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"With God all things are possible." Mark 10:27

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LEONI MEADOWS

Another one-week field trip to Leoni Meadows allowed the students to participate in classes to learn just how marvelously and wonderfully God has designed our bodies. The young children made life-size representations of themselves, learning the names of the various organs of the body, and placing them in their appropriate places. The young children learned about our senses, especially those of taste and smell.

The older students learned about the systems of the body—the circulatory, the digestive, the immune, the skeletal,

etc.—and how they relate to one another. A very nice program concluded the week, marred only by a mishap by “Grandma Evelyn.” Evelyn Holmstroem (grandmother of David and Megan Petrovich) had almost recovered from a bout with pneumonia and wished to see the program presented by the students at Leoni Meadows. Her daughter Margie Seely (former teacher here at Small Cloud) had flown from Georgia to care for her mother, so Margie drove her mom to Leoni Meadows. As Mrs. Holmstroem began walking into the building, her walker got away from her and she fell. Although she was in some pain, Mrs.

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OUR COOKING DAY

Guess what we did today? After we finished our math, we had a cooking day!

Mrs. Schendel had been having a difficult time making it to school as early as she had before. In treating her cancer, she has a lot to do at home. It was therefore decided that food would need to be prepared a bit ahead of time.

So, first things first! *What does one do before entering the kitchen?*

Megan Petrovich: Wash your hands.

Elizabeth Keifer: Put your hair up (if necessary).

Seth Keifer: Put on aprons.

Stephen Nelson: Pull out all ingredients.

David Petrovich: Read the recipe.

Of course, there are “no-nos” in the Small Cloud kitchen, too.

Megan: Don’t play with your hair.

Stephen: Keep the food off the floor.

David: Don’t touch your face.

Elizabeth: Don’t pick your nose.

Seth: Don’t play with knives. **(Be safe—not sorry!)**

So what did each student do?

Stephen: I mashed the tofu to make a sandwich spread.

Elizabeth: I ground up walnuts to put into a Sunflower Seed-Walnut Roast.

David: I mixed seasonings with water and oats to make “Unsausage.”

Seth: I opened the cans of garbanzos to make a Garbanzo-Rice Casserole.

How did the students like their cooking day?

Elizabeth: It was interesting working with Megan and having six people in the kitchen at the same time.

Stephen: It was really awesome because I got to work by myself and then got to eat the food afterwards.

David: Exciting!

Seth: Amazing! It takes strength to open a lot of cans.

Megan: Cool! I like doubling recipes to make more food.

What are the students’ favorite recipes that they have made at Small Cloud?

Megan: Fruit Soup

Stephen: Gourmet Wraps

Seth: Mother Sauce

David: Banana Splits

Why is learning how to cook important?

Megan: You know what is in your food.

Stephen: The food you make yourself should be better for you.

David: It can prepare you for becoming a chef.

Elizabeth: You can make your future husband happy.



ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES

SendOutCards

Have you ever heard of “SendOut Cards”? It is an online company that specializes in creating and sending out personalized cards like the one below. Mrs. Nelson is an independent distributor for this company, and she and the students put this card together for Mrs. Holmstroem, who had been helping out at the school until her recent illness. For more information on how to send out your own personalized cards, you may go to www.sendoutcards.com/114322. You can even try sending a card for free!



Our eighteenth anniversary was celebrated on January 25th. Eighteen years! Where has the time gone? Small Cloud has played a part in the education of more than 100 students over this “brief” period of time. At this annual anniversary celebration, friends and family had the privilege of seeing pictures of each student who has ever attended Small Cloud. Where are these students today? What courses have their lives taken? It is our hope and prayer that the “seeds” sown here at Small Cloud have had positive influences in their lives and that these seeds will germinate, take root, and bear fruit to the honor and glory of the Creator.



Left to right: Megan, Elizabeth, Stephen, David and Seth

Service was the theme of the program the students presented. As Mrs. Nelson accompanied them on the piano, the students sang *Living for Jesus*, and Elizabeth played one verse on her recorder.

Following are some excerpts from the other songs they sang. “I want to be a servant; that’s why I’m so observant. Sharing and really caring and serving others every day. Jesus left heaven glorious, living a live victorious, loving the lost and hurting—serving others every day. Just let me serve you and I’ll be happy. Just let me serve you and I’ll be true. I won’t be lazy; I’ll work like crazy; I’ll do the best job that I can do. Just let

me serve you; it’s such a pleasure. Just let me serve; it’s not a chore. My heart is in it, so let’s begin it. Just let me serve and please the Lord” (*Just Let Me Serve You*).

“Jesus is my Captain; Christ I will obey. Tho’ I do not know the way that I should go, He will lead me all the way. Lift your eyes to Jesus; lean upon His Word. He will never fail; His promise shall prevail. Trust your everlasting Lord. Wha-wha-wha-wha-wha-wha-wha-whatever, whenever, wherever, forever I’m ready to serve my God. To serve Him in a foreign land or in my own back yard. I’ll give my best to Jesus if it’s easy or it’s harder than I thought it would be” (*Whatever*).

As the program came to an end and the students filed out, they sang: “Get ready to roll; we’re ready to go. There’s no time to lose; don’t



Foreground: Stephen preparing fruit shish kebabs for refreshments

be movin’ slow. Time is passing by. We must do or die. Night is a comin’, and the winds do blow. The time’s running out; let’s go with a shout. The cause of the Lord we will carry out. Hurry up and start. Give it all your heart. Serving the Lord is what it’s all about. Fire up the engine. Rev up the motor. Go for the touch-

down. Go hit a homer. The clock is running. The Lord is coming. So get in motion. Show your devotion. Fire up!” (*Fire up*). ■

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS ITEMS

Leoni Meadows (con’t from page 1)

Holmstroem stayed for almost the entire program, after which she was transported to the hospital, where it was determined that she had fractured her left femur.

Although she was already scheduled for a hip replacement, the fracture was such that a pin had to be inserted and the fracture allowed to heal. This caused that hip replacement surgery to be delayed until the hip healed.

Mrs. Holmstroem is doing much better now, but she will need two hip replacements. Please keep her in your prayers. ■

Bus driving classes again? Yes, Mrs. Nelson had to complete her yearly ten hours of instruction before her birthday on January 15th in order to keep her bus driving license. This involved taking some evening classes, as well as getting someone to substitute for her a couple of times. Whew! One more hurdle crossed!

The students outdid themselves this year in making preparations for Mrs. Nelson’s birthday. From a sign on the front door (see picture), to balloons, streamers, a special card, and a special dessert, the students went all out in making this a special day for their one and only teacher.

The students also enjoyed watching Painted Lady caterpillars go into their chrysalis stage, and then hatch into butterflies, which the students then released.



After successfully raising silkworms last year, we chose mealworms as our project this year. Beginning as eggs, hatching into worms, resting in the pupa stage, and finally developing into beetles—this is the life cycle of the mealworm.

You may have noticed that the newsletters are coming more and more slowly. We apologize for their tardiness but ask for your prayers as Mrs. Schendel is again battling the cancer that has plagued her for the last 10-1/2 years. This time, it seems, it has metastasized to the other side of her body, and the doctor has labeled it as stage 4. The cleansing/juicing program has been exchanged for a stronger form of treatment, with possible chemotherapy looming on the horizon. May God give her wisdom and guidance as she seeks to do His will in her treatment. ■

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