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Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. Search for them as you would for lost money or hidden treasure. Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2:2-5

Two Teachers in 2008

After much prayer and consideration, the advisory board decided to invite Mrs. Willroth to become a full-time teacher of the primary grades. It was decided that there needed to be more separation of the lower and upper grade levels. The change has been beneficial for all the students. Now the sounds of learning can be heard throughout the school all day in both the upstairs and downstairs classrooms. The teachers are enjoying being able to focus more on the individual needs of their students as well as doing enrichment activities that they never had time for in the past. God continues to provide for our every need.

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FHCS Welcomes New Family

FHCS is pleased to welcome Justin and Gavin Spicer to our school. Justin is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Caley's room, and Gavin is a first grader in Mrs. Willroth's room. Dad, Steven, is a helicopter pilot currently serving in Iraq, and Mom, Teresa, has been spending time volunteering in the lunch room and throughout the school.

Ice Storm Clean Up!

The December ice storm left the playground littered with branches. Parents will tackle the job of cleaning up the branches on **January 26th** so that students will be able to use the playground once again. FHCS welcomes any



other volunteers who would like to contribute their time in this way. Please call the school for more information if you're interested.

Our Mission...

As an extension of the Christian home, our mission is to educate in truth, train in righteousness, and fully develop each child in body, mind, and spirit.

ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS

The school will be holding elections for new advisory board members this Spring. Those interested in serving will be required to fill out an application sometime in March. Be watching for more detailed information about this in the March/April issue of *Good News Gazette*.

Valentine's Day February 14



And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

FHCS Student Wins Poster Contest

First grader Dilynn Colp, daughter of Rusty and Jennifer Colp, will be recognized at the Conservation District Annual Meeting on February 4th for her winning poster in the annual conservation poster contest. Dilynn's poster won second place in the K-1 division.



A Soldier's Life

We were honored to have Bruce Dodds come on Veterans Day and share a little bit about life in the military. David Stuenkel is dressed in military uniform as Bruce teaches the children how to properly salute. A special thank you to Bruce for volunteering his time in this way. We want our students to understand the importance of freedom and the cost that must be paid to protect it.

2nd Annual Science Fair

The students at FHCS are gearing up for the annual Science Fair on **February 26**. We're likely to see some projects involving energy this year, as that is the focus of their science studies in the month of February. Last year's Science Fair far exceeded our expectations for our first year. The students came up with some really original projects, and a large crowd came out to support their efforts. Mrs. Caley and Mrs. Willroth will be reviewing the scientific process in class and helping the children come up with their hypothesis. We believe that curiosity fuels invention, and we encourage the children to test all things in accordance with God's Word. We can't wait to see what creative and ingenious projects will come from the minds of our students this year!

Spotlight on Energy

God has a way of getting our attention when he wants it. The December ice storm and the power outage that followed brought energy and electricity to the forefront of our minds. As a result of the storm, we all have a renewed appreciation for God's magnificent creation of energy. We give Him all the glory and we honor Him by spending the entire month of February studying energy and electricity.



The Kansas Farm Bureau will be presenting their Farming is More than Food program to FHCS students on **January 31st**. This program focuses on teaching the children about turning grain into alternative fuel.

On **February 8th** the students will travel to Jeffrey Energy Center to see first-hand how electricity is generated. In addition, the Bluestem Electric Company out of Clay Center will be doing a presentation on electricity on **February 21**. The students will follow up their study of energy with a trip to the Clay Center Power Plant in the Spring.

Featured Volunteer

Anne Clack is our featured volunteer for this issue. Ann has been with us from the beginning, and what a blessing she has been! For the last three years, Ann has been coming in twice a week to teach Spanish to the children. The kids absolutely love seeing Senora Clack, and they enjoy getting that weekly dose of culture. We are so fortunate to have such a talented and diverse volunteer. Her devotion to the school and to the children is both heartwarming and inspiring. Thank you Anne for the joy that you bring to the students at FHCS!



FHCS COULD USE YOUR HELP...

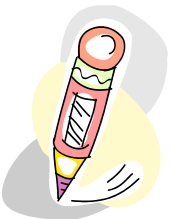
Here is a list of items needed by the school. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to the school at your convenience.

- board games (indoor recess)
- small dust mop
- Clorox wipes
- Germex hand sanitizer
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- hanging file folders
- manilla file folders
- anti-bacterial cleaner
- AA and 9V batteries
- dry erase markers and erasers
- industrial metal pencil sharpeners
- clear packing tape
- colored copy paper

In addition, the school can always use your monetary donations. We have need of extra funding for utilities such as propane and electricity. Thank you for your continued support!

Guitar Classes Back in Session

Bruce Dodds is teaching guitar classes again starting in January. This year we have both advanced and beginner's classes. The class hopes to have a musical number ready in time for the Spring Music Program.



New Creative Writing Classes

Volunteer Molly Brew started an Introduction to Creative Writing class for students in grades 3-7 on January 9th. The course will be approximately 12 weeks long, with classes taking place on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs. Brew plans to teach the students how to write stories and poetry while using the steps in the writing process as a guide. The children will also learn about six trait writing as well as reviewing some basic grammar skills along the way. The course is designed to be a supplement to the literature and creative writing curriculum that Mrs. Caley uses in class.

Spring Music Program...

being planned for **March 15th** at 7:00 pm. There will be a Christian book fair presented in conjunction with this event.

There are plans to form a parent-teacher organization in 2008. We will probably have a short organizational meeting at the spring program and choose officers for the next year.

Christmas Cuties!

Rachel McHenry, Elizabeth Willroth, Dilynn Colp, and Danielle Peterson are dressed in their Christmas best for the annual Christmas program on December 20th. This year's program featured vocal music and orchestra classes, as well as a living nativity performance presented by FHCS students. The whole community came out to celebrate with us and to see the students at their finest.



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TO:

January and February

Calendar of Events

January 21

NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 26

Ice Storm Clean Up

January 31

Farming is More Than Food program
by the Kansas Farm Bureau

February 8

Field Trip to Jeffrey Energy Center

February 21

Electricity Presentation by BEC

February 26

2nd Annual Science Fair

The Great Commission

Jason and Amy Metz,
with sons Kolton and
Levi, came for chapel
and shared with the
kids about their
missionary work with



native Americans. Jason and Amy recently became missionaries with the First Assembly of God U.S. Missions. Kolton attended kindergarten at FHCS last year. FHCS at Green is proud of Kolton and his family!

If you would like to become regular supporters of Jason and Amy and their missionary work with Native Americans, log on to www.usmissions.org and fill out a Faith Promise commitment form. Their account number is 700001 2943090 (00). Your donation will help Christian missionaries reach out to the lost and fulfill God's Great Commission.