

CCS Enjoys New Classrooms

By: Rachael Woods

The 2008-09 school year is officially underway. Covenant has expanded and there have been several classroom changes.

The biggest change is that middle and high school students have relocated to the second floor, making room for more elementary students downstairs.

Because of the move, kindergartners are now able to have their classes at the Frontier Engineering Building, along with the rest of the student body. Not only has the kindergarten class moved from the CCS Daycare building, but there are also several new teachers.

One of those new teachers, Holly House-

worth, has been brought on staff to teach Spanish. CCS students from K-12 are receiving in-

struction in Spanish this year, another addition.

High school senior Mary Wilson com-

mented that, "it's good for students to be exposed to other languages and countries."

Students and teachers alike seem to be enjoying the changes.

The new kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Charene, says, "I like working with the children because they are willing to learn and they enjoy [it]."

Transformations at the school thrill the kindergarten students as well.

"I don't have to take naps, and I don't have to go back and forth from the Little Red House to the daycare for classes," said kindergarten student Lane Nasalroad.

His classmate, Brett Mitchell added, "We get to have snacks and go outside to play, and I get to climb trees."

Just like those trees, CCS is growing larger every year.



ABOVE: Mrs. Charene's kindergarten students give their thumbs up on the new rooms.
Back (l-r) Brett Mitchell, Keelyn Schaefer, Rayven Schwartz, Colton Everett, Zarah Stromski. **Front (l-r)** Danae Ray, Lane Nasalroad, Matthew Brun, Sema Boozer.
(Photo by Rachael Woods)

New Teacher Q&A

Mrs. Charene

Favorite movie? *"The Ghost" and "Mr. Chicken"*
How do you like working here? *I love it!*
Favorite ice-cream? *Mint Chocolate Chip*
What is your favorite part about working at CCS? *Getting close to the teachers. It's not like public school.*
Favorite song? *"The Toast" by No Justice*
Favorite fragrance? *Happy by Clinique*

Mrs. Albright

How do you like working here? *I like it. It's fun.*
What's your favorite color? *Purple*
Previous jobs? *Music teacher for Stillwater and Morrison*
What is your favorite word? *"Niftiest"*
What's your favorite part about working at CCS? *Getting to work with the kids and getting to know them on a more personal basis.*
If you could be an animal, what would it be? *Elephant, because they are cool.*

Mr. Manske

What's your favorite store? *Best Buy*
Some previous jobs? *Football coach at Union High School in Tulsa*
What's your favorite color? *Blue*
Why do you like working here? *"Because the kids are great and eager to learn, and the people are nice."*
If you were an animal which would you be? *A great white shark*
What's your favorite season? *Summer*

Señorita Houseworth

What's your favorite song? *The whole High School Musical soundtrack.*
Where are some places you've worked before? *Chili's and Covenant Community Daycare*
What's your favorite quote? *Don't sweat the petty stuff, and don't pet the sweaty stuff. That's just gross!*
Do you like working here? *Yeah. It's a new adventure everyday.*
What's your favorite food? *Steak and corn on the cob*
What do you want to be when you grow up? *A physical therapist*
Photos by Megan Sawyer and Charity Martin



Mrs. Charene



Mrs. Albright



Mr. Manske



Señorita Houseworth

October Calendar

Oct 6 School Portraits
Oct 10 Art Field Trip
Oct 16 Pumpkin Patch
Dismiss at 12
Oct 17 Fall Break
no school
Oct 31 End 1st 9 weeks

By Jesse Kraybill

Volleyballs were in the air and hot dogs sizzled on the grill as the annual Back to School Bash began.

This year the Martin family hosted the party, and as the van full of

middle and high school students pulled up the drive, students couldn't wait to get started on all the fun activities.

Students were jumping on the trampoline, playing volleyball, and petting the horses as the

food was prepared. They took a slight break in all the excitement to refuel with the amazing hot dogs, hamburgers hot off the grill.

Students gathered around the swimming pool and deck area as they enjoyed the meal and visiting with each other.

After eating, several students braved the chilly waters of the swimming pool while

others chose horseback riding.

Volleyball games continued on through the evening with people who wanted to ride horses dropping in and out as the game progressed until it was too dark to see.

With night setting in, the part was over and Ms. Holly Houseworth drove the students back to the school to be picked up by their parents.

Afterwards, Abbie Woods said she greatly enjoyed the horseback riding, and Rachel Peek said that the "volleyball was great fun."

Days later, students were still thinking about the day's events, with Dylan Everett saying that the party was "Party-rific!"

All the students who participated seemed to have a good time and Megan Sawyer even exclaimed in a strange voice, "It was super fun!"

Students had a great time at their back to school party, and they hope the rest of the school year will be just as fun.



TOP LEFT: (l-r) Charity Martin, Paige Brocato, Megan Sawyer, Stephanie Kraybill, Rachel Peek gather on the deck to eat.

BOTTOM LEFT: Students enjoying volleyball

TOP CENTER: Charity Martin leads Holly Houseworth and Sam Boozer on a horse ride.

BOTTOM CENTER: Robert Beem serves up the volleyball during one of the games.

TOP RIGHT: Dylan Everett works on keeping his overhand serve in bounds.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Several students enjoyed the water including Rachel Peek and Sema Boozer.

(Photos by Ms. Boozer)

Covenant Students Future Black Belts?

By Dylan Everett

Today's students do much more than just go to school, do their homework, and help at home. Some are adding "testing for my black belt" to the usual to-do list.

From music and drama to football and basketball, there are many interests and hobbies that students take part in after school is out each day. Growing in popularity among these activities are the martial arts.

The CCS students in

middle and high school who participate in martial arts are Mary Wilson (12th grade), Liz Brocato (11th grade), Rachael Woods (10th grade), and Rachel Peek (8th grade).

Mary says she has been taking Tae Kwon Do and Grappling classes at Unified Martial Arts for over a year now. She just recently tested successfully for her green belt.

UMA is led by three different instructors, and offers several different classes and forms of Martial Arts. Adam Hull

teaches Kenpo and Aikido, Jared Gilreath teaches Tae Kwon Do, and Evan Black is the Grappling instructor.

Mary says her favorite part about martial arts is, "the confidence you gain from bettering yourself and accomplishing something noticeable."

Liz Brocato also takes Tea Kwon Do at UMA. She has been going off and on for close to a year. She has earned her yellow belt and is looking forward to passing higher level belt tests.

Rachael Woods been

taking Traditional Tae Kwon Do at Oklahoma Tae Kwon Do for just over two years, and has a red belt with a black stripe, which means she is almost a black belt. The black belt is the highest level of achievement, and she will be testing for it in March.

Rachael likes the activity and exercise. She also enjoys learning valuable maneuvers for self defense, but sparring is her favorite part of class. Her trainer is Bob Groncki.

Rachel Peek has been studying Karate with

Melinda Sebo for two to three years. She will soon be testing for her black belt as well.

Rachel likes the good, structured fun, and getting pushed to her limits. She loves to spar and show others what she's made of!

These students think martial arts are fun. You might too, so check it out.

If you want to know more, ask the following students. They will be more than happy to tell you more about martial arts.