



## May eNewsletter

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness."*

*-Lamentations 3:22-23*

### Upcoming Dates

May: Spring semester payments (9-12)

May 5: 2022-23 School Application opens

May 9: Process April reports (K-8)

June 8: Process May reports (K-8)

June-July: Summer break!

July 31: Fall Application deadline

August: 2022-23 Visits Begin

### Student Spotlight

When Molly was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, she started visiting Mrs. Hubbard via the PFE program at Madison Campus Elementary. Back then, it was still hand-written paper reflections. Molly learned what life was like for Mrs. Hubbard growing up during the Great Depression and experiencing the Dust Bowl of Kansas. They played Rumikub, read books together, and played with Libby (Mrs. Hubbard's dog). After Mrs. Hubbard died, Molly continued to visit and bring joy to Mrs. Hubbard's daughter-Francine. Eventually Francine moved away, leaving Molly searching for a new mentor.



Ms. Lewis was working as a homecare nurse for an elderly client. A student in first

grade from Madison Campus Elementary (Samantha) would come by every week to visit with her patient. This little girl would read to her mentor, “Grandma Addie”. Ms. Lewis loved this interaction and saw how meaningful it was to her patient. She decided she would like to be a mentor someday.

Nine years later, Molly remains consistently active with PFE. She spends every Friday afternoon with her mentor, none other than, Ms. Lewis. Their favorite activity is spending time in the kitchen cooking delicious food and baking amazing desserts and breads. One of their favorites is a lemon meringue pie made with lemons picked fresh from her tree. Molly has also learned to quilt, how to prepare and care for a garden, and how to apply life lessons learned from the life experiences shared by Ms. Lewis.

Over the years Molly has been involved in PFE, she has earned over \$10,000.00 in PFE tuition scholarship and has invested over 400 hours visiting and learning with her mentors. Molly has learned that two people don’t have to be the same age to be good friends. Ms. Lewis lamented that she only gets to be with Molly one more year before Molly graduates from Madison Academy. Thank you, Molly, for bringing so much life and love and joy to your 3 mentors over the past 9 years.

### **Coordinator Spotlight** **Training Your Children for Eternity**



*“Train well for this life, and train well for the life to come; train well for earth, and train well for Heaven; train them for God, train them for Christ and train them for Eternity.” Amen*

As parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, our most prized priority must be to diligently and graciously train our children to grow up to love God, and to guide, warn and encourage our children from the Bible. When I was asked by

Principal Nelson to participate in Partnering for Eternity, my first thought was that my plate was full, I still teach nursing and that I couldn't do it. I was coming up with reasons that I thought were legitimate. Behind the scenes, God was working on me, and along with His guidance I realized that my heart has always been about giving and this was another great opportunity to serve!

As a grandmother of a first grader at Forest Park Adventist Christian School, I decided what better example can I show my grandson by participating and contribute to his development of what matters the most, Loving God! As a parent of two lovely daughters, we were always involved in mission trips and church activities, but losing sight of what was right in front of us all, our COMMUNITY! The best sign I have ever seen was leaving the parking lot of my daughters' Christian School that read “YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD.” We too often lose sight of that simple but powerful message.

PFE provides scholarships to students who are paired with an older adult in our community called a 'mentor' and they both benefit in a mutual way. I have gained many blessings by reading their reports on the joys they bring to the lives of seniors through weekly visits, reading, going on walks, learning to cook, doing yard work, playing games etc. and sharing their love for Christ! I hear them calling their mentors

“grandma,” “grandpa,” “aunty,” and “dearest of friend.” There is no greater joy than seeing the excitement on the faces of God’s children.

Therefore, I am so privileged to be a part of this program and a part of Forest Park Adventist Christian School! A favorite song of mine is a children’s song “*He’s Still Working on Me, To Make Me What I Ought to Be.*” A simple but powerful message, and I know He is still working on this grandma! As parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, our goal is to teach and train for what really matters and not lose sight of eternity!

*“The love between Our Heavenly Father, a parent and their children is always and forever!”*

A forever grateful Oma/Grandma,  
Brigitte Weber Kiesz

### End-of-Year Celebration

To celebrate the end of the semester, PFE students at Andrews Academy were invited to an evening filled with worship, pizza, and games. Coordinator Joelle Ashley gave awards to students who were always on time with their visit/reflections, as well as recognizing the student whose reflections won in the following categories:

**LOL** - Nathan Seifert, who mentioned his need to “channel his inner AT&T technician” when spending an entire visit setting up a new phone system for his mentors. We gave him the game of Mastermind, a game of strategy and deduction that tests your codebreaking skills...for obvious reasons—Ha!



**Awww** - Ethan Church, who went to his mentors on a day that school was closed due to a serious SNOW drop the night before. His mentors were snowed in, so he drove over and cleared their long driveway for them. We gave him the game of Ultimate UNO with Avengers characters on the cards since he was such a hero to his mentors that day.

**Honorable Mention Awww** -Brandon Demarques for an up-close picture of his masked face being licked by his mentor’s dog.

**Wordsmith Award** - Aubrey Isaak, who used words like halcyon and xyloid to describe her visits. She got the game IncoHEARent Family Edition, where you read gibberish phrases and figure out what words those phrases sound like.

Thank you, Joelle, for creating such a fun and rewarding PFE program for your students at Andrews Academy. You are an inspiration to all of us.





## School Event Ideas

**La Sierra Academy** holds a Harvest Festival each year and all of the classrooms get involved. Each classroom makes food or has games. All of the money raised goes to each classroom. They also hold a Ladies Tea that is hosted by Home and School. All the ladies from the school and around the community come and enjoy a day out together for lunch and a time to auction off items from each classroom. They also have gift baskets donated from Glen Ivy and other familiar spots, such as Sea World tickets that are also auctioned off. All proceeds go back into the school.

**Ooltewah Adventist School** holds a variety show where the kids put together acts, music, skits, and more to help raise money for PFE.

**Orangevale Adventist School** makes care packages for seniors. One year, the students hand painted canvas bags with a strawberry motif and homemade strawberry jam. Another year, they hand painted clay pots and planted bright yellow flowers to bring cheer. Students then deliver them to seniors and say a prayer of thanks for their new friend. Simple ways to connect, serve and share Jesus with love. *Seeds. Planting. Growing. Blooming.*





**\*The giveaway from last month's eNewsletter is still active. Reply and tell us about an event that your school holds that you think other schools would enjoy. The first two responses will receive an Amazon gift card.\***

### Reminders

- Virtual visits do not count towards PFE time (includes letters, text, Zoom, etc.)
- K-8 parent/guardian must be present for entire visit.
- Send us your stories and pictures! You could get featured in the eNewsletter.



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