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Tomorrow most of you will receive an email with a survey link included. The short survey is for us to gather information about PCCE services and their value to our members. We ask that teachers & principals take a few minutes at an upcoming staff meeting and that Boards put aside some time at their next meeting

(1 survey/board) to complete the surveys. We really want to hear from you!

Deadline: December 4

LIVING

“We are made to live in God’s Story... for God’s glory... with God’s joy. It is only within God’s Story that *our* stories find their true meaning and destiny... Though we spend much of life relegating God to bit parts in our little autobiographies of self-fulfillment, God generously “enfolds” us into His cosmic Story of transforming love! Could any of us possibly want or hope for more out of life? We are called into a story that *enfolds our own stories in a grander narrative* - a story that is *going somewhere*, a story that is *taking us with it*.”

Scotty Smith, Restoring Broken Things

LEARNING

Podcast Club Kick-off

Next week Tuesday (November 24) from 3:30-4:30 MST we will kick-off our 2020/2021 PCCE Podcast Club. As a general rule, the podcast episodes we choose will be focused specifically on Christian education; however, to kick it off we thought “[Big questions from and about children](#),” an episode released on November 5th, 2020 from the “Ask NT Wright Anything” podcast (which you can find wherever you get your podcasts), would encourage great conversation and maybe help you navigate the tricky questions curious minds ask in your classroom about God and the Bible:

- Why did God create mosquitoes?
- Did God create hell?
- Where exactly is heaven?
- What are some strategies for teaching kids the Bible?

The Zoom link for our connection time will be attached to next Tuesday's Prairie Page. As you listen to this episode between now and next Tuesday, you can use the 3 A's protocol to organize your thoughts:

What do you Agree with?

What do you want to Argue about?

What do you want to Act upon?

#TakeMeBackTuesday

In line with social media's #TakeMeBackTuesday we are going to regularly highlight a different Tft unit from year's past as we "reminisce" over the beautiful work so many of our PCCE teachers did in the early years of Tft. We haven't promoted these units for a few years because we wanted to shift the focus of Tft away from "unit building" and focus more on transforming our teaching practices so that the Core Practices (Storyline, Throughlines, FLEx) are fully rooted in God's story.

However, we recognize that there is so much beautiful work done on these "old" Tft units and we don't want to lose that if it can help your "Christian imagination" or help provide some valuable resources for your current teaching assignment. Please understand that these are not all fully completed/polished units and we are very thankful for these teachers' willingness to share their "try's." Here is a [LINK](#) to the entire library of units if you want to explore on your own and/or nominate a unit to be highlighted that's been a blessing to you by sending us an email with the name of the unit and grade.

#TakeMeBackTuesday - [Grade 7 LA - Fences](#) (novel study of "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas")

Unit synopsis

Through the exploration of Bruno's journey in the novel The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, along with researching the lives of those who lived through the Holocaust, students will become aware of fences in their lives and how these fences shape our beliefs, choices and actions. In learning about the dark tragedies of our past, and reflecting on what it means to be an image-bearer of God during and after these events, students will develop the critical thinking skills necessary to shape a better world that is more just and reflects God's love redemptive power. As we study tough subjects like the Holocaust, we must communicate to our students and their parents that open discussion, rather than fear of a topic, is the only way to affect change.

LEADING

Bible Instruction Symposium

This year, Christian School International's Bible Symposium will be held virtually on February 11-12. [Registration](#) opens today. One of the keynote speakers is Sally Lloyd-Jones, the author of The Jesus Storybook Bible! Pass this information on to your teachers as you see fit.

Leader Challenge

Leaders who don't listen will eventually be surrounded by people who have nothing to say. (Andy Stanley)

Board Treasurers

You may find this November 21 [free webinar](#) interesting as you manage cash flow in times of uncertainty.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 24	Podcast Club (3:30 - 4:30)
December 1 or 3	TfT 101
February 2	TfT 101
February 11-12	CSI Bible Symposium
March 2	TfT 101



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