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Middle School Special Adventure



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ACS News

On November 2, 2017 a group of middle schoolers gathered in the library for our special adventure. A special adventure is for everyone that has gotten six or less strikes. The strike system is used to encourage WARRIOR behavior and to always complete our school work. If you get less than seven strikes, you will be awarded with a special adventure. Each time, it is different. One time we went to the Fun Zone,

Cidici's, and sometimes we play games. This time, we watched the movie,



Nolan & Drew play a game

The Incredibles, played games, and, best of all, we got to skip school in the morning! Besides the

encouragement, it also gives the people who are missing work time to get finished before the end of the quarter. The middle schoolers are excited to find out what special adventure we are going to go on next!



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*"If it needs to be done,
I'm the one"*

Teacher Spotlight



Ruth Wilke

CeCe Hill
ACS News

This new 2nd grade teacher, Ms. Ruth Wilke, has joined us at ACS. She is the oldest of eight children, four brothers and three sisters. They used to imagine that Ms. Wilke was the teacher, and the others were students, which started her love of teaching. She went to preschool in South Korea, she was then home-schooled, and after that, she participated in extracurricular activities at Christian schools. Ms. Wilke graduated from George Fox University. Her most embarrassing memory was getting stage fright at a piano performance,

but her teacher told her to keep going, and she did. She taught piano while going to school, and after that, she "spent a couple amazing summers in central Africa teaching kids about Jesus. I definitely learned more than I taught," she said, "and was humbled to see how joyful and thankful they were with so little!" She also spent a year teaching English at a small primary school in South Korea, and did some English tutoring in China as well. She said that if she wasn't a teacher, she would be a medical missionary, but ACS is so glad that she is a teacher. She loves how ACS feels like a big family, and her favorite part about being here is getting to know the kids and watching them grow. Her most memorable moment is when she went on a field trip and had a picnic. Mrs. Wilke loves traveling over Oregon and playing piano. She has a third grader and kin-

dergartener here at ACS, and they are so thankful that God brought them here.



Devotional

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"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Philippians 2:5-8

This means that all of us should have a mind like Jesus Christ. This means that we should always think before we act, and see if it is something that Jesus would do. He (Jesus) was, and still is, as powerful as God, but considered himself just as equal as other people in the world. Even though He didn't have to die on the cross, He was obedient and took all of the blame, shame, and sin from all humans. He died for us willingly on the cross.



Champoeg Park Field Trip

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On October 18, the second and third graders went to Champoeg Park for a field trip. They got to learn a unique language called "Chinook Wawa."

They were able to learn about the pioneers and how they got to Oregon. They also got to participate in exciting activities like carving corn, visiting a barn, and learning how to make toys. Here are some parting quotes from some second graders. *"It was very fun!" "We got to make toys like video games in the past!" "We got to play on Jacob's Ladder!" "We got to take beans home!"*



Noah Baxter, writer
CeCe Hill, illustrator
ACS News

Worship **A**ttitude **R**espect **R**esponsibility **I**ntegrity **O**bedience **R**elational **S**ervant-leader

Student



Spotlight



Jaron Barbee

Boah Kim
ACS News

Student's name: Jaron

What is your favorite...

Subject: History

Elective: Robotics

Hobby: Basketball

Bible Verse: Psalms 3:20-24

Funny Memory: When my skateboard fell down a sewer and my friend helped me get it out

Book: The Enemy by Charlie Higson

Part of School: Lunch

History...

How long have you been attending ACS: 3 months and 9 days

What are your future plans...

High School: South Albany High School

Career: Mechanical Engineer

Other...

What will you miss most about ACS: The skeleton cat in Mr. Reeves' room

What is your most memorable memory: Chase hitting his head on the door



Christmas Compassion 2017

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Each year ACS participates with Willamette Community Church in Christmas Compassion. From November 15 through December 4 students brought in food to share. The church boxes up the food along with some household items, turkey, frozen vegetables, lasagna, and blankets and delivers them before Christmas to many people in our community who are in need. ACS students brought in 2,125 food items this year! We hope to help people have a Merry Christmas!



Fifth grade students Evan, Ellie, and Tempe pose together with some of the food items.



Student



Spotlight



Madalyn Gerig

Hannah Ellich
ACS News

Hello, my name is Madalyn. I am in eighth-grade, and I work on the newspaper staff. My favorite subject is science, but my favorite electives are Band and Spanish. I love to bake in my spare time. My favorite book to read is the Bible. My favorite Bible verse is 1 Peter 2:24, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that he might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed!". My favorite parts of school are lunch and recess. A funny memory is when Sarah tripped on the stairs and threw her binder. I have been attending ACS since 6th grade. I am planning to go to Philomath High School and plan to be in the medical field for a career. I will miss my teachers and friends when I leave ACS.

