



THE THURSDAY NOTE

Building in Faith Update

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Approximately \$725,000 has been raised in pledges and cash donations for the Building in Faith (BIF) gym project and kitchen remodel, according to Alexis Erusha, CLS School Board Treasurer and BIF Financial Coordinator. Here's how it breaks down for those of you playing at home:

\$63,000	Cash donations collected for new gym before BIF began
\$90,000	Cash from US Cellular Contest
\$25,500	Matching funds from Alliant Energy from private donations
\$15,000	LCEF CD
<u>\$140,000</u>	Pledges <i>committed and received</i>
\$333,500	CHC (cold, hard cash)

The pledge count, since the campaign began in November 2009, stands at \$390,530 *yet to be received*. Donors will be paying out those pledges over the course of the next three years.

2009-10 Theme

Spiritual Fitness

Hymn of the Year

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

CLS Mission Statement

Central Lutheran assists our congregations and parents by preparing children to be disciples for this life and the life to come.

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So, I bet I know what most of you are thinking, "Hmm...if the estimate for the project was \$750,000, shouldn't we have that bill just about taken care of?" Well, yes, *if* the initial estimate of \$750,000 was close to being correct. When everyone was wondering what the cost might be, we hadn't even engaged an architect. Sure, a couple chick flicks and dinner, but nothing serious. The building plans were just a twinkle in our collective minds' eyes. *Now* we have engaged an architect and we have real architectural drawings, just like the kind Mike Brady used to draw at his tilted desk in the den. The building committee has been hard at work looking at the plans and nailing down the actual size of the completed project. It's still very fluid and will be until the steel is ordered. Therefore, if the size of the project is still fluid, the cost estimates are still fluid. We may come in under the estimate or we may come in over the estimate. It's a real cliffhanger.

(BIF Update, cont'd on P.3)

BoxTops4Education Sweepstakes

Keep voting, keep voting, keep voting!!! There are two sweepstakes at play right now: Kix Corn Puffs and Piece of Cake. The Kix sweepstakes tab will come up on your homepage first. You may not see the Piece of Cake tab on the home page anymore, but it's still there. Go to the Earn tab at the top of the homepage and then click on "bonus boxtops" in the dropdown. Then scroll down until you find the Piece of Cake tab to vote. This is such an easy way to earn FREE, FREE, FREE money. You can vote once a day until the sweepstakes deadline. Just keep voting until it won't let you. If you need help registering or voting, CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE @ 223-5271.

Message from Mrs. Woltemath

Music students in the first and third grades would like to thank Steve Weirather for taking his time to visit our music class. As part of celebrating Music in Our Schools Month, Steve came to teach us about the unique instrument, the harmonica. He played different songs for us and we got to see how you really have to be able to pucker those lips in order to play that instrument. Thanks for sharing your time and talent with us. Also, a huge thank you to the Peterson family for donating the piano that is now being used in the music room. It has been tuned and will serve us well for many, many music classes to come. Thanks to Rick Peterson for driving it here in the driving rain and to all the guys who helped unload it...in the driving rain.

Chapel on 4/14 is at 9:00 instead of 8:30!

Scholastic United We Care Book Giveaway

This is another online contest, and it's very easy to enter. The prize: 100 books for the school.

What: United We Care Sweepstakes.

Sponsored by: Scholastic Books

Prize: 100 free books to a classroom of your choice.

How do I enter?: go to www.teacher.scholastic.com/clubs/contests/classroomscare.

- 1) Decide whether you're a parent or teacher (wannabes don't count)
 - 2) The first question, "*Do you order from Scholastic Book Clubs?*" If you answer *yes*, then they want you to enter your sign-in information. I don't even know what that is, so I clicked "no" and then went on to enter the rest of the stuff.
 - 3) When it asks for *contact name*, put down Jan Doellinger
 - 4) When it asks for the *school address*, put down 310 3rd St. W, Newhall, IA 52315
- You should know the rest of the stuff, such as your own email address.

You must enter by Monday, April 12, 2010. Winners are drawn at random.

You can only vote one time, so that's it, stick a fork in you, you're done.

These online contests are a very quick and painless way to earn \$\$ and merchandise for the school. And the best part...it takes no \$\$ to enter. Thanks for playing along.

US Cellular Shirts

US Cellular sent a *ton* of adult-sized T-shirts to the school. If you'd like one, email or call the office and tell us your size. We currently have all sizes except XL. We have some youth Large and Medium shirts too.



Chapel Information

4th Quarter Offerings:

4/7/10

\$40.31

Total to date (4th q):

\$88.64

April 7 Leader:

Pastor Eggert

Singing:

2nd grade

BYSA Soccer Sign Ups

We only have two slots to fill for our first Saturday concession stand for the Spring BYSA Soccer season. Parents of first graders and fourth graders are on for this weekend. If you haven't signed up yet, call the office to get in on all the fun. Proceeds will be split between PTL and Athletics. If you can't work the weekend designated for your child's class, you can work a weekend that best fits your schedule.

April 10: Grades 1 & 4
April 17: Grades 2 & 8
April 24: Grades 6 & 7
May 1: Grades PS & 5

BIF, cont'd from P. 1

The building committee is doing its level best (get it? "building/level") to plan for the future and "do it right the first time" while still making sure they're being good stewards with *your* hard-earned money. It's a daunting task and they're not taking it lightly. Most people don't know that in the last 3 weeks, the committee has met many, many times at all hours of the day and night, several times a week and sometimes at very short notice. People have been working behind the scenes to get the mobile units moved from the back of the school to the front of the school. Now the tornadoes won't have to work so hard to find them. Anyhoo, the groundbreaking date should happen in a couple weeks. When we can "nail" down the date, you'll be the first to know.

Lots of Parent Meetings coming up. Please read!

Wednesday, April 14 @ 6:30 pm: For 7th grade parents to plan for graduation. (Denise Moeller & Brian Miller co-chairs)
 Tuesday, April 20 @ 6:30: For parents of 1st and 2nd graders to discuss shared classrooms for next year.
 Tuesday, May 11 @ 6:30: For parents of 7th graders to discuss class trip for next year.

STO Deadline May 1, 2010

CLS families: Please remember the deadline to mail your ILSTO paperwork is Saturday, May 1, 2010. Deadlines will be strictly adhered to this year. If your application isn't in the first batch, you stand a pretty good chance of getting a lesser amount, if any at all. If you are planning to apply for SPICE, please photocopy your ILSTO application and keep it until you apply for SPICE. You will need to attach your ILSTO paperwork to your SPICE application.

Dates to keep in mind

Tuesday, April 13: PTL meeting @ 7:00
 Monday, April 26: Benton Festival of Bands
 Thursday, April 29: Spring Musical @ 6:30
 Friday, April 30: Spring Musical matinee
 Wednesday, May 5: Early dismissal
 Thursday, May 6: National Day of Prayer
 Friday, May 7: Mile Run
 Saturday, May 8: CLS hosts IDE Softball/Baseball Tourney

Monday, May 10: Mile Run makeup date
 Friday, May 14: Spring Concert 6:30
 Saturday, May 15: IDE Track Meet @ LIS
 Tuesday, May 25: Preschool Graduation @ 6:30
 Wednesday, May 26: 8th grade Graduation @ 7:00
 May 27 & 28th are regular days of school
 Tuesday, June 1: regular day of school
 Wednesday, June 2: last day of school. Dismiss at 1:00

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Carpooling Needed for Next Year

A Vinton family would like to know if anyone is interested in carpooling next year. Lydia Offil is planning to send her 5-year-old son Gage to kindergarten at Central next year and would like to join a carpool. If you can help out, please contact her at 319-472-3994. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Run, Run, Run, Run Run Away*

Congratulations to our very own 7th grade running man, Trevor H, for taking 1st place at the Williamsburg 5K run last Saturday. Trevor didn't just win his age division. HE WON THE WHOLE SHOOTIN' MATCH. Don't adjust those contacts, I said he won the whole race. The whole 9 yards! The whole enchilada! He beat everyone with a time of 19:55. Trevor's dad Andy won his age division and Jane Hagen won her age division. Congrats on a fine CLS showing!

*Trivia question: Name the artist who sang Runaway

Corporate Gifts



On behalf of the Kaestner/Shaw Financial Group, *New York Life* has sent the CLS Building in Faith project a matching gift of \$3,000. Thank you to the fine folks at New York Life.



The Building in Faith project recently received a check in the amount of \$25,500 from Alliant Energy. The matching funds were generated by four gifts from Alliant employees. Thank you to the fine folks at Alliant.



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*
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Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has given CLS a check in the amount of \$810. This check represents the phase-out challenge grant that we were able to meet through the profits made at the Feed Your Faith Concert Event. Thrivent members please watch your mail to learn

Good Luck at the State National Geographic Bee Andrew T!

I know, sounds like an oxymoron.

BENTON COMMUNITY SOFTBALL CLINIC



- When:** Saturday, May 1st, 2010
6th grade-8th grade: 9:00-11:30
3rd grade-5th grade: 1:30-4:00
- Where:** Benton Community High School Softball Field
(if it rains, it will be moved to the gym)
- Clinic Fee:** \$20, please make checks payable to Benton Softball - all proceeds benefit the Benton softball program
- What to bring:**
*Wear warm, comfortable clothes
*Cleats or tennis shoes
*Glove
*Bat (if you have one)
*Helmet (if you have one)
- Areas of Instruction:**
*Hitting/Bunting (vs. a pitcher, tee, pitching machine)
*Infield (grounders, pop flies, bunt coverage)
*Outfield Play (grounders, pop flies)
*Base Running
*Pitching/Catching (after the clinic)
- Questions:** Call Coach Smutz at (319)228-8701 or (319)929-6133.

****Coaches and parents are encouraged to come watch new drills your child may learn.****



Release Form

Participant's Name _____ Current Grade: _____

T-Shirt Size (check one) Youth: ___ S ___ M ___ L
 Adult: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL

Telephone where parent/guardian can be reached **during** the camp: _____

In consideration of the acceptance of this application for registration, I, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights claims for damages I may have against Benton Community High School or its representative and/or assignees, for any and all damages which may be sustained and suffered by me or my child in connection with my association with or entry in this camp, and which may arise out of my traveling to, participating in, or returning from this camp. I understand that in softball, like any athletic activity, there is a possibility of injury.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send the release form and money to: Gelene Smutz, Benton Community High School, PO Box 70, Van Horne, IA 52346 by Monday April 19th to be guaranteed a shirt.

ATHLETIC'S FRIDAY NOTE – APRIL 9ST

I-C-E is needed again for BYSA season beginning this Saturday, April 10th. Because our freezers are all currently filled to capacity, please bring your homemade ice to the school on Friday to put into coolers, or directly to the soccer fields in Atkins on Saturday morning. Thank you very much!

SIGN UP to help with our BYSA concessions this spring! All proceeds benefit every child at Central, so please support this fundraiser with a couple hours of your time!

TRACK PRACTICE for grades 3-8 will begin on Tuesday, April 13th. Do you have a current physical form on file at school? You need one to participate! Practices will be on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:45 – 5:15.

BASEBALL PRACTICES will be held on Mondays and Thursdays beginning next week. **PICTURES** will be taken on Thursday, the 15th, right after school and before the home game vs. Waterloo. Remember to bring your picture envelope and money!

CLS Athletic apparel sales are going on now. Please turn in your order forms and money by this Friday, April 9th!

Schedule for Friday, April 9th – Saturday, April 17th

Monday, April 12	Baseball practice	3:45-5:45
Tuesday, April 13	Track practice	3:45-5:15
Thursday, April 15 th	Home vs. Waterloo	5:30*** (note the time!)
	**Pictures right after school	
Friday, April 16 th	Track practice	
Saturday, April 17 th	2 nd and 8 th grade help with BYSA concessions at Atkins	