



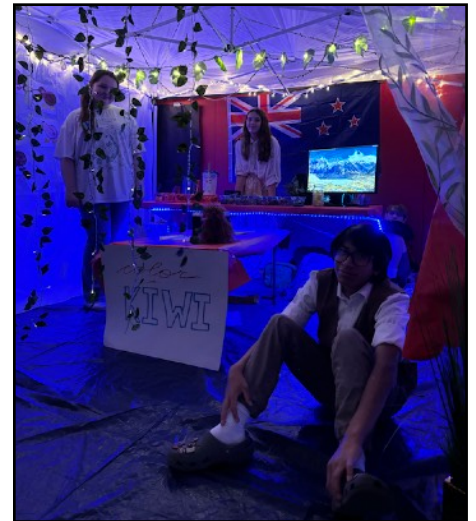
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from the Head

On Friday, April 19, we celebrated International Day, the culmination of extensive planning and effort by our middle and upper school students. Sluder Arena underwent a magical transformation into a World Showcase, featuring representations from twenty different countries. Our Learning Cottage and Lower School students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in diverse cultures and histories showcased in tents throughout the arena. The students delighted their guests with activities such as English tea, global soccer matches, a snowball toss, and more!

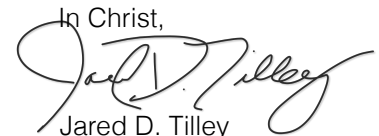


Prior to exploring the various countries, students embarked on an adventurous journey through mythological realms. They interacted with Poseidon and his wife Amphitrite, navigated through the Cretan labyrinth, and engaged in discussions with Greek philosophers.

This thematic focus on mythological Greece perfectly complemented our recent educational trips to Greece and Italy earlier in the spring.

As educators, witnessing the expressions of wonder and excitement on our students' faces fills us with joy. International Day is a testament to the students who infuse it with enthusiasm and enjoyment. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the faculty, staff, and students who contributed to making International Day a memorable experience for everyone. Special recognition goes to Kori Weaver for her meticulous preparations and Chloe Hinchcliff for transforming the Lower School hallway into a immersive depiction of Atlantis.



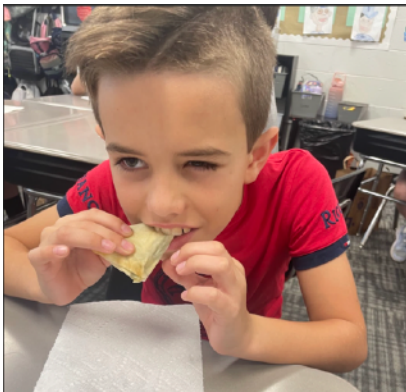
In Christ,

Jared D. Tilley

INTERNATIONAL DAY

GREECE



International Day is a day all Lower School students look forward to. It's a time where they get to visit all the Lower School classroom teachers for a fun activity geared towards a specific country and this year it was Greece.



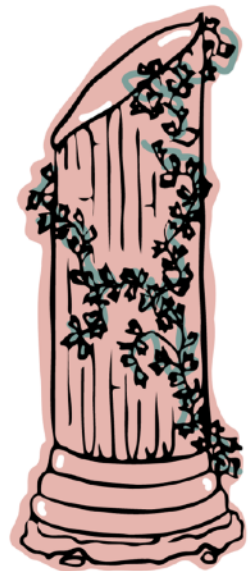
Kindergarteners through 5th grade traveled classroom to classroom learning about Greek tourist attractions, sculpting Greek architecture or sculptors, snacking on spanakopita, creating ivy crowns, learning about Greek fables and, of course, participating in the Greek Olympic



Games! All before lunch time! Thank you Lower School Teachers for making this a unique experience

for our students and expanding their understanding of other cultures!

Article by Lindsay Sluder
Lower School Principal





from our favorite...
**OFFICER
ROB**



Dear TCPS staff, faculty, students and parents, thank you all so much for giving me the best birthday ever, I am so blessed to be a part of this very special community and you all made my day.

-Robin McKinney



6th Grade

HIKING FIELD TRIP

On Thursday, April 18th, the sixth grade class along with Mrs. Locklear and Miss Owens got to go on a fun-filled field trip. The TCPS sixth graders started out with specialty coffees and breakfast at the Just Love Cafe in the PIE center. Mrs. Locklear led a devotion at breakfast, and the students had a good time with their classmates, teachers, and parent chaperones.

The sixth graders then got the opportunity to go on a hike at Enterprise South in Chattanooga. They walked for a couple of hours while enjoying conversation with their peers, beautiful trails, and magnificent scenery. The students talked to visitors at the park and represented TCPS with pride.

Finally Mrs. Locklear and Miss Owens took the students to Hamilton Place for some lunch, shopping, and fellowship. It was a wonderful day!



Article by Ms. Kelly Owens
Middle School Math

CHALLENGER CENTER

7th & 8th Grade

On Thursday, the 7th and 8th grade students went on a field trip to the Challenger Center where they learned how to land a rocket on the moon. At the Challenger Center, the students had different jobs in the simulation on both the rocket and mission control. Some of the teams were the coms team, the navigation team, the geography team, the weather team, and the bot team. Each team had designated jobs to complete to land safely on the moon and send a rover out to explore the lava tubes. The mission was to get safely to the moon, deploy a rover, and see which lava tube was stable enough to build a space station on the moon. The students got to switch places between mission control and the rocket, starting at one and getting to try both. It was a very interesting and fun interactive learning experience for all of the 7th and 8th grade students.



LEARNING COTTAGE

Last Friday, we ventured out with passports in hand to travel the world for International Day. We visited many countries such as England, New Zealand, Japan, Iceland, and Cameroon (just to name a few). We learned a bit about the culture and government of each country, including games, dance, food, and sports. We had an AMAZING time visiting our big friends and are so proud of all of the hard work they put into their projects.



Article by Megan Naquin
Learning Cottage Director

A watercolor illustration of Alice in Wonderland, featuring a girl with blonde hair in pigtails, wearing a blue dress with a white collar and a blue bow. She is holding a small white object in her hands. The background is white with light blue and yellow watercolor splatters.

**Tennessee Christian
Fine Arts Department**

presents

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

**May 18th
at 6:00pm
Lee University
Dixon Center**

**To purchase tickets:
423.567.8277
jblaylock@tcpsk12.org**

**VIP Tickets: \$25
General Admission: \$15
TCPS Student: \$5**

TCPS

**FRIDAY 4.26
5-8 PM**



**2024 FINE ARTS
FESTIVAL**

ART

**FEATURING MIDDLE AND UPPER
SCHOOL POETRY, K-8 ART WORK, US
ART ELECTIVES, PRESCHOOL
ARTWORK, AND PERFORMANCES
FROM OUR MUSICAL ACADEMY,
ALICE IN WONDERLAND CAST, AND
US CHAPEL BAND**

TCPS GYM FRIDAY APRIL 26TH 5-8 PM

Thank you to the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce Allied Arts Council for the grant that funded our Embroidery Workshop and Alice and Wonderland Scripts



**TENNESSEE
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FAMILIES**

FOR ALL AGES FROM PREK3-12TH

COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
**FAMILY
FUN DAY**

**SATURDAY,
MAY 4TH**

LOCATED ON CAMPUS:
TCPS FIELD, UPPER
PARKING LOT & GYM

03:00PM - 05:00PM*

SPONSORED BY (FTO)
FAMILY & TEACHER ORGANIZATION

LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Events

Traditional field day games for the whole family, including water games & bouncy houses!

Bring your lawn chairs & blankets for seating

Kona Ice truck & drinks available for purchase

*Following Family Fun Day, we invite families to stay on-campus for:
Tailgating party at 5:00PM
Alumni game at 6:30PM

Food & drinks available for purchase sponsored by our Athletics Department

Contact FTO@tcpsk12.org for questions



TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN

ATHLETIC BANQUET 2024

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 6:00-8:00pm

TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN GYMNASIUM

Catered by: Shane's Rib Shack

COST:

\$20 (AGES 11+)

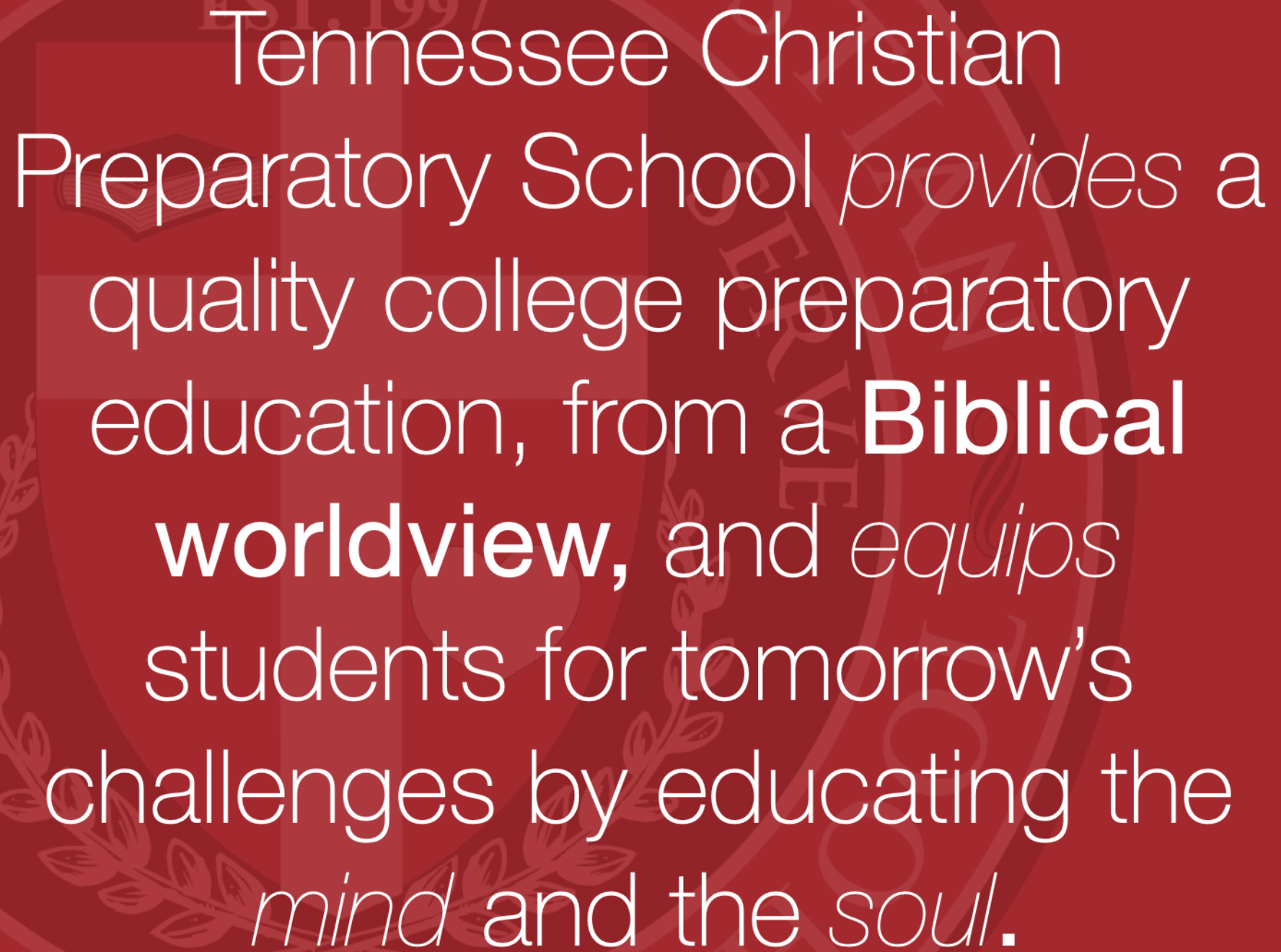
\$10 (AGES 10 AND BELOW)

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