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Getting to Know...

Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Nelson is our newest CHS teacher! She is teaching Jr. High History. Her full name is Mrs. Jacquelyn Nelson. She has three grown children and one who goes to CHS: Janyce, Jamonica, Jamaury, and Jazzy. Her husband's name is Richard. Mrs. Nelson's many hobbies include reading, cooking, sewing, and crafting. Her favorite food, or should I say snacks, are strawberries, potato chips, and peanut M&Ms. For a big chunk of her life she was an accounting specialist, but now she is a teacher here at CHS. The main thing she loves about teaching is the idea of teaching the children and helping them learn.

by Antonio Llamas, 7th Grade



THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER...

This past Friday night was our annual Spring Banquet that has become our largest fundraiser of the year. This year, the banquet goers were treated to an online auction, a silent auction, dinner, and the great comedy of Brett Hollis. If you have never attended, you will want to put the Spring Banquet on your calendar for next spring. Mrs. Balaskas and our great PACHS committee organized this event. Without all of their hard work and the work of our volunteers, this event would never have happened. I am pleased to announce that we raised around \$16,000, which would be a new record for us. On behalf of the PACHS Committee and Christian Hills Church School, I want to thank everyone who gave so generously towards improving our school.

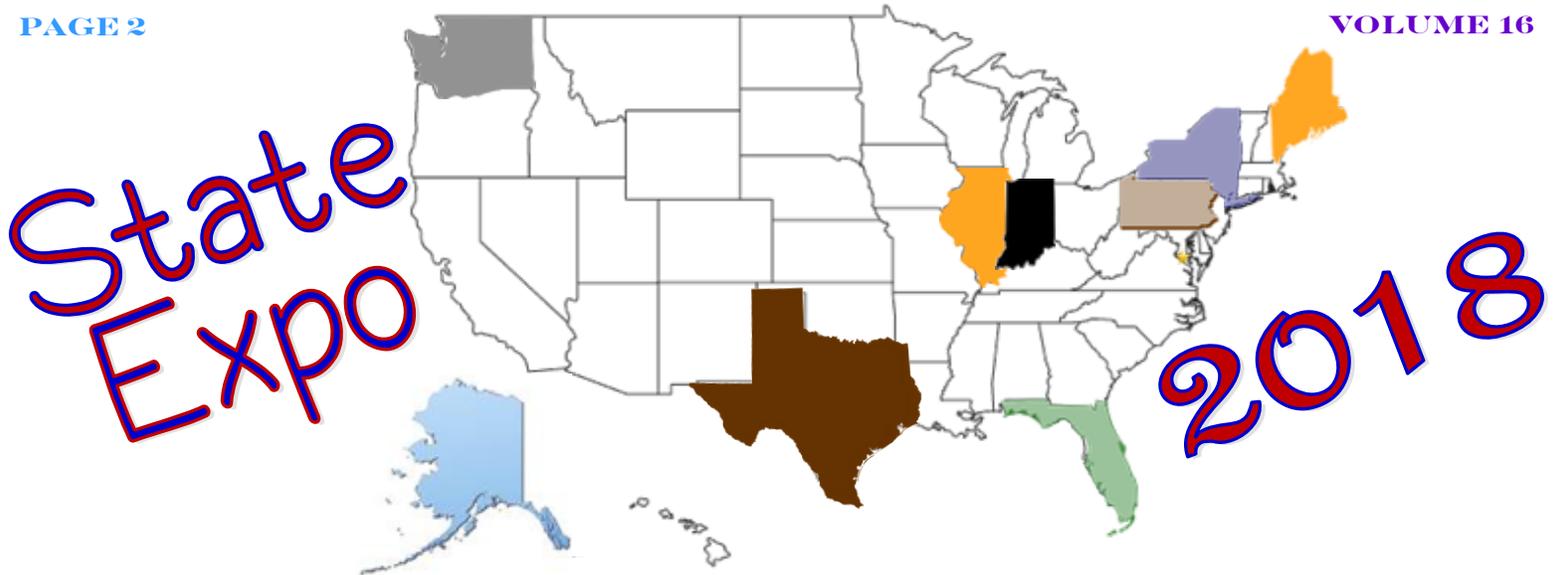
Secondly, I want to remind the parents of our Kindergarten students, third graders, fifth graders and seventh graders that we will be doing our annual TerraNova testing the week of April 9th. Students will be tested in the areas of Reading, Language, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Bible; depending on their age level. In order for students to do well, research states that they need a good night's sleep and a good breakfast each day they test. Please make sure your children get plenty of rest and nourishment this week. The staff will do their part by minimizing homework during this period.

Finally, as we enter the Holy Week, we have planned four daily chapels for our students. We do this to remind them and us about how Jesus Christ gave up his life on the Cross to pay for our sins and how important it is for us to develop a relationship with Him. As Christians, we know this is the only true path to salvation and Heaven.



Happy Easter,
Mr. Beadle





Indiana

Every year, Christian Hills rotates between a State and World Expo. This year, we had the State Expo. Mrs. Disser's PreK3 class showed us the state of Indiana. Inside her classroom there was a table full of Legos, because there are a lot of Lego places in Indiana; and they are really fun! The decorations were of famous people, and there was a map and some facts on the board. The food was popcorn and biscuits & gravy. The man who invented popcorn grew up in Indiana, and biscuits and gravy are very popular there. Surprisingly, a lot of celebrities grew up and performed in Indiana. Singers, dancers, popcorn inventors, and famous actors and actresses all grew up and performed there. The food was great and the Legos were fun; I really liked it. I think they did a wonderful job. I can't wait to see what PreK3 will do next year. I hope there are more things we can build, and there's more great food!

by Adrienne Brown,



TEXAS

The PreK4 State Expo presentation was on Texas. The kids loved it, too. Their menu for their Expo was chili, cornbread, cheesecake, chips with guacamole, and a flat Texas cake. The students dressed as cowboys & cowgirls with cowboy hats, bandanas, cowboy boots, and sheriff badges. Some of the projects that they did were a horse's leg and tooth, Texas bats and a bat cave. They also made bluebonnets out of their fingerprints, curly snakes, and an armadillo. They also made a project about Mexican cowboys that are called gauchos. This Expo seems pretty creative and fun! I think everyone should make it an activity for other school.

by Zedekiah Ruff, 7th Grade



Alaska

For this year's State Expo, the Kindergarten class did Alaska. They had a really nice classroom. The kids made eagles out of paper tubes and white paper wings that they hung from the ceiling. For snacks, Mrs. Mollo had whale blubber that was made of gelatin. She also had hot crab dip with crackers. There were powder munchkins as snowballs. The salmon jerky and dried blueberries were good too. To add even more fun, she also had a giant cooler filled with ice pops. On a table in the corner of her room, Mrs. Mollo set up a fun activity; there was a bucket filled with ice water. The object was to learn how whale blubber protects the whales in icy water. You could stick one hand in the water and one hand in the fake blubber. It was cold without the blubber! In the middle of the room, there were Alaska themed pictures and crayons for kids to color. Mrs. Mollo had a huge collection of stuffed seals on a white table. The table was designed to look like an igloo. It really looked like you were walking into a blizzard when you walked in. All in all, Kindergarten did a great job for the State Expo. And to whoever made the whale blubber, it was spot on!

by Allison Gillies, 7th Grade



Pennsylvania

by Aylissa Powell, 8th Grade

This year for State Expo we travelled with the 1st graders to Pennsylvania. There were many different foods like banana splits, chocolate, strawberry and vanilla milk, pretzels, Dutch pastries, and little hot dogs with ketchup. The most interesting thing about Pennsylvania is that they have crazy laws. For example, you can't sing while you're in the bathtub! The most exciting thing about Expo was when they got to color, going to other states, getting ice cream sundaes, and going upstairs to hear the concert. The most enjoyable thing about Pennsylvania was getting to eat the good food. They had different types of chocolate candy like Hershey's, Reese's, Twix, and Kisses. Pennsylvania means Penn's wood or Penn's land because Quaker William Penn got the land.



FLORIDA

by Kristian Larimer, 8th Grade

The 2nd graders told us about Florida for the State Expo. They had many colorful projects that lit up the whole room. They had stuff such as the State flag, colorful crystal jars, the Orlando Magic, and a really nice map of Florida made out of cake! They also had a project on the Florida wildlife, sugar canes, and Amalie Arena. The Amalie Arena is where the Tampa Bay Lightning play. They did a lot of cool projects on the Coral Reef. In Art class they picked out an animal in the Coral Reef, sketched it, and then cut it out. The refreshments they had were lemonade, Squirt, oranges slices, orange juice, and Goldfish. They had a whole display on the back wall of the animals they made, and it was pretty cool. They made their own T-shirts that were very colorful. They also did their slogan for Florida. Each kid had a letter of their slogan written on the back of their shirts. The slogan for this year was "FLORIDA THE SUNSHINE STATE". I remember doing that in 2nd grade, and it was really fun going into the classrooms and doing that slogan. Overall, the second graders did a great job on decorating their room, and they were definitely one of my favorites.



MAINE

This year, 3rd grade did the State of Maine for the State Expo. All the students had to create a project and provide information on a tri-fold board to display; kind of like a science fair. In their classroom, something unique was that all the projects had to be interactive. The main project I can remember was my little sister's, which was a large plastic jar with sand, water, and sea glass in it. The way it works is you shake the jar and you will see the sea glass rolling around, which is how it is made in the ocean. Also, the food Maine had was hot chocolate and brownies. Overall, Maine was one of my favorite classrooms.
by Eli Weeks, 7th Grade



Illinois

This year, we had a State Expo and I had the chance to pick 4th grade. I was excited because they did Illinois. Each student picks a project or a research paper to talk about landmarks or important people from that state. All of the landmarks that they did were Navy Pier, Willis Tower, Soldier Field, Buckingham Fountain, and the Chicago Theater. There were also important people from Illinois. They picked Jean Baptiste, John Deere, Jesse Jackson, Ulysses Grant, and Richard Sears. There was a poster board with important facts and a model of their topic. I like going from class to class to see everything everyone worked on. Even though I live in Illinois, I always learn something new from this stuff. My favorite part was the eating. The food was really good because they had hotdogs, brownies, popcorn, and lemonade.

by Marcello Gamboa, 7th Grade



NEW YORK

This year for 5th grade State Expo Mrs. Admire's class did New York. It was really awesome. The classroom tables were arranged against the walls. The food area was located near her clock. Speaking of food, it was a great sampling from New York! There were bagels and cream cheese, apples, and water. The one project that stood out the most to me was Coney Island. Not just because I did Coney Island in 5th grade, but because of the really cool roller coaster that person built. There were other nice projects, too, like the United Nations. That display board gave lots of good information. I also remember looking at the Wall Street project, the Statue of Liberty project, and the Broadway display board. This class did an outstanding job showing the interesting places of New York. Great job 5th grade!

by Jeremy Faustin, 7th Grade





Washington

The 6th grade class presented Washington for the State Expo. I learned about the Space Needle; I thought that it was a U.F.O. looking building. There were different kinds of food, too. They had Frappuccinos. They also had mint candy. There was a train going around on a track. The train had different modes of speed and they were made from Legos. It was Mrs. White's husband's train. I also liked the planes. They had "Styrofoam" planes hanging from the ceiling. They also talked about Native American tribes. There was a project about the war bases. That's what I learned about Washington.
by Ben Gomez, 7th Grade



WASHINGTON, D.C.

This year, the 7th and 8th grades had a combined class for State Expo. We did Washington, D.C., and I think our projects were very good. We had a huge 8 foot Washington Monument; it was very creative and interesting. We also had many other great projects, so I will list a few. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing, WWII monument, and many of the sports teams were also projects. We presented our projects in class, and we did a great job. I was very happy with the outcome. For food we had red, white, & blue cupcakes to represent the colors of D.C. We also had Sprite and pizza. All in all, it was a very fun day. I really appreciate the hard work everyone put into their projects. In conclusion, I hope there are many more great Expo's ahead in the future.
by Phillip White, 7th Grade



Verse of the Month

THE WINTER IS PAST
THE RAINS ARE OVER, AND GONE
FLOWERS APPEAR ON THE EARTH
THE SEASON OF SINGING
HAS COME

SONG OF SONGS
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presented by LJ Berry, 7th Grade

Recently, CHS not only participated in, but also hosted, the ACSI Regional Speech Meet. Nine schools participated with a total of 219 students competing. Everyone did great and tried their best. Christian Hills had a wonderful group of their own speakers. In first grade, Sophia Dewar & Anastasia Maravillas each received a score of Excellent for their Poetry recitation while Joel Mathew & Elynn Turner attained Superior for Bible Memorization. Second graders Olivia Gillies & Abigail Longfellow both achieved Superior in Poetry; Taya Balaskas obtained Superior & Gabriel Smith got Excellent for Bible Memorization; and Laila Berry & Gwen Stiles came in with Excellent for Fables & Folklore. Then in third grade, everyone achieved Superior; Alison Pavoni & Emma Weeks for Poetry; Makayla Harley & Solomon Mitchell for their Bible Memorization; and Caitlyne Disser & Gage Kosloskus for Fables and Folklore. Fourth graders, Annie Bergeron & Poppy Mahalick each attained Superior for Poetry; Daniela Dodge achieved Superior & Elias Ricks received Excellent for Bible Memorization; and Gianni Balaskas came in with Excellent; while Daniel Johnson got Superior for Fables & Folklore. In fifth grade, Chelsea Brooks obtained Excellent & Jady Gillies achieved Superior for Poetry; Kameron Cleveland & Blake Walters took the Superior category for Bible Memorization; Caden Blohm got Excellent for Bible Prose; Joely MacRitchie & Shama Patel each attained Superior for Patriotic Oration. Finally, in sixth grade, Gabriela Huisman got Superior & Myah Weeks received Excellent for Poetry; Jazmyn Nelson attained Excellent & Karalyn White got Good for Bible Memorization; Michael Dunn came in with Excellent & Morgan Pate attained Good for Bible Prose; while Jacob Conway achieved Superior & Isaiah Hendricks obtained Excellent for Patriotic Oration. Congratulations to all who participated and achieved such amazing results!



While all this was going on, fifth grader Alyssa Espano won 1st place at the Regional Spelling Bee! She will be advancing to Washington D.C. on May 4th. Congratulations, Alyssa, you make Christian Hills School very proud!



by Ethan Blohm, 7th Grade

••••• Helen Keller •••••

by Louis Longfellow, 8th Grade



On Tuesday, February 20th, an actress from Historical Perspectives who portrayed Helen Keller visited Christian Hills School. Helen Keller was really interesting. She was a young girl who got very sick. Because of that sickness, she became blind and deaf. She went to school and everybody called her dumb or unteachable. Later, a special teacher named Annie Sullivan came to her house to teach her. She learned sign language and Braille. Later, she attended Radcliffe College and became the first blind-deaf person to graduate college with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. The actor showed us the life of Helen Keller and how difficult it was. She showed us that she had to put her hands on someone's lips and throat to learn to say words. She showed us how she communicated with her parents. She also showed us a slide show of her boyfriend, her parents, her house, and her life. You can even visit her old house in Alabama. It was a very entertaining and interesting performance.

The CHS Family Skating Party was a very fun school event that happened on February 23rd. It is a great time where you and your friends can hang out, skate, and listen to some fun music. This event took place at the Tinley Park Roller Rink in Tinley Park. This event happens only once a year. The cost was \$10 per person which included pop, pizza, and skate rental. It was cool to see some of the teachers out there skating. There were a lot of students and parents at the skate night. But the best part was dancing to the songs and having fun with friends. This was also a very effective fundraiser for the school.

by Camryn Disser, 7th Grade



PENNY WARS



This year, my mom came up with a great fundraising idea to make money to buy recess equipment outside. It was a really cool idea. Each class came together as a team and put money into their jars to see who would get the most points. The rules were pennies and any dollar bills are positive and nickels, quarters, and dimes are negative. Each day, a student from each class came in and put money in their jar for that grade. Some classes hid money in their room, too. On Wednesday, they announced who was winning Penny Wars, and it was sixth grade. The day after that, everyone started attacking the sixth graders so they wouldn't win. Then, there was only one day left and that was Friday. Almost every kid from each grade brought money so they would try to win. At the end of the day, it was crazy! Every kid was down there putting money in their jar and putting nickels, quarters, dimes in other people's jars so they would lose points. By then it was all over, everyone had to wait till Monday to see who the winner was. It was close! The first graders got third place, the fourth graders got second place,

and seventh & eighth graders got first place with the win. We were so excited when we won, and now we get free pizza and an extra recess. That is how Penny Wars went down.
by Niko Balaskas, 7th Grade



GIRLS BASKETBALL

This season, our girls basketball team did a great job and managed to place third in the championship. Their season record was 3-5, and the tournament was 1-1. The girls practiced and played at their best and did an amazing job this season. They all worked great as a team, and most everyone on the team improved a whole lot. Our girls did an excellent job this season and played their hearts out. It's not all about winning or losing, but about how the girls played and how they improved. Next season, they will most likely do much better and might even have a chance at winning the championship.

by Jackson Bergeron, 7th Grade



Going Home

The Grande Finale



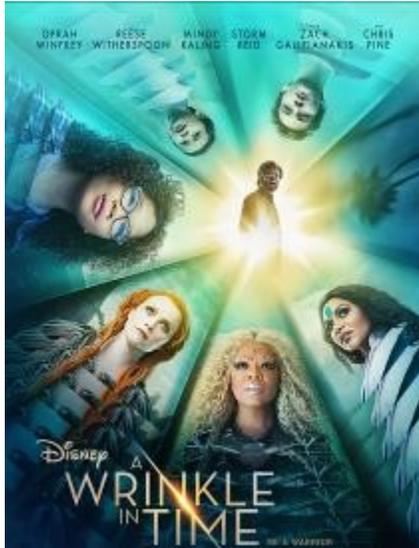
A continuing story by
Gabe Conway, 8th Grade
A man stepped out of the jeep at the head of the cars



and planes in front of the town and spoke into a loudspeaker, "Hello! My name is Frank Kim, I am the leader of the South Korean military. I have been alerted that two criminals who frequent this town have stolen a teleportation gun from one of my facilities. Please return the weapon or we will begin to blow up the gate!" He finishes with a sweeping gesture of his hands to the many heavily armored vehicles behind him. The king is very confused at this as he has no idea what Trip and Brutus have done. Meanwhile, in one of the many watchtowers, a conversation between the two is going on. "NO! I won't give it back!" Trip wines as Brutus desperately tries to wrench the weapon from him. Brutus tries reasoning with Trip when all of a sudden an ear-splitting boom resounds from behind them. They go outside to find that the gate has exploded and the Southern Koreans are beginning to pour inside. "Well then, I guess we can get in now without the silly old thing!" Trip yelled with glee as he hands it to Brutus. Brutus then stomps outside and chucks the gun onto the ground. Within the hour, the Southern Koreans leave with the gun and a few criminals from their country. Trip and Brutus, however, have a much better fortune than some of the evacuated criminals. Having experienced from their past attempts to get in, they change their appearance and names. Finally, they made it home...



Movie Review



A WRINKLE IN TIME

by Meher Swamy, 8th Grade

A Wrinkle in Time is based on the award winning science fantasy book by Madeleine L'Engle. This movie is about a girl named Meg Murry (Storm Reid), who is a typical middle school student who just wants to fit in. As the daughter of two world-renowned physicists, she is very intelligent and specially gifted just like her younger brother, Charles Wallace (Deric McCabe). Her father, Mr. Murry (Chris Pine), disappears, which leaves Meg and her mother devastated. Charles Wallace, Meg, and her fellow classmate, Calvin, discover three celestial beings who call themselves Mrs. Which (Oprah Winfrey), Mrs. Whatsit (Reese Witherspoon), and Mrs. Who (Mindy Kaling). They journey to Earth to help search for Meg's father, and together they go on their quest. Travelling by a "wrinkling time and space" which is also called tessering, they are teleported to worlds that are beyond imaginable where they must confront a powerful evil force. To make it back home to Earth, Meg must face the fear within herself in order to capture enough strength needed to defeat the evil force. This movie is rated PG.

BAPE NMD SHOE REVIEW

The Bape NMD is probably one of my favorite shoes, and is definitely a favorite to many others. NMD is a running type shoe with very good style, like most of the shoes I have reviewed. They are an Adidas shoe, but it is a collaboration with a company known as Bape. Bape is a company that makes all types of clothes and has made its own version of camo where all the little splotches in the camo are replaced with interestingly shaped apes! Usually only half of one side of the shirt is their signature camo in either black & green or pink & blue and the other side of the piece of clothing is usually black. But back to the shoe. This shoe is going to cost you between \$700 and \$4,000. Even though that's a ridiculous price, there is a good reason. Unlike most expensive shoes, it actually has a unique and cool design. They wouldn't be that expensive, but they only make so many, so they're kind of rare.

by Micaiah Klimek, 7th Grade



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