CHS KNIGHTLY NEWS

November– December 2011

BEING A BLESSING

At Covenant Harvest School we value the importance of servanthood and look for opportunities to put it into practice in our community. Throughout the year we get involved in many different service projects that benefit others. One way that we get to be a blessing is through the Salvation Army. They distribute bags of food to families in need on a monthly basis. For a couple of years now, on the third Monday of every month, the high school and alternating junior high classes go and serve there. We bring up pallets of food from the back storage area and distribute them into the paper grocery bags that will be handed out. Once we get started, we are like a well oiled machine. We start an assembly line, with some students bringing items up form the back, while others stuff the bags and others line them up on the tables. We usually have the opportunity to fill 250 bags. It is a great way to serve our community, to be a part of something bigger, to practice teamwork and to put into practice what we believe. It's a fair amount of work, but the students do a job with excellence, have a good time, and are a blessing.

PUMPKIN PATCH ADVENTURE

The preschool, kindergarten and first grade classes all went on an adventure to a pumpkin patch in McCune, Kans. Thankfully, the kids didn't realize that the wild part of the adventure started with the grownups getting hopelessly lost driving in the middle of nowhere. Miss Patti and Mrs. Brooks used their super-teacher powers (AKA cell phone) to get everyone un-lost and to the farm! After that little delay, the fun part of the adventure began in the barn where they learned about the growth stages of pumpkins, then the kids met all the farm animals--including a gobbling turkey with a blue face! After wearing themselves out in the play area milking a wooden cow, riding a tire horse, and taking a trek through a corn maze, the kids all got to pick their own mini-pumpkins. Thankfully, the trip back to school didn't include any extra adventures!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov 23-25

Thanksgiving Break

- December 9th

Volleyball @ Ft Scott

- December 2-4th

A Very Dickens Christmas

- December 16th

Dismiss at 11:00

- December 16-Jan 3rd

Christmas Break

8th Grade visits FSCC

In October the 8th grade class went to the Fort Scott Community Trade Center in Pittsburg to attend a construction workshop designed for eighth graders. This workshop is intended to give them an idea of the careers available in the field of construction. The young men did a variety of different hands-on activities which included laying several layers of brick, and using tools such as a router, a sander, and a nail gun to build a bookshelf, which they later got to take home. A highlight of the trip was when they got to operate an excavator to play golf. They had a wonderful time, learned about new career opportunities and appreciated the chance to play with power tools!

SUESSICAL the MUSICAL

On Friday, November 11th, the Kindergarten thru 6th grades took a much anticipated field trip to Kansas City to see Seussical the Musical. The kids were so excited as we left the building all wearing our red shirts. We enjoyed our sack lunches in Crown Center right outside of the entrance to the theater. The show was sold out. The musical was an hour and a half in length and the actors did a great job bringing Dr. Seuss' characters to life through many catchy songs. Our little kids got to sit right in front of the stage and even got to be a part of the action. The focus was on the Cat in the Hat and Horton Hears a Who. Everyone had a wonderful time.

THANKSGIVING RECIPE

- Send a thank you note to someone who has made a difference in your life.
- Tell someone you love and appreciate them– be specific
- Volunteer at a community Thanksgiving Dinner
- Invite someone who will spend the holiday alone to join your celebration.
- Give extra food or money to those in need or to organizations that help those in need– Many have far less than you.
- Be generous with your time.
- Be thankful for the little things, looking back you may discover they were really the "big" things.