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Easy Ways to Help Alpha's Kids:

- Save General Mills Box Top Symbols for Alpha to redeem for cash—10¢ each! This helps purchase school curriculum for the kids and other needs.
- Save Best Choice UPC Symbols for Alpha to redeem for cash—3¢ each.
- Link your Dillons Plus Shopper Card to Alpha's Charity number—19764.
- Office Depot Give Back To Schools #: 70235483

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Volunteer Service Opportunity & Benefit Pancake Feed!

Construction on the Faith House replacement residence has been progressing well since the beginning of May. The original residence suffered a lightning strike and fire resulting in the need to rebuild. It is so good to finally see the home starting to take shape! Framing is nearly complete, and installing the roof trusses is next.

Over the summer we will be finishing up the exterior work, and moving on to construction projects inside the house. *We need a lot of extra help as we move forward! Would you consider partnering with us by volun-*

teering any amount of time that you might have available for this construction project? Please call 785-760-6355 to speak with Jeff Mulpas if you can give us a hand, and he will let you know what is available!

We so much appreciate each person who has helped with this construction project so far, and invite you to come make a difference at Alpha, too!!

Friends of Alpha will be hosting a tasty benefit

Pancake Feed here on Saturday, June 17th from 8:30 – 11 a.m. Come see the construction site in progress, enjoy pancakes for breakfast, and meet



Alpha's kids! Our friends will have Bounce Houses on site for your children to enjoy with our children, and your freewill donation will help toward the construction costs of rebuilding Faith House!

General Mills Box Tops for Education



Alpha's School has participated in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program for more than 10 years. Over the lifetime of our participation, you

have helped us to submit more than \$31,500 worth of Box Tops which are redeemed for 10¢ each! This year we have received \$823.80 from Box Tops submissions so far. We use these funds toward the purchase of

the children's educational curriculum and other Learning Center needs.

Thank you so much for continuing to save your Box Tops for Alpha ...

Every single one of them truly makes a difference for the kids!



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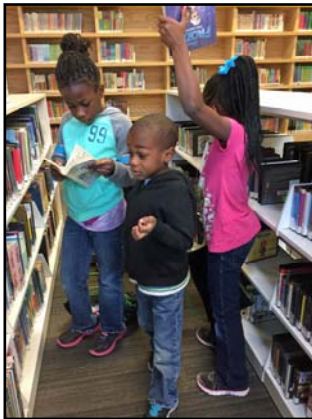


Celebrating the Kids



The kids enjoyed posing for photos one day in their back yard. Sophie held Kiara and her brother, Jonathan, at the base of an old tree.

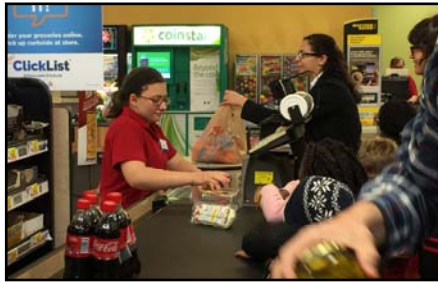
Yasmin, Jonathan, Kiara, & the other children take delight in going to the local public library to browse for books!



The littles attend preschool in the education center library!



Our teacher, Mrs. Sims, was delighted to present an Honors High School Diploma to Rebekah during her graduation ceremony at the end of the school term. Bekah worked very hard to earn this very special diploma!



Several of our teens are holding jobs at area grocery stores and restaurants to help them gain experience in the job world as they prepare to be out on their own soon. The younger children were excited to get in Kaitlyn's check out line at the grocery store!

Mrs. Devin taught the children how to make dog toys to share with our county humane society. The kids relished delivering their homemade gifts and meeting the shelter dogs that received them!



The kids enjoyed helping clean up some of the debris around the Faith House rebuild construction site!



Mrs. Kincaid took some of the kids on a beautiful hike through the woods to the fishing pond at her place!



Yasmin snuggled with her baby rabbit during chore time one day. Several of the children are raising Californian rabbits for their 4-H animal projects this year.



The littles love to play outside together on the playground. What a joy it is to hear their laughter and watch them play!

Sisters Yasmin & Kiara affectionately hug while enjoying some outdoor time together on the playground at their house.



Thank you for making this amazing place possible for them, as well as for those still to come!

Snively Education Center Activities

Pitty-Pat's Porch

(Interactive Black History Museum)

"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive." Genesis 50:20

In observation of Black History Month, the Learning Center Library was transformed into "Pitty-Pat's Porch", a mobile interactive museum experience containing books, artifacts, and artwork depicting the provision of God throughout the African experience in America, from pre-slavery to the present. Displays ranged from the history of slavery in Greece and Rome to inventions and contributions benefiting science and the arts, with a focus on God's handiwork through His people.

Hoppin' John, Joloff Rice, and Johnny Cake topped with Texas ribbon cane syrup were just a few of the offerings on the "Pitty-Pat's Porch" menu. If you're not sure what they are, feel free



to ask the younger students who enjoyed every bite!

Student Poetry Publications

Congratulations, Patricia Sims! One or more of your students are being invited to be published in a national poetry anthology. The teachers and students of your school should feel honored as thousands of entrants were not invited to be published. Publishing the high merit poems from our contest creates a record of what is important to today's students. Without this publication, the entries that reflect the unique insight and perspective of the youth today would be lost forever. Here is a list of your students who have been invited to be published and are being considered for the final awards:

Winter

W hite Snow,
I cicles,
N ightgowns soft and warm,
T eddy bears and
E ar muffs
R emind me I am loved.

Kiara Mugisha, Grade 1



Pictured are (L-R) Kiara, Ava, & Yasmin

I Don't Understand

I don't understand why snowflakes are different.
Why do they melt?
Why are they flat?
Why do they only come in winter?
But most of all
Why did God make snow?
Why is snow so cold?
Why does it get dirty?
What I understand most is
Why God gives us snowflakes,
Why He makes each one special and
Why He makes me special, too.

Ava Kincaid, Grade 2

Penguins

P layful,
E nergetic,
N ice,
G ood working,
U nderstanding,
I mportant,
N oble,
S now birds.

Yasmin Mugisha, Grade 3

Gifts Honoring Loved Ones

Pauline Childers

By: Alethia Bruner
Houston, Texas

Chris & Sheila Couch
Joplin, Missouri

Jeff & Alice Landers
Topeka, Kansas

Sherry Scofield
Topeka, Kansas

Frances Wood
Topeka, Kansas

Terry Freeman

By: Ronald & Clela Henak
McLouth, Kansas

Shirley Martin
Tonganoxie, Kansas

Vera Hartman

By: Robert & Jeanne Bradwell
Kansas City, Kansas

Nancy Canfield
Ballwin, Missouri

Waunita Moskau
Wathena, Kansas

Blanche Marcelle Higley

By: Ryan Vessar
Cummings, Kansas

Cummings Christian Church
Cummings, Kansas

Terry Carlile

By: Connie J Carlile
Joplin, Missouri





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Mission Pantry Needs

- Breakfast Cereals
- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- Shredded or Block Cheeses
- Sandwich Bread
- Canned Fruits
- Individual Snack Packs for Lunches
- Easy Mac Packets
- Pasta Sauces
- Medium Salsa
- Seasoned Black Beans
- Saltine Crackers
- Condiments
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissues w/ Lotion
- Glade Air Freshener Sprays
- Clorox Wipes
- 13 Gallon & Larger Trash Bags
- Gain Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Luvs Diapers Size 4
- AA & AAA Batteries



Special Needs

- Education Center: Merit Store Items for the kids to purchase with their Merit Bucks (toys & games, crafts, art supplies, fun school supplies, knickknacks, gadgets, etc.)
- Funds for Building Materials for Faith House Rebuild
- Contractors & Volunteers for Faith House Rebuild
- 3 New Garage Doors and Openers for Maintenance Areas

NOTE: If we should have any amount of funding left over from your support for a particular project, we will absolutely use it toward the many other needs of the children.

**Come See Us at the
 North American
 Christian Convention
 June 27-29
 Exhibit Booth #437**



2017 Totals

General Mills Box Tops:
 8,238 x 10¢ each = \$823.80
Best Choice UPC Symbols:
 6,000 x 3¢ each = \$180
Dillons Rewards = \$513.40
2016 Total: \$6,089.04 !!!