

The Knight's Connection

June, 2017

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Happy Summer!

Can you believe we are in MID-JUNE???? The summer is whisking by and before we know it, school will be approaching. But, don't despair! We still have time to enjoy this great, humid, summer God is giving us here in Kansas.

VBS just finished up here at TCC and now Genesis is gearing up for some back-to-school preparations. In this summer newsletter, you will find some things to help you make your own back-to-school preparations and plans. Be sure to check it out!

If you have not already gotten them, grade cards and test scores have been mailed out. If, for some reason, you are missing yours, let me know!

Genesis is growing and I am excited to see that growth because it means we have the amazing opportunity to work with even more of God's children and share His promises and His path for them.

With that growth comes some new faces all away around. Be sure to check out a quick message from our new staff as they begin to introduce themselves to you. They are already busy planning on the coming school year and are itching to get into the classroom!

Don't forget to share Genesis! We have already had a couple of families send families to Genesis and the referral bonus is working!

Praying that your summer continues to be full of fun, fellowship and amazing journeys! Talk to you soon!

In His Service,

Mrs. Mendy Lietzen

Administrator



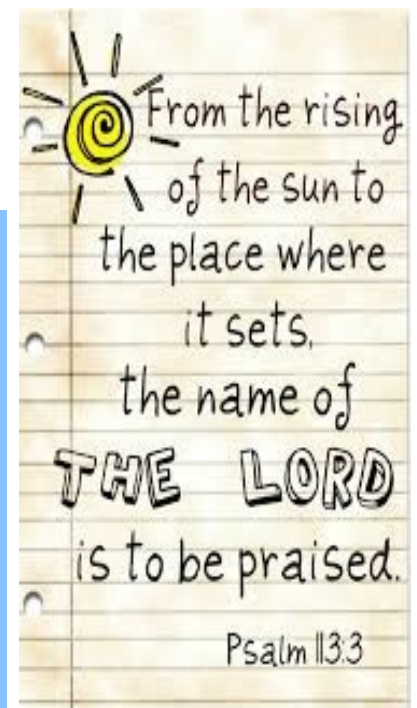
**Get Ready...
Get Set...
GO...**

**We will be exploring
Heroes of the Faith
this school year!**

**Find Mrs. Lietzen
at Back-to-School
and say this year's
theme verse and
get a special prize!**

*"Now faith is confidence
in what we hope for and
assurance of what we do
not see."*

Hebrews 11:1 [NIV]



**Saturday, August 12th
9:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Back-to-School Bash
& Breakfast with Your
Teacher!**

More Info to Come in July!

2017-2018 Staff

GSI Administrator/GCA Principal	Mrs. Mendy Lietzen
GCP Director	Mrs. Kerri Lynne
Genesis Office Manager	Mrs. Denise Bixby
Preschool Teachers [K3/K4]	Mrs. Sarah McKelvey
	Mrs. Becky Pollard
K5 [Kindergarten]	Mrs. Pam Field
1st Grade	Mrs. Monisha Funk
2nd Grade	Mrs. Holly Cawthorn
3rd Grade	Mrs. Megan Reischman
4th/5th Team Teachers	Mrs. Kiersten Steinwachs—Math/Science/ Reading/Spelling/Stem Coordinator
	Mrs. Janette Ward—Bible/English/History
Middle School	Mrs. Stacy Crook-Collinge
	Mrs. Melissa Dial
	Mrs. Amy Lawson
	Mrs. Denise Sours
Music	Mrs. Sandy Bonfield
Reading	Mrs. Sandy Bonfield
	Miss Heather Francis
GAP	Mrs. Vickie Aldrich
Art [K5-8th]	Mrs. Amy Lawson
PE	Mrs. Denise Sours [1st-8th]
	Mrs. Sarah Breuer [K5]
Elementary Aide	Mrs. Sarah Breuer
Resource Teacher	Miss Heather Francis



HOW
ABOUT
YOU?

TEACHER PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear **Lord**,
Give me **wisdom** to do my job
well, **grace** to cover my
imperfections, and **confidence**
because I know this is what You
have called me to do. Amen.

Handwritten
Teacher

I am so excited to work with this great group of women that God has brought to Genesis for the coming school year! I know that He has plans for us all, and it is so great to know that He is the one guiding and directing our steps. Please join us on Saturday, August 12th to meet your teacher and learn even more about them! I know that they are also excited to meet you!

Mendy Lietzen

About Me

My name is Holly Cawthorn. I have been married to my amazing husband San for 8 years and we have two pretty amazing kids: Ellasyn (5 years old) and Cooper (3 years old). What excites me most about teaching at Genesis is the students. I'm excited to get to know each of them and I'm looking forward to what they'll teach me! In teaching as well as parenting I've found that though our mindset may be to teach and guide a child they often end up teaching us. My goal for this school year is to inspire my students to love learning!

Hello! My name is Melissa Dial. I have been married to my husband, Paul, for 19 years. I have a degree in teaching from MSU in Springfield, MO and taught for two years before I became a stay-at-home mom to my two kids Noah and Mary Kate. We moved to Tonganoxie in 2003. Both of our children began their school career at GCA. They made their best friends and memories during their time at this school. Now, 15 years later, I'm returning to the classroom and I couldn't be more excited. I will be teaching 6th grade reading, 8th grade math and science, middle school Bible, and 1st - 8th computers. I'm looking forward to meeting each one you and working together to inspire this next generation.

My name is Heather Francis and I grew up in a family of eight in the small town of Basehor, Kansas. I have a love for Christian education and am excited to work in a school that values each child's relationship with Christ as much as their academic excellence! This year, it is my goal that each child would grow closer to Christ and show improvement in every academic endeavor.

Hello, I am Megan Reischman. I have three energetic kids Orissa, AJ and Olivia with my husband Tony. We keep busy with baseball, softball and our vegetable garden. I love playing in the dirt and eating my home-grown veggies! I am so excited to be teaching at Genesis because everyday is a new adventure with kids. I can't wait to watch the kids grow physically, mentally, emotionally and most importantly Spiritually! My goal for the 3rd grade class is to have everyone on the honor roll. I know we can do it!

Hi, my name is Denise Sours and I will be teaching 1st-8th P.E., 6th & 7th Science and 7th Literature. I've been married to my soul mate, Kirk, for 36 years. My husband manages Tailgate Ranch where we have lived for the past 30 years. I homeschooled our 3 children for 19 years. I am excited to be teaching at a Christian school where God and salvation through Jesus Christ is first and foremost. I love Science and my goal for my 6th and 7th grades Science students is to show them that Science is FUN and how amazing God is through His creation. I want my P.E. students to appreciate and take care of the body that God has given them while they are learning sports and games. I hope to instill in my literature class the same love of reading that I have enjoyed my entire life. I can't imagine not reading and I pray that my students will come out of my literature class feeling the same way.

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Training up a child in the way they should go.

Have a great summer!

Singing
for
Jesus!

Lift up
your
Hearts
in
Praise!



Friday,
September 29th
from
6:00-8:30 pm

The Planning has begun for our annual Camo Night! This year we are combining our Fall Festival and Camo Night for ONE amazing night of fun, fellowship, food, silent auction and so much more!

This year's "Walk in the Wilderness" night will feature inflatables, camping games, a special visit by some birds of the feather from Operation Wildlife, the ultimate camping dessert—S'mores!

We are looking for help! If you are interested in being on our planning committee, contact Mendy Lietzen at 913-208-2641 or email her at mendy.lietzen@genesisschools.org

Looking ahead to next school year, we want to share with you our plan to begin a "Select Choir" here at Genesis. This choir will be made up of Genesis students, 3rd grade to 8th grade!

Our vision is to create a music group of students excited and willing to share their "God given gifts of music" with others in our community. This group will perform once a month at different venues like churches, nursing homes, and more. Tryouts will be held in August and those students selected must commit to practicing, once a week, after school, as well as perform monthly throughout the school year at other locations.

The Lord has provided Genesis with children who are gifted in so many different ways. We are eager to share with communities around the area those talents as well as the message of Christ we can bring to the world in song. This select choir is in addition to our ongoing music program here at Genesis. Our students, K5 [Kindergarten] through 5th grade will participate in music each week. In addition, our Middle Schoolers will have the opportunity to choose music as one of their electives.

Our school is filled with children, gifted in many various ways at Genesis, and we would like to share with communities around the area about our school and what we believe in song. If you are interested in having your student tryout early in August, please discuss as a family and contact Mrs. Bonfield at sandy.bonfield@genesisschools.org to set up your tryout.

Please consider, pray and respond. We are so excited to see where God will lead us in this new adventure.

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What elective will you take? Watch for the July Knight's Connection for more information on what your schedule will look like! Just a quick peek...Art, Music, Game It, Computer, Pencraft...what grabs your mind and interest?