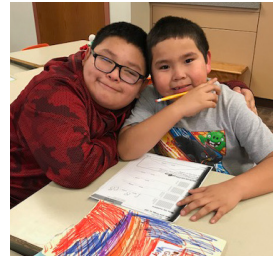


ANNUAL FUND NEED:

Our remaining need for this school year is \$157,012.

The 2018-19 school year is already drawing to a close! At present our greatest need is to end the year in a good financial position - for our staff, our parents, and especially the children we serve. We are sustained by the grace of God shown to us through loyal friends and supporters! Thank you!

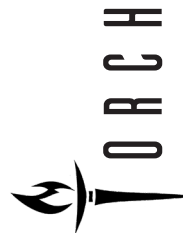


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ZUNI CHRISTIAN REFORMED MISSION

Recently, one of our volunteers shared an interesting chapel talk with our younger students, and I would like to share the gist of it with you today. The topic for chapel was understanding and following God's instructions for our lives. With a big bowl, she announced she was going to make chocolate chip cookies. The students were instantly excited, as you can imagine. However, when the recipe called for eggs, she tossed whole eggs into the bowl, shells and all.

When the students protested, she said, "Well, it's close so it's good enough, right?" Some students cast furtive glances at their teachers, but since their teachers were in on the joke, no help was forthcoming. When cooking oil had to be added, she said, "I don't have any of that, but we found some motor oil, which should be good enough," and she added it. "I don't have any chocolate chips either, but I found some wood chips on the playground." Into the bowl they went.

By this time, the students were trying their best to be kind and encouraging to this poor, misguided cook, but as the sludge-that-would-be-cookie-batter became less and less appetizing, the students were expressing some serious doubts about her baking ability. Finally, she revealed that the mixture was not going to be made into cookies and served, and she gave an actual chocolate chip cookie (made the night before without egg shells, motor oil, and wood chips) to each student who wanted one. Their doubts were dismissed one

tasty bite at a time. The point of the lesson, however, is that when it comes to making cookies, we need to follow the directions closely for the results to be sweet.

The same is true for following God's instructions for our lives. He has a plan for us that is ultimately sweet and good, but to live into that plan, we need to follow his instructions closely. Just like motor oil and wood

chips in the cookie batter, substitutions are not good enough or close enough. Whether we are discovering our intrinsic value, or learning to be courageous in following God, we can rest in the assurance that God's plans are for the good of His people. While it may take some time, we can trust that the final results will be sweet because we are treasured by God.

Tim Becksvoort, Principal

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**Cubs and Cougars:** Our mid school Cougars and elementary Cubs had a great season ending with staff vs. student and student vs. parent games.



**Spring Field Trips:** Students brought their learning beyond the classroom with field trips to the Aquatic Center, Children's Library, Santa Fe, and Explora Science Center. Eighth graders also visited Rehoboth Christian High School!



**Zuni CRC Baptisms, Testimonies and Professions of Faith:** We celebrate the baptisms of Josiah, Abishai, and Emmanuel Chimoni with their mother Atocha.



**Space Week:** Retired teacher, and recipient of the NASA Excellence in Teaching Award, Pam Leestma spent the week sharing her passion for space with our students through projects and presentations.

## ZUNI CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOOL

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory in the heavens. Psalm 8:1



**"I Need My Space" Week with Pam Leestma:** "I spent an exciting week teaching about space at Zuni Christian Mission School. I called the week "I Need My Space!" I taught about living and working in space, robotics on the ISS, the Deep Space Network (DSN), the Hubble and the James Webb Space Telescope, the Milky Way and other galaxies, the rovers on Mars and Mars 2020 with the helicopter, the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, and the future of NASA including SpaceX Dragon, Boeing Starliner with the new Commercial Crew of astronauts, and Gateway!

I emphasized the fact that girls can be astronauts, engineers, mathematicians and scientists, too, with March being Women in History month. We did hands on activities every day with a "Celebrate the Moon" party where the whole school displayed their "Planet Projects," viewed the moon through a telescope, and ate Moon Pies as a celestial treat. The highlight was watching the LIVE launch of Expedition 59! The excitement was to the moon and back! Thanks to NASA's Office of STEM Engagement for the "goodies" they sent as tools of inspiration! I believe that dreams of STEM careers in the Aerospace industry have their beginnings with these Zuni children and I am thrilled to be "Space Pam" for them." Pam Leestma, NASA Excellence in Teaching Award

*"The Lord's name is majestic because he created everything, like the planets. Things burn in the atmosphere. He makes planets shine bright when they face the sun and glow when they face the moon. He made gravity. He makes everything work together somehow. Joshlyn, 5th grade*

## ZUNI CRC

**Baptisms, Testimonies and Professions of Faith:** This spring we celebrate the baptisms of Josiah, Emmanuel, and Abishai Chimoni. Their mother Atocha shared her testimony of God's grace and deliverance from addiction and His restoration of their family. Atocha is now ministering to others as a leader at the same treatment program that helped her in her recovery. We also celebrate with Tia Hooee who has been apart of the church family over the last year and grown, through much adversity and seeking, to now make her Profession of Faith. Praise God!