



NURTURING COVENANT CHILDREN TO REFLECT THE MIND OF CHRIST

2021-2022 SCHOOL THEME: WALKING IN THE WAY OF LOVE

Let all your things be done with charity. - 1 Corinthians 16:14

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of Teachers and Staff, we express our hearty congratulations to the 2023 graduates. We wish you the Lord's blessings in the years to come.

Our Eighth Grade graduates: Eli Dykstra, JohnOwen Griess, Simeon Griess, Jacob Hop, Seth Kleyn, Stephen Kuiper, Leah Pastoor, Eric Phelps, Chase VanPutten

Our Kindergarten graduates: Thea Duistermars, Matthias Griess, Siwan Lee, Lucas Pipe, Dillon Schimmel, Frances VaderSchaaf

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, May 30-----Awards Assembly | 2 PM
w/ Kindergarten Graduation

Wednesday, May 31----- Eighth Grade Graduation
Prof. Cory Griess | 2:00 PM
(full day of school for 1st-8th)

Thursday, June 1-----School Picnic at Cascade Township Park
10 AM | *(note new location)*

Friday, June 2-----No School | Staff Meeting

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

The awards assembly will be **today at 2 PM**. Parents are welcome to attend!

EASTSIDE GRADUATION

You are invited to attend the Eastside graduation this **Wednesday, May 31 at 2:00PM at First PRC**. *Students should wear their Eastside shirts and avoid wearing athletic shorts.*

The school day will end with the graduation ceremony, so if you do not plan to attend the graduation as a parent, keep in mind that end-of-day pick up time might be pushed out a bit if the graduation takes longer than expected. After the graduation ceremony, students will go to the school to grab their backpacks. Those students who are not attending the graduates' open house

will be dismissed into the parking lot (using our normal procedure).

For anyone coming to the graduation, **we ask that you please park in the lower level. Parents of graduates - please communicate this to anyone you have invited.** This avoids safety issues at the end of day with school pick-up.

YEAR-END PICNIC- ADA TOWNSHIP PARK

Our year-end school picnic will be this **Thursday, June 1 at Cascade Township Park (note the new location) from 10-2 PM**. Families, friends and supporters are welcome to attend!

PARK ADDRESS: 3810 Thornapple River Dr SE

Note that there is construction on I96, and reports that the 28th Street exit will be closed on Thursday. Google maps can help you find the best alternative route.

THANK YOU, ROOM MOMS!

All the field trips have been completed for the year. A big thank you to all the room moms for coordinating these as well as various classroom parties throughout the year. We appreciate your work!

SUMMER CLEANING BEES

Save the date - the building committee has three cleaning bees scheduled for summer: **Wed June 21, Wed July 12, and Wed July 26 from 7-9 PM**. See the attached flyer for more information.

TRIP

Thank you for another great year of participation in the TRIP program! If you want to order TRIP over the summer: Email anytime to whiteleybeth@gmail.com to order and we can work out arrangements for payment and delivery. There will be no set "TRIP days," but I am always happy to fill orders as needed. Online ordering through the RaiseRight app and website is also available 24/7, all summer long.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Orders for the yearbook are **due June 6**. You can order online or through the school office. If you order through the school office, you should **communicate through email after Wednesday, May 31** (no one will be around to take your call/order).

Order at <https://tr5.treering.com/validate> (put in passcode 1014284555803969).

NOTE FROM ANNE MIEDEMA

Dear Parents,

As we close out this school year, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to work with many of your children this past year at ECS. Some of what I do is to work along side our teachers, providing extra instruction and practice for students in math and reading. In both of these areas, I see proficiency grow with practice and repetition. It is important now that school is out for the summer, to maintain your child's academic progress these next 3 months. Practicing math facts and spending time reading will not only help prevent the summer slide, but also help your children to progress and confidently begin the next school year. It is essential for students to memorize their basic math facts in order to free up their minds for learning math concepts and solving more difficult math problems. I encourage you to dedicate some time each day to helping your children memorize math facts. K- 2 students should be working on addition and subtraction, grades 3-8 should be working on multiplication and division as well. Find out which facts they don't know, and practice those the most. Keep the practice short but frequent!

I can't stress enough the importance of also giving your children dedicated daily time to read this summer. The best way to improve reading skills is by reading! Read aloud as a family, or each quietly on their own. Read with your child, or listen to them read to you! Whether it's solving fun math problems together, memorizing math facts, or exploring captivating stories, these activities will keep their minds active and ready for the upcoming school year. By making learning a part of your summer routine, you will provide your children the support and encouragement they need to succeed at school next year!

Enjoy the summer months with your children! - Anne Miedema