

Lion's Roar 4-22-20

Musings with Mrs. Stout

When you come to school this Friday to pick up and drop off school work, please take notice of our reader board. It says "Teachers, parents, and students apart, yet learning together." That really sums up what we have been doing since March 17 when we closed the doors of CCS according to the governor's mandate.

How much have you learned? As an administrator, I have learned yet again (Sorry I'm such a slow learner, Lord.) that God has a plan. His timing is perfect. And He has a purpose for the "fine kettle of fish" we find ourselves in.

If you don't recognize the "fine kettle of fish" reference, I am WAY older than you!

CCS teachers have learned an amazing amount as well! How to utilize Google Classroom, how to communicate virtually via Zoom, how to adapt lessons they've done so many times at school to your home environments. Through all this adaptation, we are all becoming better teachers. We are better at listening to one another. We are better at encouraging and appreciating everyone's hard work and commitment to Centralia Christian School.

At home, I feel certain you and your children have learned a great deal too. Of course you've been working on skills and content with your children as provided by CCS. But beyond that, haven't you learned a little more about who your children are, how they learn, and what comes easy or hard for them? Hasn't your relationship grown because of this unprecedented amount of time together? What a gift. We may never pass this way again.

I hear quite often from parents how they never wanted to be a teacher. I get that. I feel the same way about medical occupations. Yet, whether you are stepping up to the "teacher" plate with eagerness or trepidation, the point is you ARE stepping up to the plate! What a blessing!

God sees your heart, and He sees your efforts. And even when the lessons seem to go awry, He is right there ready to step in and lead you in the way you and your child should go. (Proverbs 22:6, Psalm 119:105) You are co-teachers of your children now as we engage in distance learning. The CCS teachers plan and prepare lessons for their students. But you are the one who knows if they are right for your child. Your child may need to take longer to master a skill which causes some of their assigned work to be left undone. That's OK. Please allow yourself and your child to learn in a way that is right for

your family. We want our students to be well prepared for the next grade come September, but not at the expense of stress in your home. Stress is not the way we learn, and it is not the plan God has for us. So, keep revising your family's routines and activities as needed until you hit the sweet spot for you and your children. God will show you how. Just come to Him with an open heart. Then don't worry too much about grades. We will get back on track with "making the grade" next fall. For now, enjoy this time of learning together. It's a great gift. It is, after all, the present.

Returning Family Registration

Please return your returning family registration form when you come for homework packet pick up this Friday, April 24. We make several decisions for next year based on the information that we receive from the returning family registration forms so it's important to us to have them. If you are not returning in the fall, you are unsure at this time or need to pay your application fees a little later, please return your form on Friday. After Friday enrollment is open to the public so to retain priority status for class placement, completed forms are essential. Financial Assistance applications are available upon request after your application fee is paid and your tuition account is current. Financial Assistance application are due completed and verified by May 31 and they take a couple weeks to complete so if you plan to apply please do so right away. If you have any questions about registration, please feel free to contact the school office.

Shout it Out

Do you have a message of encouragement to share with our community? The free KACS app has an option in its menu to record a message of encouragement to share with others. If you have a brief message or lesson God is teaching you, consider sharing it with others as a **Shout Out**. The stay at home order can be a discouraging time for many people, and your **shout out** may just brighten someone else's day. A couple of our students have had fun doing **shoutouts** on the KACS app. Listen for them as you listen to the radio and then think about what encouraging words you have to share with listeners.

SALT Hour Opportunities

- Playground - sweep and shovel all rocks off of the blacktop, take weeds out and pressure wash the yellow slide
- Weeding and trimming

Baseball This Summer?

Are you interested in playing some softball this summer? We don't know if the Parks and Rec team we were hoping to form will actually happen given the Covid19 situation.

However, we are thinking we could have some fun playing ball even if it's just backyard ball. We'll be sure to maintain social distancing guidelines. Call the school to get your name on the list if this sounds like fun to you. If you've already signed up, we still have you on the list.