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MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
30	31 8:00 – Winners of last year’s penny drive throw pies at Mr. Ritz!!!	1 Begin Cookie Dough Sales through the 17th	2	3 5:00 – UCA @ Mt. Olive (Athens) – volleyball game 7:00 – UCA @ Mt. Olive (Athens) – football game	4
6 LABOR DAY	7 6:00 – PTO Meeting (Crestview Baptist Church)	8	9	10	11 9:00 – 3:00 – SCHOOL WORKDAY 2:00 – UCA @ Abiding Faith (Crossett) – football game 6:00 – UCA @ Abiding Faith (Crossett) – volleyball game
13	14	15	16	17 Submit cookie dough order forms and money	18 11:00 – Northeast Baptist @ UCA – volleyball game 2:00 – Northeast Baptist @ UCA – football game

PTO Meeting

**Tuesday, September 7, at 6 p.m.
 Crestview Baptist Church
 Agenda**

- Committees / Room Parents
- Fundraising Plans
- Amendment of Bylaws

Mr. Ritz will treat the students of the class with the largest percentage of parents attending the PTO meeting to a pizza party. They will also get to wear their spirit shirt. So students, please encourage your parents to get involved in our school.

UCA = Uplifting Christ Always

I hope that school is off to a great start for everyone. I know that my two children are having a great time.

The PTO officers met August 26 to discuss upcoming items for the year and are very excited for all that is to be done. We know that God will bless the school this year as He has in the past. Please be in prayer for our school DAILY.

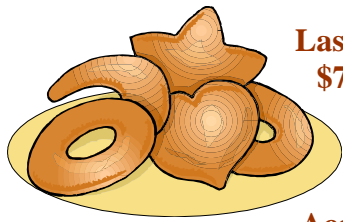
We still need some room moms or dads; any help will be greatly appreciated. At our first meeting, we will have the list of our fundraisers for the year along with a description for each one. We will be recruiting volunteers to help with these projects.

In His Service,
 Dave Sanson (PTO President)

FUNDRAISING NEWS

There will be six major fundraisers this year. During the Fall semester, we will sell cookie dough, have an ATV drawing and our Fall Festival. During the Spring semester, we will sell BBQ chicken lunches, have a golf tournament and a banquet.

Ongoing fundraisers include our penny drive, collection of box tops, Campbell soup labels, and black coke tops from 2 liter bottles.



Last year we raised almost \$7,000 from selling cookie dough. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000 for the purchase of the

Accelerated Reading Program,

Keyboard for the music program, student chairs for the computer lab, overhead projectors and carts, additional Ellison decorative and instructional dies, TV cart, equipment for the K thru 1st grade activity rooms, water fountains for the playground, and the athletic programs. All students and teachers will benefit from this project. Please support this fundraiser to make it a success!

The competition begins between the classes for the second year in a row! Last year the 2nd graders raised the most money in our penny drive sponsored by the PTO. On Tuesday, August 31, they will get to throw pies at Mr. Ritz!!

\$4,000 was paid directly on the principle of the building. Our current balance is \$138,000 down from \$170,000 a year ago. WOW! So every cent does add up. Bring in your pennies now!



If you are throwing away any of the following items, you are throwing away money!!! Please collect these items and bring them to school.

- Box tops
- Campbell Soup labels
- Black coke tops from 2 liter bottles

ATHLETIC UPDATE



Make plans now to attend our first football game Friday, September 3, at 7 p.m. at Mt. Olive in Athens, LA. I hope everyone is

making plans to be there to tailgate with the fans and cheer on our Lions! Coaches Ritz, Denney and White and all of our boys have been working very hard in preparation for our inaugural season.

GO TEAM!

Kenji Wheeler
Koby Eubanks
Evan Allen
Cody Albritton
Blade Jenkins
Ethan Rykard

Seth Terral
Jonathan Baze
Cody Elkins
Josh Ellis
Chase Kinnison
Paden Sparks

Our Lady Lions played their first volleyball game Friday night at Cornerstone Christian Academy. Our girls played high school girls so the score isn't something we want to discuss! The most important part of the trip to Tillar, Arkansas, was that the girls from Cornerstone teamed up with our girls following the game and taught them a lot of things. Coach Sparks said that they were so nice! So our first game was a real learning experience. The next game is this Friday at 5:00 in Athens. Good luck!



Hannah Akin
Amy Allen
Haley Arrington
Melissa Brown
Lauren Byrnes
Mary Bush
Dixie Foster
Tori Freeman

Paige Gaar
Taylor Jones
Amber Lawson
Taylor Middleton
Emilee Silmon
Amber Urry
Jensine Walton
Brittany White



The CAR WASH held Saturday was a huge success! The kids washed over 50 vehicles and collected \$1,000 in donations. The kids had a great time while raising money for the athletic expenses. Grilled hamburgers were enjoyed by all.

UCA WORKDAYS RENOVATION UPDATE

Workdays will be held on the second Saturday of each month from 9 am until 3 pm. This is our school and the more work we do ourselves the less that will have to be hired out which will reduce our expenses. Not only do we get a lot of work done together, but also there is fellowship among everyone while doing God's work. Please get involved!!

- Don Barron has donated the property directly behind our school. Isn't God good??
- Plans for a gymnasium and additional classrooms are underway.
- New privacy fence needs to be installed along back end of play area
- The fence, goals, chalkboards, and new picnic area still need to be worked on and installed.
- We also still have half of the new roofing that needs to be installed.

Please note that our next workday is Saturday, September 11. Please get involved with our school!!



Thank you, Kristy Roan, for your superior effort helping to order and fill all orders for the school shirts this year. You were a blessing to Darrin

Denney and have helped the process to become very smooth for everyone!

Some advice from Grandma Ritz – If you get leg cramps during the night, put a bar of soap in your bed. She promises that it works!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our school
- Buddy Boatright – heart
- Kim Stanley – continued remission from cancer
- Condolences to Sheryl Elkins in the loss of her grandfather
- Robert Abercrombie – cancer
- Toni Abercrombie - cancer



OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE

October 29 – Fall Festival
November 19 – Grandparent's Day (4th – 8th)
December 7 – Christmas Program (K3 – K5)
December 14 – Christmas Program (1st – 8th)
March 18 – Grandparent's Day (K3 – K5)
April 8 – Grandparent's Day (1st – 3rd)
April 23 – Family Day
May 2 – 6 – Teacher Appreciation Week
May 20 – Field Day

- Our library is now opened!!!
- Have you picked up your yearbook??
- Did you get a current handbook?



ADVERTISEMENTS

Keffney Middleton is looking for someone to give her three girls a ride home after school each day. They live off Wards Chapel Road about 3 miles past the ballpark. If anyone is interested, please call her at 368-3970. Even if it is just a day or so a week, it would be a big help to them.



A school bus has been purchased for the children located in Bernice, Lilly and Spearsville. Now we need a bus driver with a CDL – chauffer. Please contact Mr. Ritz if you are interested in driving the route.

Please submit information as follows:

- Email: Kristy.scharf@centurytel.com
- Mailbox in school office
- Home: 368-8700 Fax: 368-8369
- Work: 388-9002 Fax: 330-6191