

# Mighty



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Parent Surveys Go Out 2nd/3rd Grade Science Play 8:45 a.m. and 2:30 pm	1
Wacky Wed- Mustache Day 4th grade leads Chapel 2:45 pm	2
National Day of Prayer Service 7-8 am	3
3rd Grade Field Trip	7
Parents of Hope Meeting 8:15 a.m. Student Council Meeting 3:15-4:15 pm	8
Wacky Wed-PJ Day Special Chapel 2:45 pm	9
Lutheran Schools Field Day-Full Day of School Parent Surveys Due	11
Wacky Wed-Crazy Hair Day K/1 lead Chapel 2:45 pm	16
Spring Fling Family Dance 5:30-7:30 pm	18
Last Day for ordering school lunches	22
Wacky Wed-Beach Day 3rd grade leads Chapel 2:45 pm	23
All-School Picnic and Water Day	24
Last Day of School School Play Closing Service Celebration for 5th Grade Noon Dismissal	25

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them. *James Baldwin*

Dear Parents,

Well here we are...the close of yet another school year! I want to thank all our families for the immense pleasure and privilege of educating your sweet children. For all who teach, it is a bittersweet time, because your children have become inextricably tied to our heartstrings. It's hard to let them go!

While we, as professional educators study and practice the art and science of academic learning, children's first and most important teachers are each of you! The training children receive socially, emotionally, and spiritually at home lays the very important foundation for their intellectual success in the future. As we head into the long summer break, I wanted to share a devotion with you that illustrates how very powerful your role as parents is in the lives of your children.

### Side By Side by *Randy Kilgore*

In my family scrapbook is a picture of my daughter at age 4 working next to me, using a toy hammer to repair the siding on the house. Side by side we worked that day; she imitated my every action, absolutely convinced that she too was fixing the house. Rarely have I enjoyed a chore more. In the picture, it's obvious that she's enjoying it too.

That photo reminds me that our children mimic most of what they see in us-words and deeds. They also form their images of God from the images they have of us as parents. If we're stern and unmerciful, they're likely to see God that way too. If we're distant and cold, so God will seem to them as well. It is one of our most important duties as parents to help our children see God clearly, especially the unconditional nature of His love.

I can imagine the family scrapbook of my relationship with God having a similar picture. I'm learning from Him how to live life, how to love, and how to make it a permanent part of my being. He then teaches me how to teach others (Deut. 6:1-7)

May the Lord grant us an understanding of Him and the wisdom to pass it on.

*Be Safe-Shine Bright  
-See You In The  
Fall!*

*Sharon Halstead*

Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember;  
involve me and I'll understand.

**Chinese proverb**

# CHAMPIONS



Spanish Poetry Contestants

We are very proud of all those students who participated in the Lutheran Schools Spelling Bee and the National Hispanic City-Wide Poetry Contest!

## Three Cheers For:

- Isabelle Fox    Emilio Reynolds    Holly Jo McNichol    Hayden Yost**  
**Lauren Winder (Second Place Spelling Bee)    Bella Lujan    Tyler Gilmore**  
**Carter Bogart    Samuel Polanco    Julia McNichol    Vivian Turnbull**  
**Lily Winder    Tyler Ruddy    Thomas Hielkema    Mitchell Frazer**  
**Sophie Haag (3rd Place Spanish Poetry Contest)    Mikey O'Halloran**  
**Eliana Smith (3rd Place Spanish Poetry Contest)    Gabe Fox**  
**Sydney Reynolds    Caitlein Bye-McCleskey    Faith Stephenson**  
**Devon Hatcher    Melissa Hipple (3rd Place Spanish Poetry Contest)**

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE VOLUNTEERS ARE:



Sophie and Evie Haag  
Julia and Holly Jo McNichol  
Carter Bogart  
Melissa Hipple



THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD'S LOVE AT BEEHIVE ASSISTED LIVING!

## Spring Fling Family Dance



May 18  
5:30-7:30  
pm

**YOUR OPINIONS  
MATTER TO  
US...PLEASE FILL OUT  
AND RETURN YOUR  
PARENT**

### WACKY WEDNESDAYS

May 2 Mustache Day

May 9 PJ Day

May 16 Crazy Hair Day

May 22 Beach Day



## MEET THE TEACHER!

Dear Cross of Hope families and community,

I am overjoyed to be joining the dynamic and dedicated staff at Cross of Hope. My name is Shanna Palmer and I have accepted the third grade position this fall. I would like to formally introduce myself to the community and tell you a little about my experience and background.

In 1993, I earned a BA in History from the University of New Mexico. In 1997, I went on to acquire a BA in K-Middle School Education from The College of Santa Fe. I also obtained a TESLO endorsement (teaching English as a second language to others) in 2001. I have ten years experience teaching fourth grade at McCollum Elementary School. I participated on the School Leadership Team from 1998-2006, which afforded me many opportunities for growth and additional training. I was also Grade Level Chair from 2000-2007. Through this, I was enabled to train peer teachers in my school, specifically in Continuous Improvement and Best Practices in the classroom. I also was a mentor teacher to three student teachers over my ten-year career. I was fortunate enough to host former Superintendent Beth Everitt in my classroom for observation.

I have been home with my own child since 2007, but I am now eager and motivated to get back into the classroom. Over the past five years I have continued to be very involved with both younger and older children in our community through my church, Sagebrush, where I have worked with upper elementary students for the past five years. I have been in the COH MOPS group over the past three years, acting as Programs Coordinator for the past two. Through these activities I have been able to maintain, continue, and hone my teaching, communication, and organizational skills.

I am so excited to return to the classroom and combine my abilities and range of experience to make a positive and effective contribution at Cross of Hope. I appreciate the sense of community and cooperation at COH, and I will work enthusiastically with parents to ensure that each third grader has a wonderful and productive school year. I am delighted to be a part of helping children know Christ and grow in Christ!

Sincerely,  
Shanna Palmer



**FIELD DAY  
FRIDAY, MAY 11TH**

**WHO:** Kindergarten through 5th grade, parents, and teachers

**WHY:** Track and Field Events

**WHERE:** Christ Lutheran School  
7701 Candelaria  
(Pennsylvania and Candelaria)

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**WHAT:** Bring sunscreen, hats, wear comfy clothes and running shoes, money for concessions or pack a lunch, lawn chairs, umbrellas, or picnic cloths for spectators, water bottles.

**HOW:**

(Students attend classes until departure at 10 a.m. Parents will drive students to Christ Lutheran and chaperone them between events. Students will return to COHES at 2:30 for dismissal at 3:15 pm) Parents may take their student home directly after the event, but **PLEASE CHECK YOUR STUDENT OUT WITH YOUR TEACHER. FIRST.**



**NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY**

Dear COHES Parents: It has been a joy to have your children in Library this past school year. The kids have really seemed to enjoy coming and we have seen their interest in reading grow over the year. We want to inform you that we will be having a used book sale the last couple of weeks of school, since we will be culling books from our shelves. If you would like to donate books for this sale all proceeds will go to purchase new books for our library. The cost of these books will range from .25, .50 and .75. We will set a table up in the main hall and purchasing the books will be on the honor system. Also, please make sure that your child has all of their library books returned by May 4<sup>th</sup>. From Debbie and Pam

**PARENTS OF HOPE**

Upcoming Meeting

May 8, 2012

8:15 am

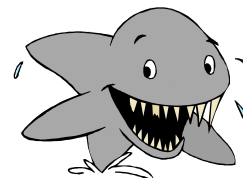
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- ◆ End-of-school events
- ◆ Introduce new leaders

**SCHOOL PICNIC  
AND WATER DAY**

MAY 24

12-3 PM



- ◆ Students should wear bathing suits under shorts and t-shirts
  - ◆ Wear sunscreen (Please apply at home)
- ◆ Bring towels, flip flops, and spray bottles (no water guns please)

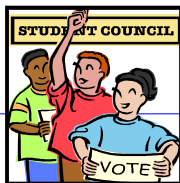
**NATIONAL DAY OF  
PRAYER SERVICE**

**May 3rd 7-8 AM**

Guest Speakers: Senator Sander Rue, Councilman Dan Lewis, KKIM Manager Dewey Moede, USAF Andrew Mattern, Principal Sharon Halstead

\*Special prayer events and activities will also be held simultaneously for children...so bring the family!

[www.NationalDayofPrayer.org](http://www.NationalDayofPrayer.org)



**LAST STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING May 8 - 3:15-4:15 pm**

## **2012-2013 CALENDAR**

(Though unlikely...calendar dates may change)

August 20	Mandatory Parent Night 6:00-7:30 p.m.
August 22-24	First Days of School (8 a.m.-12 pm-Dismiss at Noon for individual student base-line assessments in afternoons by appointment)
August 27	Full days begin (8 am-3:15 pm)
September 3	Labor Day-No School
October 12	Fall Break
November 19-20	Parent/Teacher Conferences –No School
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 24-Jan 7	Christmas Break
January 8	Students return
February 18	Presidents Day-No School
March 7-8	Parent Teacher Conferences-No School
March 11-15	Spring Break
March 29	Good Friday-No School
April 1	Holy Monday-Teacher Planning Retreat-No School
May 20-22	Half Days-Dismiss at Noon
May 22	Last Day of School
May 23-24	Make-up Snow Days if necessary

*This is a general outline of next year's calendar for your vacation planning purposes. This calendar does not include the special events that occur throughout the school year. You will receive a fully detailed calendar at Parent Night in August. School hours will remain 8 a.m.-3:15 pm Mon-Thurs and 8 a.m.-12 pm on Fridays. Parent Night in August is a mandatory event at which you will receive all the necessary information you will need to start the year, including opportunities to sign up for student assessments and the After School Program. You will hear from your new teachers in August prior to Parent Night. You can also use the school web-site as a resource for news and updates during the summer. Have a blessed summer break!!*