



“Home of the Mustangs”

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Upcoming Events

Reminder: Picture Money Due and Picture Retakes

Pictures or picture money need to be returned to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. If you need to redo your child’s pictures or your child missed picture day, Lifetouch will be back on Monday, Nov. 16. Please let your teacher know if you would like your child’s picture retaken.

Thanksgiving Feast

We will be having our Thanksgiving Feast on **Friday, Nov. 20, at 11:30 AM** in the **Family Life Center**. We will not be ordering pizza that day. There will be a sign-up sheet soon for items to bring for our Effort Christian School Thanksgiving lunch.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be **Sunday, Nov. 29 - Thursday, Dec. 10**. Volunteers are needed to help run the Book Fair. If you would like to help, please let Joyce Parr know.

School Board Meeting

The next scheduled School Board meeting will be on **Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6:00 PM**. If you would like to attend, please call the church office at 589-8962 or email schoolboard@effortchurch.org

PTO /Booster Club/Volunteer Program

We will be having our first PTO/Booster Club/Volunteer Program meeting on Thursday, January 7 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. At that time, we’ll discuss what we want to call ourselves, how we will organize our group, and discuss some possible goals and fundraising ideas.

New Staff



We would like to welcome Connie Alexander who joins us as our new librarian for both the school and the preschool. Mrs. Alexander, with a B.A. in English from Longwood College, and a M.A.Ed. in Reading, Language, and Literacy from the College of William and Mary, taught seven years in public schools. During that time, she also worked as a Reading Specialist.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Spanish - Mrs. Smith, our third and fourth grade teacher, will be teaching Spanish to our students! Mrs. Smith has a B.A. in Spanish and a M.S. in Education/Educational Administration. She has taught Spanish 9 years in Virginia public schools.

Spanish and Sign Language will be taught on alternating weeks on Fridays.

Penny Power - Keep those pennies coming in!! We will be using the pennies we collect to bless a family in need during the holiday season.

Canned/Non-Perishable Food Drive - We will be collecting canned and non-perishable food items for the food pantry. Boxes will be around in different areas. Any donations are appreciated.



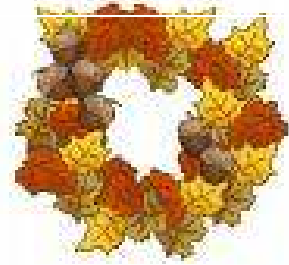
Yearbooks!! - Our teachers are taking lots of pictures, and our third and fourth grade students will be working from time to time on organizing and creating our first yearbook!



Box Tops - We are looking for a parent or two who would be interested in managing the Box Tops for Education program for Effort Christian School. If you are interested, please see Amy Marshall.

Revised Parent/Student Handbook - We have revised the Effort Christian School Parent/Student Handbook. Each family should have received a copy. If you have any questions, need clarification, or find any grammatical errors, please contact Joyce Parr, Director.

Condolences - Please keep Mrs. Marshall and her family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Mrs. Marshall's grandmother.



Harris Teeter's Together In Education program - Effort Christian School and Preschool is now enrolled in Harris Teeter's Together In Education program. VIC members can link their cards to our school. Our school number is 8072.

When you purchase Harris Teeter Brand products, Harris Teeter Brand, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Naturals, Harris Teeter Farmers Market, Hunter Farms, Top Care, More Value, Highland Crest, Your Pet, Harris Teeter Your Baby and Harris Teeter Your Tot, a percentage of those purchase dollars goes back to our school. However, random weighted or bulk items in produce, meat (except poultry), seafood, deli-bakery, or prepared foods within these brands are not included in the program.

Go to HarrisTeeter.com, click on Together In Education, and follow the directions to link to our school 8072.

Pizza Orders - There are two weeks in this month we'll be ordering pizza, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13. (Nov. 20 is our Thanksgiving Feast and there is no school on Nov. 27.) You may create a standing order, and pay for both at the same time. You can make checks to Papa Johns.

Going Green - Our custodial staff is now starting to use cleaning products, which have no harmful chemicals, and are better for our kids and the environment. As the staff finishes with the current cleaners, they will be replaced by environmentally-safe products.

Christmas Program - Our Effort Christian School and Preschool Christmas Program will be on Friday, December 18 at 11:00 AM in the Family Life Center. It will be a combined program with the preschool. Students are free to leave with their parents/guardians after the program.

Thanksgiving Break

We will have an early dismissal on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 1:00 PM.
There will be no school on Nov. 25, 26, and 27. Enjoy time with your family!

EFFORT CHURCH NEWS

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading- If you missed the last three registration dates for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading, there will be one last registration time **on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 6:30-7:30 PM**. This will be in the Family Life Center. Basketball practice begins Sat., Dec. 5, 2009.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever - Effort Baptist Church will be performing The Best Christmas Pageant Ever on **Saturday, December 12 at 5:00 PM** and on **Sunday, December 13 at 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM** in the Family Life Center. All are invited!

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social - You and your family are invited to join Effort Baptist Church on **Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 PM** for a Thanksgiving Eve service and pie social. This will be in the Sanctuary.

Christmas Eve Service - You and your family are invited to join Effort Baptist Church on **Thursday, December 24 at 5:30 PM or 7:00 PM** for a Christmas Eve service.

Thank you Donnie Stanley for creating the new Effort Christian School newsletter format!

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