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Summer Program for Preschoolers

Do you desire full-time year-round preschool for your child in a safe, nurturing, Christian environment? Then call and schedule a tour of Ames Christian School's award winning preschool program, which offers full-time year-round preschool for 3-5 year old children.

different Ames parks.

Along with these field trips, the preschoolers will travel to places that correspond with the educational theme of the week. For example, during our "Animal Adventures" week our students will have fun creating crafts that will turn our room into a wild jungle, learning through indoor and outdoor dramatic play, and taking a trip to see real animals at the Blank Park Zoo.

Mrs. Laura Gardner, ACS Early Childhood Music teacher, will teach daily Music and Bible lessons. Musical activities will include creative movement, musical games, vocal exploration, and exploration of different musical

instruments. Bible lessons will include interactive stories and crafts.

To schedule a tour and learn more about how to enroll at ACS, please contact Julie Long, ACS Early Childhood Director, at [515-233-0110](tel:515-233-0110) or email preschool@ameschristianschool.org.



This summer ACS preschoolers will be getting out and about with weekly field trips around Ames and the surrounding community. Every Wednesday the students will enjoy the Furman Aquatic Center for "Water Wednesdays". Every Friday the children will visit the Ames Public Library for special story times, followed by a picnic and nature walks in



Preschoolers finding signs of Spring on a recent field trip with Story County Conservation to McFarland Park.

End of School Year Awards



"A" Honor Roll Students:
Sofie Hyde, Elliot Randall, Haley Yoder, Isabella Haveman, and Kirra Heaberlin



Spiritual Leadership:
Kate Reisinger, Gabe Ante, Elliot Randall



Young Peacemakers:
Eliza Teske, Abigail Randall, Quin Ante, Mady Burris, Kirra Heaberlin



Honor Roll Students:
Olivia Schuelka, Christian Douet, Gyeheyeong Park, Gabe Ante, Quin Ante, Isaac Song, Aubrey Schafbuch, Vijay Williams, Alec Sernett, and Lane Lindsay

Speech Competition

Ames Christian School hosted its third annual Speech Meet on March 26. Every student in first through sixth grade participated in the competition. The students chose and prepared selections in poetry, Bible memory, Fables and Folklore, Dramatic Bible Prose, or Patriotic Oration for the competition.

"The Speech Meet is a great experience for students this age," said fifth and sixth grade teacher Darlene Lubinus. "You never know when you have to make a public speech, and getting this opportunity so early in their academic career is very valuable."

The students preformed their speeches bravely in front of judges, and then received advice and words of encouragement. The judges were

Larry Lubinus, Kristi Despard, Mandy Stenberg, Laura Gardner, Sharon Gutwein and MaryAnn Shimkus. After all the students competed in the meet, the winners were chosen and posted. Sixteen ACS students advanced to the Association of Christian Schools International State Speech Meet.

The ACSI State Meet was held at the West Des Moines DMACC campus on April 11. Other participating schools included Ankeny Christian Academy, Mt. Pleasant Christian School, and Waterloo Christian School. Mrs. Lubinus and several ACS parents accompanied the students.

The students who earned first place with "Superior" ratings were Olivia Schuelka, Alec Sernett, Alanna

Tasler, Aubrey Schafbuch, Haley Yoder, Isaac Song, and Sofie Hyde. The students who received "Excellent" ratings were Christopher Douet, Kate Reisinger, Eliza Teske, Amanda Hansen, Caleb Song, Elliott Randall, and Lane Lindsay. Students who received third place white ribbons were Gye-hyeong Park and Isabella Haveman.



(l to r) Aubrey Schafbuch, Haley Yoder, Alanna Tasler, and Alec Sernett pose with their awards.

Octagon Art Exhibit

This month students submitted various art projects to the art show hosted by the Octagon.Center for the Arts. The art show was open to all elementary and middle school students in the Ames area. We're pleased to announce the following ACS winners at the art show. All the art projects for the show were displayed for two weeks on the 3rd floor gallery of the Octagon.

K-2 Mixed Media

Izzy Hyde - 3rd place

Wyatt Vincent - 2nd place

Joe Sernett - 1st place

K-2 Painting

Hamin Park & Jack Johnson, tied for 2nd place

Grades 3-5 Mixed Media

Gyehyeong Park - 3rd place

Vijay Williams - 2nd place

Sofie Hyde - 1st place



Grades 3-5 Painting

Isaac Song - 3rd place

Group Work

Quin Ante, Sonny Hui, Isaac Song - 3rd place

Isabella Haveman, Lane Lindsay -

2nd place

Kirra Heaberlin, Lily Goos, Lily Wendeln - 1st place

Best in Show, Grades 3-5

Sofie Hyde and Olivia Schuelka

“Nic at Night”

Ames Christian School students brought the encounter of Jesus with a certain religious leader to life in their performance of “Nic at Night” at Stonebrook Church on April 24. The story of Easter was also told through the eyes of Nicodemus, the Pharisee, who met with Jesus late at night and learned what it meant to be born again.

Three ACS actors played the elite group of Pharisees who did not understand why someone like Nicodemus, with so much training and wisdom, would need salvation from Jesus. Other children portrayed followers of Jesus, who explained that all are sinners, even the religious leaders, but God loved the world so much that He gave his son Jesus to die for the sins of all. This great promise unfolded onstage as the actors learned of Jesus’ crucifixion and sang, “Were you there



when they crucified my Lord?” But the sadness did not last for long, because Joseph of Arimathea ran on stage proclaiming to Jesus’ disheartened followers that He had risen from the dead! The choir sang joyously, “The First Lord’s Day,” and the audience joined them in, “Christ the Lord Has Risen Today.”

Other song highlights included “Born Brand New,” comparing the transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly with new life in Christ, as well as “Secret Disciples,” about standing up for the faith. The song, “Do You See What the Pharisees Saw,” explored the inability of the Pharisees to see the loving kindness of Jesus through all their rules and regulations.

The three year old preschool class sang a medley of five songs about

Easter, God’s love, and salvation, with narration from several 1st and 2nd graders.

After the performance, everyone enjoyed a reception provided by the ACS parents. A special thank you to reception chairperson, Leah Lindsay, to the reception committee members, to all who helped plan and carry out the event, and to Stonebrook Church and their sound technician, Scott Hanson. ACS also appreciates Mrs. Julie Long, Early Childhood Director, and her staff for their hard work with the preschoolers. Most of all, ACS would like to thank Mrs. Laura Gardner, the ACS Music teacher.



Visiting Green Hills Retirement Community

Recently ACS students from grades K-6 worked together to decorate placemats for Green Hills Retirement Community Residents. The children hoped to bring cheer and encouragement as they made drawings, wrote scripture verses, cut out colorful pictures from magazines, and added their own messages for those who will receive them. The students delivered their placemats on May 8 when they performed an encore presentation of their Spring Play, “Nic at Night” for Green Hills Retirement Community.



Pictured (left to right) Julia Flick, Jenna Kim, and Amelia Yoder



Upcoming Events

May

31 Clean-up day at ACS 9am-1pm

June

2 Board Meeting 6:30pm

July

8 Board Meeting 6:30pm

August

12 Board Meeting 6:30pm

19 Parent Assoc. Mtg. & Orientation 6:30pm

20 School Supply Drop-off 3-4pm

21 First Day of School

September

26 Grandparent's Day/Tailgate Party

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Bike-A-Thon

The students braved some cool weather on May 16 to participate in the annual bike-a-thon at Ada Hayden Park. The children listened to a short bicycle safety presentation before embarking on their ride. They were given two hours to complete as many laps as they could ride. Snacks and beverages were provided during this time. Everyone enjoyed a sack lunch after the ride. This annual fundraiser brought in \$4100.00! Thanks goes to all the riders, teachers, and parent volunteers.



Wyatt Vincent had the top dollar amount in pledges.
Great job, Wyatt!



Mrs. Skaar is ready to go!



The Burris family and Tyler Teske are enjoying a picnic lunch after a great bike ride.

First and Second Grade Class Field Trips

The end of the school year brought with it some nice weather and great days to spend outside learning about God's beautiful creation.

Mrs. Skaar's class spent a day at McFarland Park learning about one

of our precious resources, water. The children studied the food chain that is present in the pond at McFarland Park. They learned how important water is in maintaining the delicate balance of food chains. The students collected samples from the pond and identified some of the small animals that live there. In conclusion, the children determined that the pond was a healthy body of water.

On the last full day of school, the children traveled to the Sernett hobby farm which is located south of Ames. Here they saw goats, chickens, ducks, rabbits, and kittens. They learned the difference between laying hens and chickens that we eat. The students shared what plants are growing in their gardens at home while looking at the different

vegetables, herbs, and fruit trees grown at the Sernett farm.

The children played in the yard and had their lunch outdoors on the Sernett patio. It was a wonderful day to enjoy God's world!

