

Student Showcase

What CCA students are doing in the classroom



7th grade students Bernard Hairston and Angelica King show off their science projects. Students were required to use a shoe box to create the layers of the earth; atmosphere, stratosphere, and lithosphere. Each student presented their project for Ms. Grant (science instructor) and fellow classmates.



CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STATISTICAL SUMMARY AND COMPARISON

	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04
Student Enrollment	212	197	184	198	214
Less Student Attrition		182	174	187	200
Retention Rate	70%	82%	72%	68%	67%
Families	171	167	157	159	176
Avg. Family Income	\$27,400	\$25,600	\$24,500	\$24,000	\$25,800
Tuition	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200/\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Average Scholarship	\$3,037	\$2,930	\$2,831	\$2,827	\$2,810
Total Scholarships	\$644,000	\$577,000	\$527,000	\$565,000	\$607,000
Full-time Faculty	16	15	14	15	15
Avg Teacher Salary	\$27,400	\$25,700	\$24,500	\$23,900	\$22,200
Operating Budget	\$1,366,500	\$1,361,160	\$1,347,710	\$1,212,746	\$1,297,258
Tuition & Fees Revenue	\$466,500	\$460,721	\$434,236	\$448,854	\$460,392
Donor Revenue	\$900,000	\$900,439	\$913,474	\$763,892	\$836,866
Cost per Student	\$6,446	\$6,909	\$7,325	\$6,125	\$6,062



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Introducing the Tony Campolo Legacy Trust

Dr. Tony Campolo has impacted thousands of lives around the globe for more than three decades - including many Cornerstone partners. To honor Tony and keep his vision alive, Cornerstone has established the "Tony Campolo Legacy Trust." We invite you to become a founding member by offering a planned gift by December 31, 2007. Your gift will support a legacy of developing leaders in the name of Christ.

Gifts may include:

- *Bequests* – Designating Cornerstone Christian Academy as a beneficiary in your will.
- *Life Income Gifts* – income-generating gifts such as Charitable Gift Annuities (CGAs), Pooled Income Funds, Charitable Remainder Trusts, or Testamentary CGAs.
- *IRA Rollover* – If you are 70 ½ or older, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 has provided a way to transfer your IRA Required Minimum Distribution tax-free to Cornerstone until December 31, 2007.

CORNERSTONE CHALLENGE

Fall 2007



Dear Friends,

Smiling faces! That's what you see on the pages of this newsletter and it's what you see if you visit our students at Cornerstone Christian Academy. Our kids love to be here! Of course, they are kids so you will hear them complain about their school work, but our average daily attendance of nearly 100% is proof that Cornerstone students love being at school.



That's not the case for a lot of kids in our community. In fact, if you drive down 58th Street in the middle of any week day, you will see more than a few school-age children hanging out on the street. **Statistics show that the area around Cornerstone has one of the lowest high school graduation rates in the City of Philadelphia. Not surprisingly, this community also has one of the highest juvenile crime rates in the city.** There's a direct relationship between these two facts. A child who drops out of school is far more likely to get mixed up in criminal activity than a child who stays in school and graduates with a high school degree.



At Cornerstone, we are preparing students for success in high school and college. Our eighth grade graduates are achieving at a phenomenal rate, with over 95% earning their high school degree, and two-thirds of these students entering college. We have high schools asking for our students because our graduates are young men and women of high academic achievement and quality character.



Cornerstone has been referred to as "an oasis of hope." Indeed, it is! Our teachers and administrators are planting seeds of hope not only in the

minds of our students but also in their hearts. What truly sets our students apart is the faith foundation upon which they are building their lives. In addition to reading, writing, and arithmetic, our students are being instructed in the teachings of Jesus. They study his words in Scripture and they honor him as Lord and Savior. Cornerstone students are learning in an environment filled with the faith, hope, and love of Jesus Christ. I'm convinced it makes a difference. In fact, that's probably why you see so many smiling faces at our school!

Please know that your prayers and financial contributions are helping to keep hope alive in the hearts and minds our students and faculty. Thank you for your continued support!

Gratefully,

Dick Ollinger
President/CEO

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 28- Voices in Praise Choir at Woodland Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA (lunch following 10 a.m. service)*

Nov. 2- C101 Tour*

Nov. 4- Voices in Praise Choir at Wayne Presbyterian Church, Wayne, PA (9:30 and 11 a.m. services)*

Nov 11- Voices in Praise Choir at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, VA (9:40 a.m. service)*

Nov. 8-9- Middle School Leadership Conference

Nov. 13- Spelling Bee

Dec. 7- C101 Tour*

***To RSVP or get involved in these events, please contact our Development office at (215)724-6858 x233**



From the desk of

Deborah Lee

Principal and Reading Specialist



Praise the Lord Cornerstone friends! We are well into our school year and off to a very strong start. I am looking forward to seeing our students excel in their academics and continue to grow into the young men and women that God intends for them to be.

Here are a few highlights of the 2007-2008 school year so far:

- ö Increased enrollment of 212 students.
- ö 8 new faculty and staff, committed to excellence in education.
- ö Reading Stars, our weekly tutoring program for students has begun with the help of committed volunteers.
- ö The 8th Grade visited Mennonite High School to begin their process of applying to high schools.
- ö ABC News Anchorwoman, Tamela Edwards came to motivate and encourage our Middle School students.

In addition, students across the Philadelphia region will have the opportunity to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee here at Cornerstone on November 13. Please consider joining us for an upcoming event at Cornerstone. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

IN FOCUS: The Cornerstone story is diverse and unfolding before our eyes: students, parents, staff and friends making a difference together.



We are off to a great beginning of the 2007-2008 academic year, especially with our church, community, and parent volunteers. Pictured above left is new volunteer **Mamie Haugabrooks**, who serves as a recess monitor. Thank you to those who attended the Volunteer Open Houses on Sept. 6 and 7: **Ruthlyn Richards, Joann Huntington, Clarisse Aggrey, Yatta Gbapaywhea, Anthony Sutton, Carole and Dan Wagner, Barry and Lois Wiggins, and Marion Moody**. Pictured in the center is **5th grade teacher, Vincent Russo**, with some of his students and a parent on the first day of school. The first day of school served as an orientation and introduction to Cornerstone for new students. A pizza social concluded the day and students left with new friendships and a readiness to start the academic year. **Mission Year volunteers Claire and Rori**, with students in the after-school program, (pictured at the right) enjoy spending time together outside before getting started on homework and other enrichment activities. Mission Year is an urban ministry which places young adults in the city to live, serve, and worship together with the goal of loving God and loving people.



Student Sightings



Above, some **1st grade girls** laugh at recess time playing a hand-clap game called, "Mama Mama."

Below, **8th grader Caraiah Stout and 6th grader Portia Cook** play the board game "Taboo" during their elective time. All middle school students have electives once a week.



CONNECTING TO CORNERSTONE

Our vision is for you to be included in creating a quality educational environment. Here's how you can help during 2007-2008:

Volunteer Opportunities: There are numerous projects always in progress. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator Erica Cheslock, 215.724.6858 x233, echeslock@cornerstonephiladelphia.com.

Financial Support: you can give immediately by enclosing your gift in the envelope provided.

- You can also give by:
- Stock: transfers in 48 hours
- Corporate Match: ask your employer about a dollar-for-dollar match of your gift.
- Educational Improvement Tax Credit: corporate donors may qualify for 90% in tax credits from the State of Pennsylvania.
- United Way of Tri-state: you are eligible if you work in New Jersey, New York or Connecticut.
- In-kind Gifts: see the wish list on our website for needed supplies.

Come visit us-Cornerstone 101: Come take a student-led tour of Cornerstone on the first Friday of the month at 9 a.m., or contact us to schedule a tour at any time.

Staff Snapshots

Get to know those that serve our students!

Narda Cooper



This is Mrs. Cooper's first year of teaching 1st grade at Cornerstone and she says that "it's an honor to be teaching at CCA." She has a BS in Education from Cheyney University and has been teaching for over 25 years. "As I stand before my students in the classroom I ask God to help me teach them to be decision makers and give them self confidence."

Rachel Kolb



Mrs. Kolb is also in her first year of teaching 3rd-5th grade Language Arts at CCA. She comes to Cornerstone with a degree in Elementary Education from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, as well as one year of teaching in inner-city Chicago. "I teach at Cornerstone because I believe my students can be the future leaders of their communities."



Cornerstone's All-School Christmas Program

Thursday, December 20, 2007
7 p.m.
Mitchell Elementary School
56th and Kingsessing Avenue