



April 2024

# NEWSLETTER

Providence Christian Academy

## APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

April was a bustling month at PCA as we embarked on three days of standardized testing from kindergarten through grade 4, utilizing the Stanford 10 assessment. Thanks to the unwavering support of our volunteers, our students started each testing day with hot breakfasts, ensuring they were fueled and focused for their assessments.

Following mornings filled with diligent testing, our children enjoyed afternoons brimming with relaxation and rejuvenation, thanks to the creative and engaging activities organized by our dedicated volunteers. From crafts to outdoor adventures, our volunteers orchestrated moments of joy and respite, ensuring our students were both academically and emotionally prepared for each day. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers for their boundless commitment and love, which truly make our school community flourish.

April also marked the occasion for our third-term parent-teacher conferences and Volunteer Appreciation Week. During this special week, we took the opportunity to honor the invaluable contributions of our volunteers, the unsung heroes behind the scenes of our school's success. With heartfelt cards, sweet treats, and gestures of appreciation from both students and administration, we celebrated the selflessness and dedication of these remarkable individuals. Our volunteers embody the spirit of service and unity that defines our school, and we are immensely grateful for their indispensable role in shaping the vibrant tapestry of our community. God is good!

- Mrs. Temby, Principal

**KINDERGARTEN 4 ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!**

*Introducing Our New K4 Class for Four-Year-Olds!  
Spaces are limited, and demand is soaring -  
Secure your child's spot in our dynamic K4 program today!*

- ✓ **Dive into Learning:** Our Abeka Christian curriculum lays the groundwork for a lifetime of academic success.
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Annual Tuition: \$4,500 - Includes all book fees!  
**Enroll by June 1**  
for a 5% discount on Kindergarten 4 tuition!

## NEW KINDERGARTEN 4

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new Kindergarten 4 program starting in the fall of 2024, designed specifically for families seeking a flexible option for early childhood Christian education!

PCA is committed to providing an enriching and fun learning experience for your child.

We can't wait to welcome your family to our Kindergarten 4 program! Enroll Now! Limited spots available. Secure your child's spot today!

# KINDERGARTEN 5

Our kindergarten students are continuously sharpening their reading skills by reading stories featuring one- and two-vowel words, along with newly introduced sight words like 'says,' 'was,' 'are,' and 'they.' They're also exploring words ending in two consonants, simple compound words like 'bedtime,' and elementary consonant blends such as 'st' in 'stop' and 'spl' in 'splash.' This journey involves not just reading, but also observing punctuation, practicing expressive reading, responding to oral comprehension questions, and defining vocabulary words.



In Math, kindergarteners have delved into subtraction, incorporating catchy songs to aid students in grasping the meanings behind the plus and minus signs. Students are mastering the addition of coins, beginning with nickels and pennies. They are progressing to word problems to lay the foundation for solving narrative-based mathematical challenges.



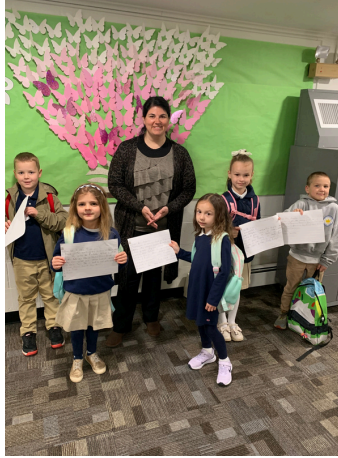
In Science, we're learning about how plants grow, what they need to thrive, and exploring their detailed structure. Our class has enjoyed exploring and tasting fruits and vegetables, extracting their seeds with excitement. Next, we'll embark on the journey of planting these seeds and observing their growth with anticipation.

-Mrs. Angela

## FIRST GRADE

April flew by in first grade. The students have learned in their "My America" and "My World" books that our country was founded on biblical principles. From the very start, the Pilgrims brought the Bible to the New World as they settled here in Massachusetts. They shared those teachings with the Native Americans who were already here. As they continue to read in their history/geography book, students are finding out about the other nations of the world and other people who need to hear the Gospel message.

Starting with Mrs. Angela and her mission called Tree of Hope Haiti, students have begun to write "friendly" letters to missionaries of other countries to encourage them in their work of bringing Jesus to everyone.



Another highlight of their week is going to the Library for Lexia to practice their reading skills. Each time they are pushing themselves to reach the next goal.

-Mrs. Pauli

## SECOND GRADE

April was a busy month for second grade. The students got their first taste of standardized testing and did an amazing job focusing and doing their very best. Second grade also spent a lot of time learning about how to be kind to one another and how the words they use can either build up or hurt others. They made silhouettes of themselves, and then they each took time to write one thing they liked or appreciated about each other on them. It was a special moment for each of them to read what their friends wrote.



The second grade also spent some time learning about how children like them lived in the past and enjoyed making corn husk dolls like the Pilgrim children may have played with. April also marked the beginning of a new unit, Health, Safety, and Manners. The students have been learning about eating healthy foods and made some fish out of fruit to enjoy as an afternoon snack.



Second grade also came up with their own game of balancing beanbags on their heads to practice good posture. They challenged themselves by walking up and down the stairs and around the school to see if they could keep the beanbag on their head and maintain their posture. They were successful!

In Bible, they have been memorizing Hebrews 11:1-6 and learning about Enoch, Moses, Abel, Jonah, and so many others. They have asked hard questions and are truly inquisitive about what the Bible says and means.

-Mrs. Kristan

# MUSIC CLASS



Mondays at PCA are filled with singing as each class attends their weekly music class. This April, each class has been preparing various musical and performative items for the end of the year concert that will showcase some of the skills they have honed this year. As the students stretch their musical muscles, they are also learning to internalize the truths of their Creator and King.

Second Grade is memorizing Psalm 91:1-2 in song: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in who I trust."

As we near the end of the school year and everyone prepared to disperse for the summer, we pray that these students will hold these truths close and do exactly that- run to the Almighty God for shelter and rest, and trust His great strength and love for them.

-Mrs. Emberley



# THIRD GRADE

April was a busy month for our 3rd graders. We enjoyed working on our habitat project in Science class. It felt wonderful to share it with other grades too. In History, we finished a whole unit on the Civil War period and started the last unit in the book, "Modernization of America," which brought a lot of interest and excitement. Students continue to work hard on Lexia to achieve the goal level.

-Mrs. Lashtur



# FOURTH GRADE

The fourth grade has begun their study of health. We have already covered the nervous and circulatory systems and have traced our bodies to draw the different systems on them! We also observed God's handiwork when we viewed the partial eclipse. The children were really in awe as we watched the total eclipse live feed on NASA.

We've made excellent progress in arithmetic and have moved into multiplying fractions. In language, we've learned to diagram almost every part of speech with the exception of adverbial and adjectival phrases. I am so pleased with their reading progress.

They have made excellent use of our new computer lab, and with certain learning programs, we've driven our Math Minute high score to 113 problems in a minute! God has really blessed our class.

In His Service,

-Mrs. Krueger



## Upcoming Events

**Enroll Now**

- Small Classes and Quality Teaching
- Moral Teaching & Role Modeling
- National Recognized Curricula with Biblical Integration
- Promote Family-like Atmosphere
- Everyday Specials (Music, Chapel, Art, PE, Library Day)
- We Engage Students in Choir and Musical Instruments
- After School Sports Program: Wrestling (Boys), Soccer (Girls)



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# WAYS TO PRAY



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH, WISDOM, AND GUIDANCE

Proverbs 16:3

Pray for the spiritual growth and guidance of our school community, seeking God's wisdom to infuse every facet of our learning environment, leading us in His will, opening hearts to His word, and guiding us by the Holy Spirit in all truth.



## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Colossians 3:23

Lift up prayers for academic excellence, seeking God's favor and blessing on students' and educators' minds, praying for clarity, diligence, and a hunger for knowledge reflecting His design, envisioning our school as a place where minds are challenged, nurtured, and inspired to reach their highest potential.

## FINISH STRONG

2 Timothy 4:7

Ask that students and faculty find strength and perseverance to finish this year strong, keeping faith and persevering in excellence.



## FINANCIAL PROVISION AND STEWARDSHIP

Philippians 4:19

Offer prayers for the financial provision and stewardship of our school, trusting in God's faithfulness to meet every need. Pray for generous hearts among our supporters, that they may be moved to contribute their resources in support of our mission and vision. Ask for wisdom and discernment for those responsible for managing finances, that they may do so with integrity and prudence. May our school's financial needs be abundantly met, enabling us to fulfill our calling with excellence and faithfulness.

