



Important Dates

February 1

CARE Group, Cafe, 9:30

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Scrip Orders Due

February 3

Yearbook Order Deadline

February 8

Parent Coffee and Prayer Meeting, 9:15, Atrium

February 1-10

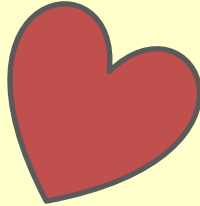
Priority Registration

February 13

Registration Open House, 7:00-8:30

February 20

No School – Presidents Day



Maya's Plaque - A Special Thank You

One year ago, we lost a special student and friend, Maya Segovia. A tree was planted this past spring in her honor. In addition, a plaque with Maya's likeness was placed at the foot of the tree in December. We are grateful for the donations, prayers, and time freely given to make this memorial possible.



CARE Group - "Instilling Values"

Do you ever feel like you are losing ground with your children and what they value? Join us on February 1 at 9:30 in the Cafe for a great discussion lead by Joe Botti.

For more information about CARE Groups, contact Sherri Fojas at fojass@xenos.org or call 614-580-2879.

Previous CARE Group meetings are available at the Xenos Study Center or at www.xenos.org/caregroup.

Box Tops for Education

As many of you know, we participate in the Box Tops for Education program. Each year our schools (combined) earn about \$1300. All that for simply having your family clip the box tops off of your packages and drop them off in the school office. These are things that would otherwise be thrown away (or recycled) but instead, with a little work on your part (and on the part of the Box top parent volunteers) we get 10 cents for each one.

We are requesting that you please turn in any box tops that you have accumulated to the office by the last week of February. Any box tops that you accumulate after that deadline are still welcome. We collect them all year!

Thanks!
Laura Mayner and Laura Eff

Feel free to direct any questions to Laura Mayner at granolalola21@gmail.com

A Letter From Our Principal

Our next Parent Coffee will take place on Wednesday, February 8, 2012. This meeting will be combined with the monthly school prayer meeting. Both events are open to all Xenos Christian School parents, and there will be coffee and light refreshments served. I will be presenting items of interest and supplying parents with information regarding current and upcoming events. The meeting will begin at 9:15 and will close with prayer. The meeting is expected to last about an hour.

Also, I want to share with you that Xenos Christian Schools has adopted a new curriculum on body safety. Heather Beal has worked with Danielle McKnight from Harambee School to adapt lessons from the Good Touch Bad Touch curriculum. The curriculum is built around the concept of appropriate boundaries and equipping children with the language and knowledge to communicate effectively. Age appropriate content will be delivered to each class beginning February or March. You may contact Heather Beal with additional questions.

- Carole Bucklew, Principal

Focus On ... Third Grade

Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Walker

Third grade has been an enjoyable place to be! We've been studying lots of interesting things so far this year. Back in the fall, we took a field trip to Slate Run Historical Farm after we read Farmer Boy by Laura Ingalls Wilder; both the book and the trip were fun, interesting and memorable. We also went on an Arts field trip in November. We watched a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' and then visited the Cultural Arts Center in downtown Columbus. Each of these was quite fascinating from the costumes in the play to being able to watch actual artists at work! Part of our goal in our schools is to coordinate experiential learning opportunities as we teach our extensive curriculum.

The Bible is the basis for teaching our students about the God of the universe. The third graders have been memorizing chapters 1 and 2 of Philippians to better understand the Lord as well as to incorporate verses into encouraging others. We want our Bible teaching to be accurate, engaging and practical. We've had lively discussions about various world religions, free will and many varied topics relevant to each of us. What an honor to be able to share God's perspective – that's why we have these schools! Our desire is to teach about and model a relationship with Jesus Christ. In view of that fact, **it's a joy to share with you that one of the third graders responded to God's offer of salvation a few weeks ago!** What an honor to know the God of the universe through His Son, Jesus.

I Like Valentine's Day Because...

We have fun at school and we give other people stuff. – Summer Kaiser

All the chocolate! – Abby Horn

I get to spend time with my friends and family. – Madeline Faulkner

I can spend extra time with my family and make homemade valentines to show how much I love and care for them. This Valentine's Day I want to make one for my great-grandma in a nursing home. – Nicole Kaiser

I get stuff. – Josh Johe

It's fun to make little valentine cards and hand them out to people. – Ashley Baker

It is about giving, loving, and it's about having fun. I like Valentine's Day because people give. – Aly Magee

It is a great time for families to get together. – Aidan Huffman

You get to show much you care for people. – Sophie Fojas

You get to give gifts to other people. – Rachel Simmons

It's about loving one another, like moms and dads. – Kyengo Munywoki

It's not about getting, but it's about giving and love. – Brandon Lee

I like to give others gifts that they like. – Laxmi Gajmer

I like getting candy! – Matt Burke

