009 will be priority registration date for next year's elementary classes. Please be sure to get in and get registered before open enrollment begins on February 2nd, 2009 for all families Preschool through elementary grades. It is first come first serve basis on these days. Just as a reminder, please remember not to give these registration forms to the classroom teacher as they might not get delivered until the end of the day which could impact the timing of the registration application. Also, please remember to stay with your child if you come to school before 8:25 that day as

the teachers will be busily preparing for the children and might not be in the classrooms to supervise.

Also, you will be given an opportunity to see our new marketing signs soon. These are a great way to share with your neighbors, friends, or colleagues the news of Trinity Christian School. So, I invite you to check them out and see if you feel they would be a valuable lawn/snow bank decoration you would put out in support of Trinity Christian School. Please feel free to hang Christmas lights or other colorful decorations on them as well.

In conclusion, I would just like to thank you for the exemplary 2008 school year and all the exciting new things we have provided for opportunities for the children of Trinity Christian School. I would like to share with you a testimonial of a family at Trinity which talks about their child's experience here.

We feel so blessed to have access to an education system that combines our Christian values with small class sizes led by incredibly talented and caring teachers. Our child enjoys Kindergarten and we have a peace of mind knowing that Trinity Christian School is giving her a great start to her school career!

Parent Project Team

Believe it or not our annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed is already here! The Pancake Feed is on Tuesday February 24th from 5:00-7:00pm. We need volunteers to help organize, order food, serve food and clean up after the dinner. Please check the PPT board for a sign up sheet. We will be having pancake races and pancake eating contest with lots of laughter and fun!

At the Pancake Feed, we will kick off our 2nd annual Tuna Drive for the local food shelf. Our goal this year is to fill two Tuna Boats with cans of Tuna and boxes of Tuna Helper. All canned tuna fish and boxes of Tuna Helper will go to our local Family Pathways Food Shelf here in North Branch.

Now thru February 13th, we

will be collecting socks in the Atrium! These socks will be going with a local church mission group to Tanzania and will be distributed to children and adults in need. All sizes and styles are welcome. Imagine the possibilities, if every child brought in one pair of socks, we could help over 220 children and adults in need and our Atrium clothes line would be covered with socks hanging from it ☺

On January 23rd, Shopko will be partnering with local non-profit and charitable organizations as their way of giving back to the community. The Trinity Community as Trinity Christian School and Trinity Lutheran Church plan to take advantage of this excellent opportunity! How this works is Trinity Christian School and Trinity Lutheran Church will be selling tickets

Office Manager's Report

By: Mrs. Julie Morgan

Warm Winter Wishes from the school office!

Registration:

Registration forms for the 2009/2010 school year will be sent home with all currently registered students in mid January.

Registration for elementary grades will begin at 8:00 a.m. January 26 for our current preschool and elementary families. Registration for preschool and open enrollment for elementary grades will begin at 8:00 a.m. on February 2. Please fill out the form completely, and return it to the office with your registration fee. Your account must be current in order for your registration to be valid. Please remember to register promptly, as some classes fill quickly. If you know of someone that is not currently attending TCS that would like to have a registration form sent to them, please ask them to call the office at 674-7042 to be added to our mailing list.

Tuition Payments:

Payment for February's tuition is due on January 15. Please contact me if you ever have any billing questions.

Free and reduced lunches help our school:

If your income has been reduced or you have an addition to your family, you may be eligible for free or reduced price meals for your child. Application can be made at any time during the school year. To see if you might qualify, check out the income guidelines on the PPT board, or ask for a form to be sent home with your child. This is completely anonymous. TCS receives funding based on our free

and reduced lunch eligibility, so if you qualify you are also helping TCS!

Recess: The elementary students will go out for recess if the wind chill is above zero. Please remember to send snow pants, boots, mittens, and hats each day so the children can play. If your child has borrowed something from our Borrow Box, please have them return it as soon as possible in case others need to borrow.

Extra Clothing: We could use a few items of clothing to use in the case of accidents or spills. If you have extra shirts or pants in good condition that your child has outgrown, we would welcome a few donations in various sizes. If your child borrows something, please wash and return for another to use.

Important Dates:

January 26 – Elementary grades 09/10 registration for current families 8:00 a.m.

February 2 – Preschool 09/10 registration and open enrollment 8:00 a.m.

February 8 – Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Meeting 10:30. Services 8 & 9:15

February 13 – Teacher Workshop Day – no school for all students

February 16 – Presidents Day – no school for all students

February 21 - Date Night – 5:00-10:00 p.m.

February 21 – Autism Seminar 9:00

February 24 – Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Winter Greetings!

Wish List

1. Kodak Easy Share Camera
2. Red Copy Paper
3. Rubbermaid Containers of all sizes with lids
4. Cotton Balls
5. Multiple copies of books on tape or cd

A Special Thank

You...

To all who brought in
Socks for the Sock
Drive!

Lunchroom and
Office Volunteers

Cheryl Kempf

Barb Sauer

Karen Johnson

Carolyn Crowell

Sandy Arndt

John Arndt

Lisa Knox

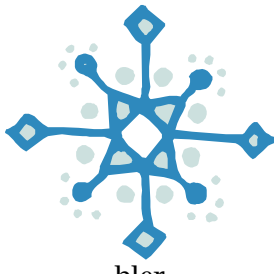
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Early Childhood Coordinator's Corner

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session to learn more about class options, program goals, busing and lunch options, uniform requirements and tuition. Sign-up forms and more details are available in the office; reserve a spot for your child soon! Looking ahead to February, mark your calendars for the TCS annual Pancake Feed, on Tuesday, February 24 from 5-7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 4-12, and free for children under age 3. This is a wonderful and delicious event for the whole family! We hope to see you there!

Also on February 21, TCS will be hosting an Early Childhood seminar on Autism Awareness, details to be sent home soon!

Thank you to all who attended our Preschool Christmas Program; it was an exciting evening for the preschoolers and a proud moment for parents and staff. Thank you also to those who attended the Christmas Cookie Party for the 3/4 year old classes, great fun was had by all, as we celebrated the season together.

Blessings to you and your family as we begin the new year!

Parent Project Team

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for \$5 each. Ticket holders will then bring their \$5 ticket to Shopko on March 14th, 2009 and in return get \$5 off their total purchase. Ticket holders will also receive a coupon for discount offers effective throughout the North Branch store location. The best part is Trinity Christian School and Trinity Lutheran Church get to keep 100% of their portion of the proceeds and if we are the largest organization to participate we will receive an additional \$1,000 to split.

You might ask why we are going to take advantage of this opportunity and it is because we have anticipated more dates to be available for our volunteers for the Excel Center Fundraiser and have not received these at this time, so a closer community option would be this Shopko's one time opportunity.

In order to purchase the tickets we need to get an idea of how many tickets to request, so please return the form included to the school office!

Don't forget to check out the wonderful annual accomplishments we are able to provide to our children when we work together and participate in such wonderful opportunities like the ones listed above!

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All aboard to the Excel Center! Thanks for all of those of you who signed up to work at the Excel Energy Center at different events to support our program here at Trinity Christian School! Everyone who plans to help Trinity Christian School with this opportunity is asked to attend a mandatory training session at the Excel Energy Center. Please send a note to the office if you would be interested in participating. Our school is in need of your volunteer support for this program. Fundraising support for programs like this allow for us to better forecast anticipated opportunities for the students and families at Trinity Christian School. Please give **Lisa Nephew a call at #612-207-8245** if you are interested in helping with this process.