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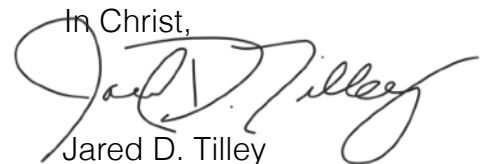


# *from the* **Head**

As I write, I am in Minneapolis, MN, at the conference for the Council of Educational Standards & Accountability, better known as CESA. I have the opportunity to meet with Christian educators from all over the United States and for lack of a better term, talk shop. Spending time with five hundred-plus leaders in Christian education provides the impetus to say what we know is true: Christian education is essential to developing the next generation's leaders. Being around people who share in that like-minded Christ-centered critical mission uplifts and encourages the mission of Tennessee Christian

I have had the opportunity to spend time with one of those like-minded educators, my father, David Tilley. This conference marks the last time my father will attend CESA as a head of school while it is my first time. David plans to retire at the end of this school year. He has introduced me to a multitude of his friends who have been doing Kingdom work for years and are committed to the mission of Christian education. Listening and learning from the relationships that they have formed built on the example of God's love and support has been meaningful.

Tennessee Christian is part of a large group of parents, teachers, and administrators who see the value and need for private Christian education. I am thankful that you allow us to partner with you!

In Christ,  
  
Jared D. Tilley

# Fruit of the Spirit



## **Cali Daffin, 1st Grade**

“Cali always seems to display a good attitude on a consistent basis. She focuses on her job and what needs to be done. she is a Kind and loving student who is friendly to everyone with a contagious demeanor.” -Katie Nichols

## **Harper Canfield, 5th Grade**

If you are around Harper for any amount of time, you will see and feel her joy for life. Harper's joy runs deeper than her earthly circumstances, it is a true gift from the Holy Spirit. Because of this, Harper and spreads joy wherever she goes, and her class often smiles when she is around.

-Sarah Van Dyke

## **Grant Van Dyke, 6th Grade**

“Grant spreads joy through his wonderful sense of humor and warm hugs. His joy is evident in the ‘pep-in-his-step’ and how he joyfully enters a room. This joy causes others to also become joyful just by being around him.”

## **Sydney Goff, 11th Grade**

“Sydney’s big heart full of joy is evident in her big smile that fills up every space she enters. It is clear that her joy is deep and rooted in her love for God and knowing she is loved by Him. This joy makes others want to know God’s love in the same way.”



# THE LEARNING COTTAGE 2023 TRIKE-A-THON



The Second Annual Learning Cottage Trike-A-Thon was a wonderful success! Watching our students of all ages come together to support our smallest Hawks was truly heartwarming. The Middle and Upper School students jumped in to help without question, while the Lower School crowd cheered and clapped. Conga lines were formed, mustaches were worn, signs were waved, and the car wash was reassembled multiple times. The energy was contagious and everyone was filled with joy and excitement. My favorite part was witnessing a teenager approach a preschooler as she was parking her bike. He called her by name, high-fived her, and told her how amazing she did. It's moments like these that remind us how lucky we are to be part of such a great and rare community. Thank you to all the students, teachers, and parents who made this event possible. Keep on pedaling, Hawks!







# 4th grade visits

## RED CLAY STATE PARK



There is nothing quite like learning outside of the classroom! Fourth grade enjoyed a gorgeous fall day traveling to Red Clay State Historic Park, learning about the Cherokees and the Trail of Tears. Our tour guide, Ranger Taylor, kept our students engaged from beginning to end, giving us historical background, as well as a science lesson on plants, bug life, and erosion!

The end of our tour included a weapons demonstration, and parents, as well as students, got a chance to practice with a blow gun! We finished with a picnic lunch at the pavilion. Our students represented TCPS extremely well with their behavior and excellent questions.





# Ruby Falls



Our recent 5th grade trip to Ruby Falls in Chattanooga was a huge success! I couldn't be more proud of our students and their behavior during the tour. The tour guide was exceptional and really made the experience both fun and educational. It was clear that the students were engaged and interested in learning about the cave's formation and history. Exploring the beautiful cave and its unique features was such a memorable experience for everyone involved. I am glad that we were able to provide our students with this opportunity to learn outside of the classroom. This trip would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Van Dyke. Overall, the trip to Ruby Falls was an unforgettable experience for our students, and I am already looking forward to planning our next adventure. Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible!



Written by Jared D. Tilley





But those who hope in the Lord will renew  
their strength. They will soar on wings like  
eagles; they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

**MAKE  
SOME  
NOISE  
FOR  
THESE  
BOYS**



Monday evening, Eli Ahlers placed 1st for the season in the 7th grade boys division with highest cumulative score for the whole season. Eli also placed 3rd in the ISC championship race, with Thomas Nicolaus (8th Grade) placing 14th.

Next up: Regionals on Saturday, October 21st!





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