



THE LANTERN

The Newsletter of Kaufman Christian School

1st Quarter - 2013/2014

Important Dates:

September 3 - 30 ~ Silver For Scholarships

September 24 ~ Grandparent's Day

September 25 ~ See Ya At The Pole Chapel

September 27 ~ Fair Day - no school

October 2 - 18 ~ KCS Fundraiser

October 18 ~ Noon Release

November 22 ~ Thanksgiving Feast & Pie Sale

November 18 - 22 ~ Thanksgiving Break

December 17 ~ Christmas Program 7 p.m.

December 20 ~ Talent Show, Christmas Parties & Early Release

December 23 - January 6 ~ Christmas Break

From the Administrator's Desk...

By: Christy Butler

10 Things to Remember When Your Child is Disobedient

Here are 10 things to be reminded of when the job of correcting your children seems wearisome or difficult. It is not an easy job being a parent, but it is what God has called you to and parenting is a JOY!

1. You disobey the Lord....and He is the *perfect* Father.
2. His kindness leads us to repentance.
3. God lovingly and patiently disciplines those He loves.
4. Your child's disobedience does not measure your value any more than his obedience showcases your achievement.
5. Your child's disobedience teaches you dependence on God.
6. And sometimes it's more than dependence He's after, it's complete desperation for Him.
7. Your child is clearly a sinner, and needs to hear the truth of the Gospel, and see it lived through you.
8. Times of corrections serve to remind, or establish within your child, his own sense of need for a Savior.
9. It's not good behavior you really desire...you want his heart.
10. Your child is a person, not a project.

If you do not wish to receive ***The Lantern*** any longer, please contact the school office at 972-932-6111.

This summer, I came across a wonderful parenting web site, www.connectedfamilies.org, that I have found valuable. You might want to check it out for your family. Happy Parenting!



Judy Reznicek - K-4

Hello, my name is Judy Reznicek, better known to my students as Mrs. Judy! This is my 17th year to teach a K-4 class at Kaufman Christian School. I love this age group and have always worked with four year olds at my church in several different areas over the years. I have obtained an associate degree in early childhood since coming to KCS. I graduated from Kaufman High School after having moved to Kaufman during my high school years. I am married to Randy and we have three grown children, Brian, Brad, and Jennifer. We have one son-in-law, Shane, and a daughter-in-law, Krystal, and two grandsons, Jordan and Jacob who have both attended KCS. Randy and I are members of the First Baptist Church in Kaufman.

Teaching my students to read and seeing the excitement of learning on the children's faces is very rewarding. Preschool is a very important time in a child's life. It is exciting to be able to lay the foundation for learning in a young child's school career. It is my desire for the children to develop a love for school that will last throughout their school career.

Should you have any questions of me, please email me at jreznicek@countrybiblechurch.org.



Regina Stoy - K5

My name is Regina Stoy. My husband Greg and I have been married for 30 years. We have two sons William 27, and Taylor 23. William graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary with a master of Arts in Biblical Counseling and Taylor graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Greg and I attend First Baptist Dallas.

I have been a teacher at KCS for fifteen years. During this time I taught 3-year olds, K-4, K-5 and 3rd Grade. I keep the children actively involved in the learning process through hands on crafts, games and reinforcement centers. But most important and what I get most excited about is introducing Jesus to children. We learn about Jesus through Bible stories, personal experiences and in all areas of our curriculum. The children get to know Jesus personally and how much He loves them.

Should you have any questions of me, please email me at rstoy@countrybiblechurch.org.



Monique Renfro—1st Grade

Hi! I'm Mrs. Renfro, and I love teaching 1st Grade! This is my thirteenth year here at KCS, and I really enjoy getting to work with all the great kids that come through my classroom.

I have three children of my own: Michael, 25, Laura, 22, and Patrick, 19. I have been married these last 28 years to my husband, Jim, who pastors Calvary Baptist Church near Kemp. My husband and I spent the first nine years of our marriage as Home Missionaries, planting a church in Pennsylvania.

While my husband was born here in Texas, I grew up in Georgia and went to college there. I initially got my degree in Secondary Education and taught high school English. After we moved to Texas, I started working at a private elementary school and decided that I really liked teaching younger children. I'm doing first grade and couldn't be happier!

I really appreciate the opportunity KCS gives me to work with the children here, and I'm looking forward to another great year!

Should you have any questions of me, please email me at mrenfro@countrybiblechurch.org.



Kathy Treadwell - 2nd Grade

My name is **Kathy Treadwell**. My husband's name is Don. We have been married 41 years. We have 2 children. Our daughter, Kari, is married to Jason and they have our granddaughter, Skylar, who attends KCS. Our son, Josh, is an Air Force mechanic and now has a job in Greenville rebuilding military planes. Josh and his wife live in Mesquite and have our new granddaughter, Addie.

I have been teaching for 34 years. All but 5 of those years have been in Christian education. After pastoring for over 25 years, my husband also is in Christian education as the computer technician/teacher at Tyler Street Christian Academy. Being able to teach God's Word, pray with students, and incorporate God's principles in all subjects is a joy to me and is so rewarding.

In my spare time I enjoy reading and spending time with my family. I love animals and have several cats and a dog. This is my sixth year at KCS. It is such a blessing to teach here. I praise the Lord for this place of service.

Should you have any questions of me, please email me at ktreadwell@countrybiblechurch.org.



Sarahlynn Hayden - 3rd Grade

Hello! My name is Sarahlynn Hayden and I feel so blessed to be the 3rd grade teacher here at Kaufman Christian School this year! I was born and raised in the south, Southern California that is, and had a “totally awesome” education at California State University in Fullerton, California where I received my Bachelor of Arts in Art Education.

I am married to my Texan hubby, Mark, who has been securing homes for ADT for the last 7 years. We have an amazing son, Alekxandyr, who is in the 2nd grade here at KCS. Our family attends First Baptist Church, Kaufman where I love getting involved with the many ministry opportunities I have found there.

When I am away from my classroom, I love singing, playing and listening to music, creating art, cooking, having adventures with my family and exploring the many talents God has given to me. Okay, you caught me, I do some of that in the classroom too...especially the singing. But I would really like to thank KCS for giving me the opportunity to Praise the Lord with my students throughout the day and educate them so much more than just the core subjects. God is Great!

Should you have any questions, please email me at shayden@countrybiblechurch.org.



Christy Butler - 4th Grade

Hello!! My name is Christy Butler and I currently teach 4th grade and am the administrator for Kaufman Christian School. I have taught for 23 years, 17 of which have been at KCS. My degree, from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, is in Elementary Education with a minor in Language Arts. I love the joy and excitement that kids bring to our lives and I am thankful God has called me to teach.

I am married to Tim, who is the Assistant Director of Transportation at KISD and church administrator for Country Bible Church. We have 2 daughters, Mattie (21) and Mollie (13). Mattie got married in May to our new son-in-law, Seth. They both attend Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. Mollie is a part of our KCSA pilot program this year and is in the 7th grade. Our family is actively involved in various ministries at Country Bible Church. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, cooking, bargain shopping, and trips to First Monday in Canton.

Should you have any questions of me, please email me at cbutler@countrybiblechurch.org.



Linda Butler - 5th Grade

Hi. My name is Linda Butler—I have moved down to teach fifth grade this year. This is my sixth year here at Kaufman Christian School, and I love teaching the older elementary students. I graduated from Sam Houston State University and did post-graduate work at Texas A&M, Commerce.

I come from a family of teachers. My husband just retired from teaching elementary music, and one of our sons is a bi-lingual elementary teacher. I have been teaching in Christian schools for 23 years.

My husband and I have been married for 42 years and live in Mesquite. We attend church at First Baptist Church, Princeton, where my husband is the music leader. I support his work there by singing in the choir. We have two grown sons, a daughter-in-law, and two amazing grandchildren.

I look forward to getting to know each of our new families and serving the Lord here at KCS.

Should you have any questions of me, please email me at lbutler@countrybiblechurh.org.



Trish King - Music

Hello, I am Trish King and the KCS Music Teacher. I feel very blessed that God has placed me at Kaufman Christian. I thank Him for the opportunity to share my knowledge of music, as well as my love for Him with the children here. I pray that our music ministry will honor and glorify my Father. I previously taught music in the public schools for 24 years, and am beginning my 14th year here. I feel so blessed.

I was born and raised in Dallas graduating from W. W. Samuell in Pleasant Grove. My husband, Charles, is the Minister of Music at Kemp First Baptist Church. I am the pianist there.

We have two sons – Ty & Chad. Ty and Debbie live in Kemp while Chad and Kim live in Tool. Charles and I have 4 grandsons, a step grandson and a granddaughter. Music certainly is a love and strength that God has blessed our family with.

Should you have any questions of me, please email me at pking@countrybiblechurch.org.



Stacey Patterson - Administrative Assistant

Hi! I'm Stacey and this will be my sixth year as the Administrative Assistant for Kaufman Christian School. I'm so blessed to work with other Christian women and witness the love they give to the students on campus. I thoroughly enjoy interacting with our families and getting to know each one of the students.

I live in Kaufman with my two boys – Collin, a Sophomore at Kaufman High School and Tanner, a 7th grader at O.P. Norman Jr. High. I also have grown children outside of the home ... 2 daughters, 1 son, 2 sons-in-law, 1 daughter-in-law, and 10 grandchildren, with another one due in October!

I am blessed to be a part of Country Bible Church and the ministries it offers. I love spending time with my family and I have a great circle of friends.

Should you have any questions of me, please email me at spatterson@countrybiblechurch.org.



Lori Robertson - P.E. & Teacher's Aide

Hello! My name is Lori Robertson. This is my 13th year as a teachers aide & P.E. Teacher at KCS. I grew up in the Dallas and Rockwall area and graduated from Rockwall High School. I spent 13 years in the banking industry prior to becoming a stay at home mom in 1998.

My husband Steve is a life long Kaufman resident and is President of American National Bank in Kaufman. We live outside of Kaufman in the Abner community. Our family are members of Southside Baptist Church in Kaufman where my husband and I teach an elementary Sunday School class. Our family enjoys camping, fishing and youth sports.

Both of my children have been students at KCS. My youngest, Brooke is currently a Sophomore at Kaufman High School. Morgan is now a Junior at Stephen F. Austin. My daughters attended KCS from Pre-K through the third grade. Both daughters have received a wonderful education at KCS.

I enjoy working at KCS and not only get to know all of your children, but I also get to do one of my favorite things by creating the school program sets. I also enjoy teaching P.E. We have a program called the Feeling Good Mileage Club. We keep up with our miles and earn foot charms. This is a good program to keep us healthy that we start up in January. We have a class motto in P.E., "If you had fun you won."

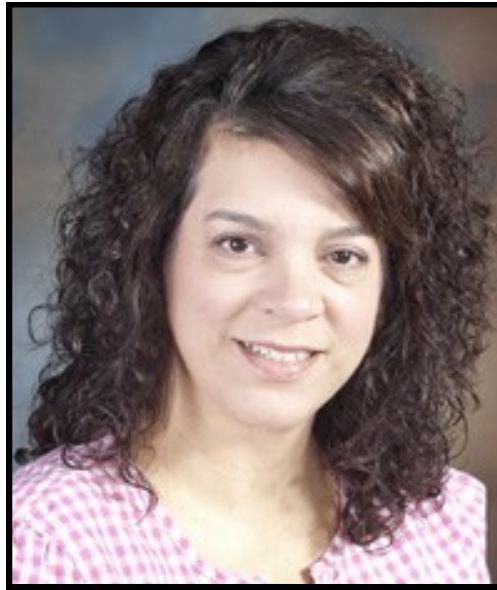
Should you have any questions of me, please email me at lrobertson@countrybiblechurch.org.



Janell Hicks - Computer Lab & Extended Care

My name is Janell Hicks and I teach Computer Lab and I am also the Extended Care teacher. This is my 1st year as the Computer Lab teacher, however, this is my 5th year doing Extended Care. I really enjoy being involved with the school. I love KCS and God has blessed my family so much through the school.

My husband's name is Robert and we have 3 kids. Robert works for DART as a signal maintainer. Our oldest, James, is 14 and is in the Kaufman Christian Secondary Academy. Adam is 10 and is in the 4th grade. Both boys have attended KCS since K4, with the exception of last year when James attended Poetry because there was no Secondary Academy yet. Lauren turned 1 in June, and enjoys coming with me and playing with all her "big kid" friends!



Jennifer Bazhaw - KCSA Facilitator

My name is Jennifer Bazhaw. My husband Charlie and I have been married for 17 years. We have 3 children – Brandon, Taryn a Senior Airman with the United States Air Force stationed in Minot, ND and Connor a freshman at KCSA. We live in Crandall and are members of First Community Church in Crandall.

This is my 7th year being a part of the KCS campus. During that time I have been the Librarian, the Computer Lab Coordinator, the co-editor of the yearbook and a member of the Banquet/Auction committee. This year, I am blessed to be the Classroom Facilitator of KCSA (Kaufman Christian Secondary Academy), for grades 7 through 12. I am excited about the opportunities this new program has for our Junior/Senior High students and helping to shape them into servant-minded, strong Christian leaders.

Should you have any questions of me, please email me at jennifer@countrybiblechurch.org.

\$2 Tuesday explained

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month is designated as “\$2 Tuesday”. On those days, students may wear their comfy clothes as long as they are school appropriate and they pay \$2 upon entering the school.

All of the money that is collected on those days will go into the scholarship program to help others.

If a student chooses not to participate, they must follow the normal dress code policy.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this day.



SUPPORT KCS WITH PRODUCTS YOU ALREADY PURCHASE:

Box Tops for Education

These are found on just about everything these days. Check out <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?Id=8358> to see where they can be found! Make a habit of clipping these, placing them in a baggie/envelope and sending them to our school either by way of a student or mail. Each label earns our school \$.10 and these add up FAST! Do you know that last year, our school raised over \$700 simply through this program alone? Don't miss out on this easy opportunity to help our school. Our goal is set to raise over \$1,000 this year!

Campbell's Labels for Education

To see a list of products that these labels can be found on, visit <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products>. We currently have close to 18,000 points with this program and will use these in the future to “purchase” items needed for our school.

Silver for Scholarships

September 3rd thru 30th, we will once again have a contest between the boys and the girls by collecting silver (nickels, dimes, quarters) for our scholarship fund. Large jars will be in the gym each morning for the students to deposit their change. Per the students' request from last year, we will do our collection in a unique manner! All coins in the boys' and girls' jars will count for those respective jars. Girls will put bills and checks in the boys' jar and boys will put bills and checks in the girl's jar. The bills and checks in the boys' jar will count for the girls and the bills and checks in the girl's jar will count for the boys! I know it may sound confusing, but the students love doing it this way.

The group that raises the highest average for our scholarship fund will win a Dress Pass Day.

Thanks for sending your change to help!



PAPER RECYCLING

Help KCS by bringing us your junk mail, newspapers, magazines and other paper products to fill our bin.

Your efforts have helped our school recycle TONS of paper since we started ... AMAZING! The bins are located on our back parking lot. Feel free to drop off your papers anytime that is convenient to you. Please remember, no phone books or cardboard though :)

Call the office if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Ways **YOU** can help:

1. Designate a place in your home where all your unwanted papers go instead of the trash.
2. Get your place of employment involved.
3. Ask your neighbors to bring you their unwanted newspapers, magazines, etc.

TOGETHER, we can make this a successful event!



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

At Kaufman Christian School, you have the opportunity to join the wonderfully supportive group of benefactors known as our "Friends of the Future," whose tax-deductible donations can be designated to one of the following areas of ministry:

Music

Facilities

LIBRARY

Technology

Personnel

Cody McWha / Jessi Oliver

Scholarship Fund

Praise:

- Smooth start to our school year
- Solid enrollment numbers
- Loving and dedicated teachers and staff
- KCS school board

Prayer:

- That we would honor God through our school
- Our students would consider others better than themselves
- Spiritual growth in all at KCS

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