

# SMALL CLOUD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PRESENTS ... CANDLE LIGHTS

"With God all things are possible." Mark 10:27

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first quarterly "Candlelights" newsletter of the 2004-2005 school year. Our Small Cloud family (shown below) is noticeably smaller this year, but the work of education continues. Mrs. Seely (with some help from Mr. Nelson) is now teaching *all* the students.

Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Schendel drive and cook for the students. As for Mrs. Nelson, . . . well, just read Jazzmin Pluto's article on this page.

A great big "thanks" to those who attended our annual Thanksgiving dinner again this year. And a special "thanks" to those who donated their time and effort to help out in preparation and cleanup.

Please note that our P.O. Box number has changed to 650. Also, Small Cloud is now on the web at [www.smallcloud.org](http://www.smallcloud.org). ■

## I'M THE NEW KID

by Sean Swarthout, age 13

I'm Sean M. Swarthout. I like sports a lot—like basketball, football, and kick boxing. I like Small Cloud Christian School because the teacher helps us students and the kids are nice.



Some of the rules I don't like are:

1. You have to have your shirt tucked in.
2. You have to dress nicely, and you can't wear jewelry.

I'm attending Small Cloud because I had been getting bad grades. I really enjoy going to school here.

## AN ADDITION TO SMALL CLOUD'S FAMILY

by Jazzmin Pluto, age 15

Small Cloud is soon going to have an addition—to the Nelson family. At the time of this writing Mrs. Nelson is a little over one month pregnant!

She broke the news to us students on October 13. My friend Steph and I were excited, and so were the rest of the students. After we calmed down, Mrs. Nelson taught us how to can pickles. Pickles? Very interesting!

As some of you may know, being pregnant is not always fun. Mrs. Nelson has been going through a hard time with "morning sickness." The longest time she has been able to function is only a half hour, which is not much. But her pregnancy is making progress, and we are all very proud of her.

At the time of this writing, Mrs. Nelson's baby is only a half inch long! The little baby's heart chambers, stomach, and lungs are now starting to form. Its major muscle groups are coming into place (such as those for the arms, legs, and heart). It is amazing how much a baby can form in just one month.

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." Psalms 139:14.

Please keep the Nelson family in your thoughts and prayers.

*Editor's note: Mrs. Nelson is feeling a whole lot better now. The new little Nelson is due sometime in early-to-mid June. Watch for an announcement in our summer newsletter.*

Pictured left to right (front row): Andie Seely and Wynona Robbins; (back row): Shabad Jammu, Stephanie Knezovich, Mrs. Margie Seely, Mr. Christian Nelson, Mrs. Sandy Nelson, Paea Inukiha'angana, and Jazzmin Pluto.



by Stephanie Knezovich, age 16:



**W**e should be thankful because we have things that are nice to have. Thanksgiving is

the time to be with your family and friends. It is also good to spend time with them if you haven't seen them for a long time. I like spending time with my loved ones.

I'm thankful for my family and friends, and also my horse and dog. I think we need to be thankful because a lot of people don't have what we have. What I'm really thankful for is my family because they support me and love me and protect me. Also, I'm thankful for my friends because they are great and very close to me. That's not all. I'm glad I have a horse because a lot of families can't afford one. We have four donkeys right now and are planning to get another. I am also thankful for my dog because I love her and she loves me.

See, I have a lot of things I'm thankful for. I hope you are thankful for some things. Think of others who are less fortunate than you are.



by Jazzmin Pluto, age 15:



**B**eing thankful—hmm. What does that mean? You can describe it in many ways, but all have the same meaning in the end. To be thankful, you are grateful and happy about the things you have in your life.

I'm very thankful that I was able to break the smoking habit. Smoking is the worst thing I have ever done, and I'm glad I stopped!

Another thing I'm thankful for is my family. Some children can't be cared for by their families. I'm glad my family cares about and loves me.

The last thing I'm thankful for is my life. Life tends to get too short when you expose your body to drugs and other harmful things. God gave us our bodies, and our bodies are His home. Treat your bodies right!

Dogs, cats, people, your car, or whatever—be thankful for what you have. Even if you have almost nothing, be thankful for what you do have.

by Sean Swarouth, age 13:



**T**hanksgiving is a time when you eat turkey and talk and have fun and celebrate—and see families and give gifts.

I'm thankful for my dogs. I'm also very thankful for my family, and I'm thankful for my friends.

by Andie Seely, age 10:



**I** am thankful for my family, a God who is so good, and cats. Why? Because, for one thing, cats comfort me; they also help me learn. [Andie drew the picture below with the help of her dad.]



by Shabad Jammu, age 12:



**I** am thankful for my dog, family and my friends. They all like me.



## DISSECTING A WORM

by Paea Inukiha'angana, age 15

**H**ow many of you like earthworms? In one of my labs I had to dissect a worm.

Before I dissected, I put on gloves. Then I grabbed a dissection pan, some dissection tools, T-pins, and one earthworm.

First we [Mrs. Seely and I] looked for the clitellum. A clitellum is the thick band around the top part of its body. I cut a little opening in front of the clitellum. I looked for the dorsal blood vessels so I could cut down beside them. With my probe I carefully separated the skin from the organs.

I used T-pins to hold the skin back so I could look at the organs.

First I saw the aortic arches. They are kind of like our heart. I had to count how many aortic arches there were on each side. I also saw the worm's reproductive and digestive organs.

This lab was not too hard, and it was lots of fun. If you have an opportunity to dissect, you should do it.



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