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New Board Members Elected

In September, the board welcomed two new members, Jeremy Haveman, and Barb Vincent. One of the agenda items was the board's annual election of officers. Tyler Teske was elected to be the board president.

The Teske family came to ACS last year when their daughter, Eliza, started Kindergarten. Sarah Teske, is a stay-at-home mom who works hard caring for Eliza and their three-year-old daughter, Lida. She also volunteers in various capacities at ACS. The Teske's have lived in Ames for the past 20 years and are members at Memorial Lutheran Church here in Ames. Tyler works for the Department of Agronomy at Iowa State University.

After attending a few board meetings during the last school year, Teske realized how important it is for parents to be actively involved at ACS. After many conversations with God about the best ways to serve at the school, he joined the school board and finished the term of a former board member. In August, he was elected to a new three year term on the board.

Teske said that serving on the board is one small thing he can do to give back to the school that has been such a great opportunity for his daughter. "Not only does our daughter have the opportunity to get a high quality, Christ-focused education, she also loves the school," he said. "That's a great feeling as a parent to know that your child loves learning and can't wait to get to school every morning."

Barb Vincent has been actively involved at ACS for the past four years by volunteering in many ways including the Christmas Gala and the Golf Outing fundraisers. Brad and Barb Vincent's two sons, Wyatt, 1st grade, and Reed, preschool, attend Ames Christian School. Vincent enjoys volunteering in their classrooms for field trips and helping with class parties.

"I like that Ames Christian is small like the schools I attended" she said. "ACS is very similar to the Christian elementary I attended and gives me a sense of comfort and familiarity. I love the feeling of family we get from being part of ACS."

Jeremy Haveman, works for JCorp, Inc., an architecture, engineering, and construction management firm in Huxley, IA. Jeremy and Sarah Haveman's two children, Isabella, 4th grade, and Isaiah, 1st grade, attend Ames Christian School. He has volunteered his graphic design skills, parked cars for ISU football games and served on the Golf Outing committee.

"I know that the biblical instruction my children receive at school is consistent with what they are hearing at home and at church. I also appreciate that the school has high academic expectations, engaging and challenging them to learn and grow," he said. "I love it that my kids have a place like ACS. I want to let others know how great it is and make the opportunity to attend ACS available to as many people as possible."

The board desires to see that Ames Christian continues to provides academic excellence through personalized Christian education in a safe, disciplined learning environment. Students are encouraged to become lifelong learners and equipped to think, learn, discern, and act from a Biblical Worldview perspective.



First Day of School.

The Christian Pledge being led by Gabe Ante, Christian Douet, Alec Sernett and Hailey Yoder.

Pastor Appreciation

On Friday, October 11, Ames Christian School invited pastors and ministry leaders from around the community to join their students in their classrooms and for a Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon.

The pastors and ministry leaders joined students from their church in the classroom at 11 am. In Mrs. Lubinus' 5th and 6th grade class, their visitors spelling skills were put to the test when they took the classes' spelling quiz and the students graded them. The 3rd and 4th graders in Mrs. Earnest's class got some special help preparing for a vocabulary test.

Kindergarteners demonstrated how the "s" phonic ladder sounded. They said and sang the sounds up and down the ladder. Then they created words with the sounds. The 1st and 2nd graders visitors join them in art class with Mrs. Lori Hyde. First they helped students trace their hands and arms on painted paper to

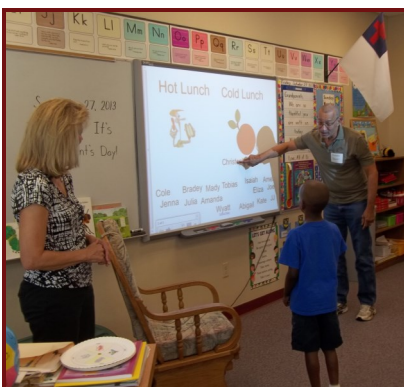
cut and become tree trunks. Then they helped students cut out leaves from painted paper to create a fall tree collage. The art class has been discussing how we are created in God's image, and He is a creator. Therefore they used their bodies (His creation) to represent nature



1st grader Eliza Teske with Pastor David Beagley from Memorial Lutheran Church.

(also His beautiful creation) in their own unique, creative ways.

At 11:45 the students and visitors went to enjoy a pizza lunch together. Mrs. Smith, ACS Administrator, welcomed and thanked everyone for taking the time to join their students and for partnering with the school to pour the truth of God's Word into their lives. Pastor Toran Smith from Body of Christ Church prayed followed by the students introducing their pastors to the other students. The following pastors or ministry leaders attended the luncheon: Pastor Lumpkin, Grace Bible Church; Pastor Peasley, Slater United Methodist; Sarah Day, Cornerstone Church; Pastor Beagley, Memorial Lutheran Church; Pastor Hatfield, Cross Road Baptist; Pastor Rose, Ft. Des Moines Grow Up Ministries; and Pastor Twito, Ascension Lutheran Church. After lunch everyone enjoyed recess together.



2nd grader Christopher Douet shows his grandfather, Franklin Douet, how to use his class' SMARTboard.

On Friday September 27, students welcomed their grandparents to the school for Grandparents Day. The elementary classes performed a Christian cadence, sang hymns together, and then each class per-

formed for their grandparents. Highlights were the Kindergarten's "Old Mac Donald" song with the children dressing as one of the animals, the 1st and 2nd grade poems and songs to honor their grandparents, the 3rd and 4th grade original skit, and the 5th and 6th original readers theater. Then the grandparents joined their grandchildren in to their classrooms see what a day in class at ACS is like.

The Kindergarten class recited Bible memory verses for every letter in the alphabet for their grandparents, and showed them how to use their SMART Board. In the 1st and 2nd grade classes, students interviewed their grandparents about what school was like when they were growing up. Grandparents helped the 3rd and 4th grade class to study plant heredity by sampling four different types of

apples. They identified the different characteristics of each type of apple and for the apples that were hybrids they made hypotheses about the types of parent apple trees. Everyone enjoyed becoming botanists!

The 5th and 6th grade class took the opportunity to do several science projects with their grandparents. They dissected a flower and identified all the parts as well as examined a mold specimen that they had started growing several days earlier. The students also enjoyed giving their grandparents a spelling test with words they are learning.

Friday evening grandparents, parents, and students returned for the ACS Tailgate. Students enjoyed games, inflatables, and food while they spent time in fellowship with families and friends.



Pam Tebow is set to be the keynote speaker at Ames Christian School's Fourth Annual One Starry Night Gala and Auction, scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at the Iowa State Center Scheman Building. Tebow, an accomplished and popular speaker, will publish her second book in early 2014. She is also the mother of Tim Tebow, the 2009 Heisman Trophy Winner and former quarterback of the University of Florida's back-to-back NCAA national football championships.

It was Tim's visibility and success on the collegiate football field that actually launched Pam onto the

national stage. Since that time, the eloquent and spunky mother of five and former missionary has become known as an outspoken advocate for family values, women and Christian education. She is a highly sought presenter and travels the country appearing at events and conferences. Audiences everywhere love her messages of passion, encouragement and joy.

Ames Christian School invites everyone to this one-of-a-kind event which brings together not only families and friends of ACS but also businesses and individuals from the community. The One Starry Night Gala and Auction is very special evening which takes time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with an inspiring keynote speaker and the chance to bid on great auction items.

Some of the items available in the silent and live auction will include a 4- day trip to Cancun and a July

4th week vacation in Branson, Missouri. Other items include packages for Cyclone sporting events, a Coldwater Golf Links package, and a dinner outing for 20.

Tickets for the One Starry Night Gala and Auction can be purchased by visiting www.acsgala.org or by contacting the school at (515) 233-0772 or secretary@ameschristianschool.org. Tickets are \$500 for a table, \$150 for a couple and \$100 for individuals. Seating is limited and early registration is recommended.



Matching Funds Campaign Off to a Great Start!

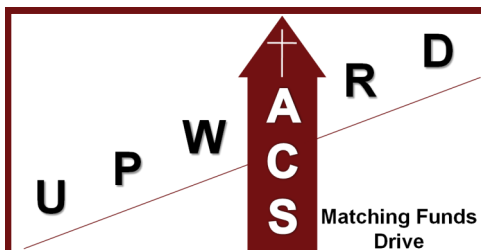
We have been blessed with donations and pledges to begin a matching funds drive for the 2013-2014 school year. The concept of matching funds is really very simple. For each dollar given or pledged to the base, someone else donates a dollar to the match. This turns every dollar you may donate into two dollars for ACS! This type of fundraiser has been successful in the past due to gracious donors. We have been able to offer scholarships as well as fund our school's mission work in our community due to this

income. We are calling this drive "Upward ACS" with our goals to balance our current year budget as well as be able to provide scholarships for the next school year. Every dollar contributed to this campaign will directly impact our

ability to continue providing Personalized Christian Education to students in the Ames area.

We have already been blessed with \$25,000 in base funds which are ready to be matched. We are now accepting matching donations and you can contribute at all levels through December 31st.

Please consider a donation toward furthering Personalized Christian Education with academic excellence. **Thank you for your faithful support!**





Upcoming Events

November

12 School Board meeting 6:30pm

27 Early Dismiss 12:30

28-29 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

December

7 One Starry Night Gala

10 School Board meeting 6:30pm

12 Christmas Program 7pm at Stonebrook

20 Early Dismiss 12:30

23-31 NO SCHOOL-Christmas Break

January

1 NO SCHOOL-Christmas Break

2 Classes Resume

14 School Board meeting 6:30pm

20 Early Dismiss 12:30 – Teacher In-Service

27-31 Spirit/Book Week

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Library Program Encourages Early Literacy

Ames Preschool welcomed a special friend to their class this fall: Smyles the Library Dog! As part of the Ames Public Library Program, "Project Smyles," preschool students are visited once a month by librarian, Cathy Van Brocklin. The outreach program encourages early literacy skills among children.

Miss Cathy began the library time by singing songs with the children and reading a story. Suddenly Smyles, the Library Dog, joined the preschoolers. He encouraged them to dance to a song and then he acted out a book with them. Each child received the opportunity to take a picture with Smyles and give him a hug.

The preschoolers displayed great excitement as they ventured out to visit the Bookmobile parked in front of the school. They learned about the bookmobile and all of the different children books available for check out.



These visits from Project Smyles, increase print motivation in preschoolers which is their interest and enjoyment in books. The goal is for children to improve their early literacy skills and become better prepared to enter school.

Cathy Van Brocklin from Ames Public Library reads to Mrs. Long's 3 year-old preschool class.

Former Teacher Speaks at Chapel

The teachers and students of Ames Christian School were excited to welcome back a very special member of the ACS family during chapel. Mrs. Paula Tjernagel, former ACS teacher, came all the way from Spain to speak to the students.

Tjernagel, affectionately known by students as Mrs. T, helped start Ames Christian School. She made such a great impact on the school that for years later, the school honored one deserving student with the "Mrs. T Award" every year for showing Christ-like behavior and a servant's heart.

Mrs. T and her husband went on from Ames Christian School to serve as missionaries in Spain. Mrs. T told the kindergarten-sixth graders about why she became a missionary and how Spain is very different from the culture we live



in. She explained to the students that in our country we can hear stories about Jesus everywhere, from turning on the radio, to having churches all over and going to a Christian school. In Spain, she explained, there are very few churches and schools that tell about Jesus like we have here.

Mrs. T used the illustration of bedside lamp to show the children about the

light of Jesus. She asked the students if they get scared sometimes in the dark. She covered the lamp with a blanket and showed that that scary darkness is what life is like without Jesus. But when we have Jesus in our hearts, we should take the blanket off of our light so that everyone see his light in us.

Mrs. T taught the students a Bible verse with hand motions. Matthew 5:16, "Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Ames Christian School holds weekly chapel services on Wednesdays where local pastors and other guests come to speak. This year's chapel theme is based on the book "Young Peacemakers" by Corlette Sande which deals with Biblical and practical ways to resolve conflict.