

December 2016



Warner

World

Another Successful Operation Christmas Child

White Chapel and Warner students packed over 300 Christmas boxes to be distributed around the world to boys and girls who have never received a Christmas present. This is an annual event when our students look forward to sharing God's love and a variety of gifts with less fortunate children. Millions of children receive something more important than the gifts inside. They have an opportunity to enroll in a discipleship program, where they learn more about the real meaning of Christmas and a chance to accept Jesus as Savior. As our students packed the boxes, they prayed for the children who receive them and included pictures of themselves and letters. A very special Thank You to **Misty Lewis, Tiffany McFarran, Jackie Andrasco, Pam Stonaker, Stacey Parsons, Judy Howell and Leah Neisius**, who delivered the boxes to the Christian Radio station.



A Word from the Superintendent



This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger.

- Luke 2:12

Can you believe Christmas is right around the corner? As we all know, it is at this time of year that we focus on the birth of our Savior Jesus, born in a stable over 2,000

years ago. As we consider the nativity scene, it is easy to wonder why Jesus was born in a manger and in a lowly stable... why the Almighty and Wonderful Counselor slept with animals instead of royalty.

I am sure this is what most people at the time of Christ's birth asked. Here they were expecting a powerful king, one who would rule over all kings as an earthly king does. One who would be triumphant and overthrow their current government with brute force, and lead them away from their oppressors in a joyous march.

Instead, they received a man who appeared to be normal (Isaiah 53:2), a man who was born to a carpenter's family, a man who was born in a manger. Today we seem to have a grasp of what power is, minimally at least how we define it. For many, power comes from wealth from influence... it comes from those who have bigger armies or a better education. Power comes from royalty or by position, and it is weighed by who you know.

At one particular point during Jesus' ministry, He was questioned by the religious leaders of the day, attempting to trap Him in responding. At that point Jesus responded by stating something that applies to all of us. He told the Sadducees that they did not understand the power of God (Matthew 22:23-30)... the power to take nothing and turn it into something beautiful. The power to take a man, who was born to a carpenter, a man, who was born in a lowly manger, and use Him to bring freedom to all of God's people.

Here lies the true difference between God's understanding and ours. They were expecting a king, an earthly man to overthrow a kingdom. Instead, they received a servant, one who overthrew the power of death and the power of sin. Instead of being freed temporarily by earthly power, we were all freed permanently by God's power.

This Christmas season, let us remember the true power of Christmas. Not the power that comes from material things, but the power that comes from God, the power to be a humble servant, the power to love someone enough to give everything for them, the power to tend to the sick and to care for those we do not know, and the power to remember that Christmas is about something more, and something greater, than ourselves. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Christ's Love,
Mark W. Tress, School Superintendent



Mr. Wendell Raulerson, with the help of **Chase Armstrong** and **Ralina Campbell**, promote Operation Christmas Child box preparation to the high school students during a recent chapel service.

SENIORS PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

The College and Careers class, required for all seniors, has been created to help seniors navigate the road to college application and acceptance. During our class time, one of the areas of study is how to research colleges students are interested in attending. We practice this by investigating assigned colleges to discover tuition costs, room and board costs, requirements for admission, activities available to enhance the college experience as well as sports supported by the college. After submitting their assigned papers, the seniors were required to create a college pennants representing the colleges they researched. These are presently on display **Mrs. Mary Pedersens** classroom. The result has been the knowledge of how to find the information seniors need to know about the colleges they would like to attend.

*We love hearing from
our alumni!*

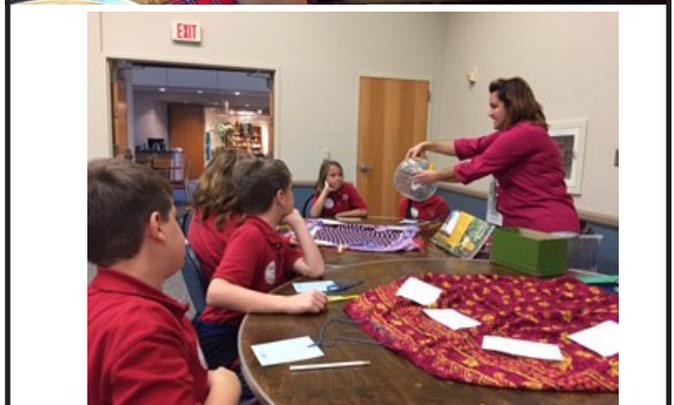
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and let us know how you are doing.

1st Grade Show and Tell

The first grade classes had a wonderful opportunity to see the Volusia County Bomb Squad truck, suit and robot. **Mr. Austin Hairston**, Connor's dad, arranged for the truck to come to our school. He dressed up in the Kevlar bomb suit so the children could see what it was like. It was such a fascinating experience and the children had many wonderful questions to ask: What is the cost of the robot? It is a little more than \$68.00 (actual cost \$125,000.00). Thank you, **Sgt. Hairston**, **Lt. Marino** and **Officer Carelli** for bringing the truck to our school.



Our International students helped serve dinner to the guests at the WCA Live and Silent Auction held at the DME Sports Facility. From left to right: **Miguel, Amgad, Sebastian, Shem, Vadim, and David.**



5th grade learns about getting the Bible into every native language in the world at Wycliffe Bible Institute in Orlando.



Mrs. Karen Howard and Mrs. Cristina Dwarika's kindergarten classes dressed-up for Community Helper Day. As part of their social studies unit, the children discussed what they wanted to be when they grew



This year's freshman class put together a time capsule to be opened in their senior year.



"Male mob" during ACSI convention on our WCA campus between sessions.

Alumni News...

Susan (Clem) Sheehan (Class of '06) and her husband welcomed the birth of their healthy baby girl, Kaitlyn in August. Susan works in Warner's preschool department as a K-4 teacher and has been serving there for ten years.



Mrs. Herman and Mrs. Corbin's 6th grade classes vote in class for the 2016 election.

Project Based Learning

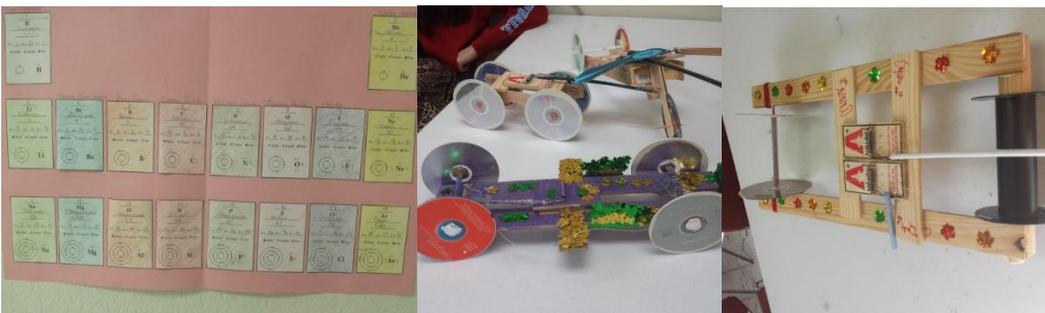
In Mrs.Rebecca Johnston's Class

Project Based Learning's time has come. The experience of thousands of teachers across all grade levels and subject areas, backed by research, confirms, according to the *Buck Institute for Education*, that PBL is:

- an effective and enjoyable way to learn
- develops deeper learning competencies required for success in college, career, and civic life
- helps address standards
- provides opportunities for students to use technology
- makes teaching more enjoyable and rewarding
- connects students and schools with communities and the real world
- helps critical thinking/problem solving skills,
- promotes collaboration
- encourages communication in a variety of media
- helps in the development of speaking and presentation skills

Mrs. Johnston's classes are immersed in project based learning. Middle school students come alive when they participate in learning new concepts and skills with PBL. In high school it takes notes and concepts taught to the next level, understanding and applying important concepts.

- **Anatomy** class is currently working on the muscular system and creating a muscle man, looking up creating and positioning 43 muscles on life-size cutouts of themselves.
- **8th Grade Bible** is currently working on ornaments to sell for donations to help the needs of the Haitian people.
- **9th Grade Physical Science** will be creating a periodic table to understand periodic trends, reactivity and bonding of atoms. After Christmas break they will be learning and applying Newton's Laws of Motion through the development of Mousetrap cars and presenting their results.
- **Chemistry** created a periodic table to understand periodic trends, reactivity and bonding of atoms. Other PBS project is still in the process of being created. Check back later in the year)





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MOVING? Please let us know.

December Calendar of Events

- 1 Th Winter Sports Pictures
White Chapel Festival of Trees - 7:00PM
- 2 F White Chapel Festival of Trees - 7:00PM
- 3-9 S-F Band Flies to Hawaii for 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor
- 3 S White Chapel Festival of Trees - 7:00PM
- 6-8 T-Th Kids Korner
- 6 T Fall Picture Retakes
HS 101 - 6:00-7:30PM/Berquist Chapel
- 7 W MS Chapel - 9:08AM Sanctuary
- 8 Th HS Chapel -9:08AM/Sanctuary
Garden Club - 2:50-4:30PM
- 9 F Elementary Chapel - 8:30AM/Sanctuary
Preschool Chapel -9:30AM/Sanctuary
- 12-16 M-F Noel Notes on Sale
- 14 W Praise Band Concert-8:00AM/Ormond Beach Elementary
MS Chapel - 9:08AM Sanctuary
- 15 Th HS Chapel -9:08AM/Sanctuary
Christmas Concert-7:00PM/Sanctuary
- 16 F Elementary Chapel - 8:30AM/Sanctuary
- 19-30 M-F Christmas Break
- 1/3 T School Resumes



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