

Announcements

- **Open Enrollment - Now!** For fall 2024-2025 school year:
 - TCAS - mytcas.org or call the school to schedule a tour.
 - Small World Learning Center (SWLC) - info@smallworldpasco.org
- **Playground Update:** We are praising the Lord that our new playground received the final seal of approval last month, is now open, and is being thoroughly enjoyed by the students!
- **SWLC is Hiring** a Teaching Assistant (for the toddler room): Must be at least 16 years old to apply; email info@smallworldpasco.org if interested.
- **Lego Club Fundraising:** April 8-12. Funds will be used for a new case to display LEGO creations and accomplishments at TCAS. To support or donate to this cause, please contact the office or a Lego Club member.
- **Constituency Meeting April 15:** Representatives from constituent churches will be in attendance to hear and vote on important matters for the upcoming school year. We hope you will come.
- **Open House, April 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Please come support, celebrate, and see some of your students' hard work this year.
- **Save the date: May 19** we will celebrate teacher Betty's upcoming retirement and her lifelong mission of sharing God's love with our children. Watch for further details.
- **Prayer:** Please lift the following needs to our Heavenly Father with prayer and thanksgiving:
 - Enrollment -- praying over next year's students, staff and their families.
 - Volunteers for the school (see "Volunteer Opportunities" below)
 - Wisdom, guidance, and endurance for our Administration, Staff, Board and Committees
 - Relationship with Jesus for our students and entire TCAS family!

"For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come." Hebrews 13:14 (NLT)

Mission: To show children Jesus, nurture their love for Him and others, teach them to think, and empower them to serve.

Vision: To enable all students to achieve their God-given potential.

Principal Gayle Norton's Message

Have you ever been homesick? I have. It is a painful feeling. Psalm 121 is a psalm for all homesick individuals. "I lift my eyes to the hills where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord the Maker of heaven and earth." Take a moment, read, and feel this psalm.

I am homesick for heaven. My eyes strain to see through the portal of Orion to see my home in heaven. I long for its distant hills and shores. Where does our help come to help us on our journey, to help guide us home? Our help comes from Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Let us fix our spiritual eyes on Jesus, who is ever watching, and who never slumbers. He watches over our comings and goings and keeps us from harm. May He watch over your comings and goings forevermore.

In His Name,
Gayle Norton



TCAS Connection April 2024



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K-10 school

April Upcoming Events

- **1-3 – No School** – Professional Development
- **4** – Town Hall Meeting - All parents welcome, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- **6** – TCAS Performance @ Richland SDA Church
- **8-12** – Lego Club Fundraiser
- **11** – No School – Parent Teacher Conferences
- **15** – Constituency Meeting, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **20** – TCAS Performance (All Grades) @ New Movement SDA Church
- **22** – Open House, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **25** – School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **29** – Class and individual photos with Leo's Photography @ TCAS
- **29-May 3** – TCAS Spring Week of Prayer!

High Level Updates

- "Love Your School" campaign: Everything God does is perfect and complete, and done with love. We dedicated this fundraising campaign to Him and He was faithful to provide. There is no coincidence that we raised exactly \$12,000 for our school!! All glory to God for His faithful provision, which far exceeds anything we could ask or imagine!
 - Congratulations and thank you to each student and family for your participation in this event.
 - Special thanks to our local area businesses (listed below) who generously contributed their support to TCAS for this event through donations or discounts. Please share your appreciation by paying their kindness forward.
 - Dairy Queen (Burden Blvd)
 - Atomic Bowling
 - Crumbl (Pasco and Richland Locations)
 - Rollarena Skating
 - TacoTime (Clearwater Ave.)
 - Craft Warehouse
 - Jamba Juice (Pasco and Richland Locations)
 - Baskin-Robbins (Gage Blvd.)

Student Spotlight

(by Glenn Anderson, 9th grade)

Aaron Jimenez

Aaron Jimenez is a 14-year-old 8th grade student at Tri City Adventist School. He was born in Wenatchee, before moving here. His mother wanted him to go to a Christian school, so he ended up coming to TCAS in kindergarten. He has three siblings, all older than him. After school, he is most likely to be found doing homework, playing basketball, playing video games, or just being outside with friends. He has several nicknames, one of which is "Aaron the Baron". (He is also very allergic to peanuts!)

When he grows up, he would like to join the army to serve his country. After serving, he would like to be a police officer. Aaron has several pets: three cats, a rabbit, and a dog. His favorite subjects in school are PE and Math; he says it's because they're easy for him. His favorite season is winter because he likes the cold.

The people he looks up to in life are his father, mother and uncle. His mom helps him with homework and in general. His father and uncle are good to talk to because they understand him. He would like to be successful in life and to help all people. When asked what he would do if he was president for a day, he responded, "I would try to lower inflation so that everything would be cheaper." On behalf of all of us at TCAS, we thank you for being here in our family for so long, and we can't wait to see you grow.



Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Ilene Soltero

(Aide in Teacher Betty's first grade classroom)

I attended Tri City Adventist School back in 2006 when it was called Tri City Junior Academy. At that time I was a preschooler in Mrs. Clendenon's classroom.



I graduated from TCJA my 8th grade year then enrolled at Chiawana High School. I graduated from WSU Tri Cities with my Bachelors in Elementary Education with a Bilingual and English Language Learners (ELL) endorsement. I have been working at Small World Learning Center for the past 5 years.

Currently I am working as the teacher for the before-and-after TCAS students, and in a few short months will be planning summer camp activities and field trips. I have also been working as a Teaching Assistant (TA) in the 1st grade room this year at TCAS. My time there has been a joy as some of the students have attended SWLC since they were infants and I get to watch them hit new milestones. One of my favorite Bible verses is Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in helping TCAS? Some current needs:

- **Tutors** for reading and math. Flexible time(s)
- **Lunch monitor(s)** for grades 7-10, (M-Th 12:30 – 1:10 PM)
- **Recess monitor(s)** (10:00 – 10:20 AM, 12:00 – 12:30 PM, 2:00 – 2:20 PM)
- **Looking Forward:** Breakfast Team for next year (8:00 – 8:30 AM, M-F)
- **Volunteers needed for next school year (2024-2025):**
 - Tutors for reading and math (Flexible times).
 - Home & School Leader and committee members (5-6 people).
 - Drama Club Leader(s). Students have expressed interest in having a Drama Club, but doing so will require finding an individual with the passion, time, and willingness to lead (experience preferred, but not required).
 - Breakfast Team for next year (8:00 – 8:30 AM, M-F)

Contact Information:

TCAS Office: (509) 547-8092 | office@mytcas.org
Treasurer: treasurer@mytcas.org | Website: mytcas.org

Praying Parents! Join us Mondays at 2:30 p.m. at the school (when in session) to pray for our school, students, and staff. All are welcome! Prayers from afar are also needed!

Fundraising Opportunities

- **Lego Club Fundraiser: April 8-12.** This fundraiser is to purchase a new display case for TCAS to showcase Lego creations and other student accomplishments.
- **Yokes** grocery store will donate a percentage of your purchases to TCAS. (See office for card.)
- **Donations** are needed and appreciated for student assistance! Donations can be sent to the office with a memo ("student assistance") or contact Celeste Graves (TCAS Treasurer).

If you are a current student at TCAS, have something to share, or would like to be featured, please email Homeandschool@mytcas.org with the subject heading "Content for TCAS Connection"