

# Central Update

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“Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.”

-- James 5:7

## **Fruits of the Spirit: The Patience of a Farmer**

I come from farm people, but I'm afraid I would have made a terrible farmer. Farmers need patience. I'm afraid I'm not a patient person, by nature. When a person, such as myself, gets irritated by waiting three minutes for microwave popcorn to be ready, well, you get the idea...



Parenting -- and teaching, and being a Principal -- also take a lot of patience and I'm thankful that our Lord has sometimes miraculously intervened with a shot of sudden patience for me occasionally in my nearly 23 years of parenting and 26 years of being an educator. Sometimes we have to remember, during those frustrating times of parenting or teaching, that we are planting seeds which may not germinate when we want them to and certainly won't produce a mature Christian person for years. We need to have patience, just as God has patience with us. Risking a bit of boasting, I am amazed at how well my own children have turned out -- Jodi is a senior here at Central and Jake is currently a senior at Dordt College. He is student-teaching right now at an elementary school in Iowa, having pursued the “family business.” I believe that they have become “valuable crops,” mostly through the “autumn and spring rains” that our Lord God has provided them!

So: While we need to do everything that we can to train our children in the Lord, and we do need to sometimes deal firmly with them, we also need to have patience with them and have faith that the seeds we've planted will produce that crop! May our Lord make it so!

Larry Van Otterloo  
Elementary Principal

## **Spelling Bee Final 2 PM, Friday, January 20**

The school-wide Spelling Bee Final will be held in the high school gym at 2 p.m., Friday, January 20. Next week, grades 5-8 will hold their preliminary rounds in their own classrooms. The top five students from each class will qualify for a total of 20 finalists. We will publish the names of the finalists in the January 16 Central Update. The public is welcome to attend the Final!

## **A More Complete Report on Our Elementary Giving Project -- Children of the Promise**

The Penny Race that our elementary students carried out brought in \$1127! That includes 30,400 pennies! Combined with the \$625 in offering share at the K-6 Christmas program and the \$130 in “postage money” collected earlier toward the “Diaper Drive,” we raised \$1882 in cash. Of that, a total of \$490 went toward sending the 4400 diapers that our students brought in to Children of the Promise. The remainder -- \$1372 -- will be sent directly to COTP. Thanks for your support and generosity toward CMCS and toward Children of the Promise!



“It is the mission of Central Minnesota Christian School to provide a Christ-centered, quality education to equip students for a life of service.”

### HOT LUNCH (always served with milk)


Tuesday, Jan 10	Chicken patty, curly fries, fruit, churro
Wednesday, Jan 11	Chili, grilled ham & cheese sandwich, fruit, crackers
Thursday, Jan 12	Scalloped potatoes & ham, peas, fruit, tea biscuit
Friday, Jan 13	Hot dogs, calico beans, fruit, trail mix
Monday, Jan 16	Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, carrots, jello

### Upcoming Events (listing home games only)

Tues, Jan 10	JHGBB vs. BOLD	Fri, Jan 13	End of 2nd Qtr
	GBB vs. Canby	Sat, Jan 14	JHGBB Tournament
M-F, Jan 10-13	Exams-JH and HS	Wed, Jan 18	Report cards Elementary (7-12 on-line)

### Elementary Birthdays

#### January

	1/10	Abby Mulder	3rd grade
	1/12	Peyton Meyer	K
	1/14	Bekah Walz	1st grade
	1/14	Stephanie Zeatlow	6th grade
	1/16	Emma Van Dyken	4th grade

#### July 1/2 birthdays

7/10	Skyler Watson	3rd grade
7/12	Ellie Bestge	4K
7/13	Molly Mulder	2nd grade
7/13	Maiya Klaphake	3rd grade
7/13	Mike Brown	4th grade
7/14	Skyler Zwart	2nd grade



### Saturday Parents Schedule

You must find your own replacements or switch with another family if you cannot work on your scheduled Saturday. For a complete list go to [www.cmcschool.org](http://www.cmcschool.org)

#### 1/14/12

Doug and Anne Groen  
Jason and Kim Brouwer  
Jon and Jodi Ammermann

#### 1/21/12

Steve and Angie Zwart  
Gary and Jane Wubben  
Eric and Jenna Wieberdink

#### 1/28/12

Jay and Kris TeBrake  
Chad and Sonia Ulferts  
Daryl and Kay Hillers  
Nathan Scheele

#### 2/4/12

Ryan and Stephanie Van Eps  
Nolan and Rhonda Slagter  
Dohn and Becky Hoekstra



### Concession Stand Schedule



#### GBB

1/10/12 at 5:30 p.m.  
Kurt and Natalie Vander Beek  
Mark and Sandy Hisken

#### BBB

1/17/12 at 5:30 p.m.  
Jason Jarveis  
Travis Swierenga  
Jon Braem  
Cal Christian



## T.R.I.P. Announcements

Orders go in on Mondays and come back on Fridays. Several TRIP cards are available at the high school office or at New 2 You Thrift Store for immediate pickup.

## MCCL March For Life

The MCCL (MN Concerned Citizens for Life) March for Life will take place Sunday, January 22 at the St. Paul Capitol. There will be a bus leaving from the SE corner of the Willmar Kandi Mall at 11:30 p.m. The march will start at 2:00 p.m. A suggested donation for the bus would be \$10 per person or \$20 per family. Please call Jackie Cain to reserve your seat on the bus. Jackie's cell 320-444-3687 or home 320-235-8138.

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

We recently added 13,400 points with Labels for Education. We currently have 57,508 points banked. The teachers are looking at the catalog and are planning on getting some supplies. Paint brushes, drying racks, playground balls, Hanging Hoop target, electric pencil sharpeners, and game buzzer system, just to name a few.



Our Box Tops for Education goal for the 2011-2012 school year was \$2,244. We received a check from Box Tops For Education over Christmas break for \$1208.90, which means we are over 1/2 way to our goal. A little tidbit of information for anyone interested... we have earned \$17,705 with Box Tops since 2002, when we started collecting.



Way to go students and parents for all the clipping and saving you do to help support our school!

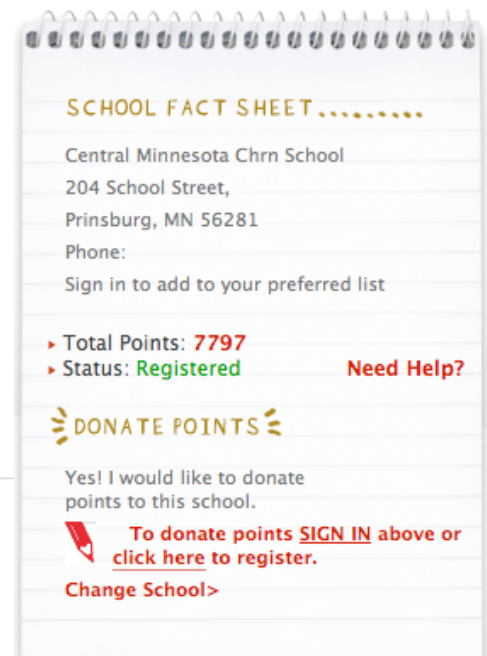
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A: Any My Coke Rewards points earned from codes found on participating brand packages can be donated to a school. My Coke Rewards participating brands include Coca-Cola, Diet Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Sprite Zero, DASANI, POWERADE ION, Minute Maid, VAULT, Pibb Extra, Fanta, Fresca, Barq's, Seagram's, Nestea and Mello Yello.



## **CLASS OF THE MONTH**

### **4K and Mrs. Van Otterloo**

### **What is 4K and what do we do all day?**

4K stands for 4 year old kindergarten. We get ready to read and write by the time we get to Kindergarten. By the end of our 4K year, we have learned many things. We strengthen our spiritual development by listening to Bible stories and learn to pray respectfully. We work on building our listening skills by following directions and listening to stories attentively. Playing well with others and sharing sharpen our social skills along with taking turns. We practice our motor skills by using a scissors and learning the correct way to grasp a pencil. Personal development is worked on with independent personal care and expressing feelings. We increase our cognitive development by naming colors and shapes, saying the alphabet, naming the letter name and sound, writing our name, and naming numbers. These are just a few of the things we cover in each area. As you can see, we are busy with so much to learn and accomplish. We do, however, take time out to be a kid too!



#### **Monday/Wednesday Group**

Top row: Gianna, Bradley, Seth, Isaac  
Bottom row: Ellie, Carver, Riley



#### **Tuesday/Thursday Group**

Top row: Kalleigh, Anica, Alex, Samuel,  
Carrie  
Bottom row: Sidney, Ryan, Henry, Caden,  
Morgan