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Inner-City Goes Robotics

Contributed by Maria Faber

I was at school October 3rd and observed a robotics project that ICS's 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are involved in. It is a small model of a 'town', complete with trees, houses and a polar bear. The robot, which is part of the landscape, is being built and programmed by our kids. It's task is to demonstrate climate comparisons between Colorado and regions around the world.

The robots have a series of prescribed duties and manipulations which it must complete in order to state its' case about climates around the world. Our kids are in partnership with Chariot Christian Schools,

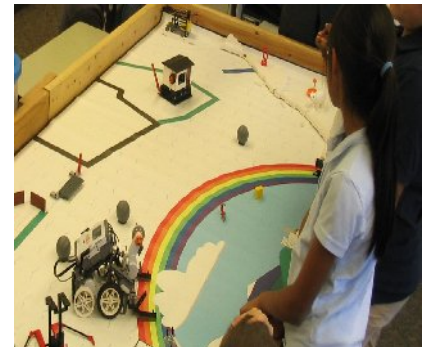
Broomfield, CO, which is assisting other schools in understanding the world of robotics. Chariot Christian Schools has formed an organization called 'Launch', which helps schools develop robots to enter them into competitions.

ICS will be going further in their studies in this area by visiting the Atmospheric Center in Boulder (October 20th) for a work session. November 15th, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. ICS will stage a presentation of their climate project at Monarch High School in Louisville. Visitors are welcome and encouraged! ICS has asked

for volunteers to help the project participants by providing juice, fruit and sandwiches for 20. I am so proud of our kids!

Go Inner City

Robotic Transformers!!



ICS Students are building a robot with the help of Chariot Christian Schools

Impact of ICS Volunteers

A special thank you to parent and community volunteers that lend a helping hand. Funding cuts has increased the need for volunteers



(PAM SMITH)

to keep the school running smoothly and effectively. Maria Faber has been a great blessing and supporter. She helps 2 days a

week in the office, classrooms and transporting after school students to tennis. Pamela Smith, a grandmother in the community, provides help in Before School Program. Front Range Christian Schools, Junior and Senior High School students visit the school every 3rd Wednesday giving teachers a much needed break with lunch and recess. Betty Englick and Women of Vision volunteers continue to bless ICS providing readers, classroom and office support. Many ICS Parents

have stepped up and help in the office, classrooms and the Before and After School Program. **The 3rd—5th**

Graders send a special thank you to Matthew and Kathy Collier and Robotics Team of Chariot Christian School.



(MARIA FABER)

**A SHOUT OUT TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS
YOU ARE AWESOME!**

Future Tennis Pros



The Gates Tennis Center "Pros" make learning tennis FUN!

Gates Tennis Center in Denver has graciously provided scholarships for Inner City students to learn to play tennis. The program started during the Kingdom Kids Summer Program offered at the school. The summer program was such a success that scholarships were offered to students as part of the After School program. Students from Kindergarten to 5th Grade are excited about learning a new sport. The staff at Gates are Pros that take the game

seriously, and are excited to invest in the Inner City. ICS students and staff would like to thank Maria Faber for all her efforts in working with Gates and introducing Inner City to their scholarship program. Our children look forward to attending these sessions after school and many of them have real talent. Who knows, maybe we have a few future "pros" in our midst. Our children are introduced to a world that is primarily closed to them due to finances. The students and

staff at ICS are grateful to Gates Tennis Center for giving of their time and talents to introduce our children to the world of TENNIS!



Computer Technology

"In today's world, technology is important. ICS adds computer literacy to the curriculum."

In today's technological world, it's important that students are computer literate. ICS is excited to announce that can now offer this educational piece to our curriculum. The Jared Polis Foundation is providing Inner City with 15 refurbished computers for a computer lab. Zack Winegrad, liaison between foundations and educational communities in need of computers, is

working hard to set up our lab with donated software for our Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth grade students. Database software is desperately needed to efficiently manage student data and files. This type of software is expensive and Zack is searching and soliciting schools and organizations that will donate used software to ICS. The computers will be located in our newly

remodeled "Rainbow Room", and installed and networked in classrooms, office and the teacher resource room. With a database, teachers can connect with the internet, enter vital information on attendance, grades, discipline issues and communicate electronically with the school office. If you or your business is able to help in this worthy cause contact the school office.

Drumming to Their Own Beat

The Banyan Tree Drum Project creating sweet sounds at Inner-City School



Music is vital to the development of young hearts and minds. Children exposed to the arts can express

themselves in unique and creative ways. Every Thursday, the halls of Inner City ring

with the beat of the drum. The Banyan Tree Drum Project offers another grant to Inner City School. However, this year, Neill Stone brings the drums to the Rainbow Room and offers two lessons for each grade level in the 1st and 3rd Quarters. Happy faces all aglow, as students have fun

learning new and old songs to the beat of the drum.

PRICELESS!



ICS Staff - Teachers go above and beyond the call of duty.

At the end of July, 2008, when the staff heard the news of the school's closing, they immediately went into action. Everyday they came down to the school and fervently prayed until the last week of August.

The result ICS opened for the 2008-2009 with 30 students. **We are so thankful to our Faithful God who still hears and answers prayer!**

Meet the Inner-City Staff



Executive Director:
Jacquelyn Graham
Office Manager:
Benita Acker

Pre-K and Kindergarten Teacher:
Judy Godard
1st and 2nd Grade Teacher:
Carolyn Lowe
3rd—5th Grade Teacher:
Janice Martinez
Contract Employee:
Henry Mosley, Maintenance
Para:
Mary DePriest

“Consider sponsoring a student’s tuition with a monthly commitment of \$100—\$400”

Fundraising and Support Opportunities

ICS retained several families from 2007-2008 school year despite the fact that the school dropped the secular HOPE Online funding, and returned to tuition based school. To help with cost, students, parents and staff at ICS have several fundraisers planned for this Fall. Currently, we are participating in Box Tops For Education and collecting box tops from families, friends, neighbors and businesses. You can help us by collecting box tops within your organization or

family. The students are selling yummy “Little ‘OI Cookie House Dough” just in time for Christmas. In addition, ICS is considering joining the Funding Factory to receive money from donated used cell phones, empty laser and inkjet printer cartridges. So don’t throw yours away, help us by donating them to ICS.

Every family at Inner City is receiving a discounted tuition fee in order to afford Christian Education.

To help struggling families, in-house scholarships are needed to make up the difference.



An investment in a child is an eternal investment with great value and worth.

New ICS Board Members

In August, 2008, the ICS Board officially disbanded and decided to close down the School. However, the teachers rallied to keep the school open and with the help of Gary Oakley, Jacquelyn Graham and the Inner City Staff managed to reorganize, cut back and open for the 2008-2009 school year. A new board was formed. There is much work to be done. Please pray for

the new board to have wisdom and direction as we move forward. ICS BOARD: Anita Krumenacker, Maria Faber, Debbie Pasko, David Lupberger, Sam McWilliams, Leroy Matticks and Tom Tillapaugh. An advisory board is also forming for input and direction. ICS is thankful for these men and women that believe in the vision and purpose of the school.

FUTURE ICS EVENTS

- **Robotics Competition** Nov. 15th
- **Cherry Hills Christian School Christmas Partnership Event** Dec. 12th
- **Denver Rescue Mission Christmas Party** Dec. 12th
- **Mile High Ministries Christmas Store** Nov.-Dec.

Thank You Partners!



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A Final Note

by: Jacquelyn Graham

“When the going gets tough, the tough get going”.

There is much truth to this old saying. I am extremely proud to be apart of the Inner City Team. I am humbled and encouraged by the strength and commitment of the staff at Inner City School. Their resolve to sacrifice with a drastic pay cut proves their love for the ministry and families of ICS. It is inspiring to witness their commitment. A special thank you to Gary Oakley. As I get to know Mr. O (as I call him), I see a heart that has been wounded by hope delayed and disappointment, but not defeated. He continues to stand beside the school with emotional and financial support. He is an inspiration to me, and I highly respect his commitment and integrity. I would also like to thank every individual donor and

organization that financially supported ICS upon hearing the news of the closure. If it had not been for the many contributions that poured into the school in September, we would not be here today. Lastly, I thank God for his faithfulness to ICS. There are still many challenges and changes ahead. I have taken the position of Executive Director and will focus on raising funds for the school during this time of transition. As we rebuild, ICS will be stronger than ever. Children are our future, the apple of God's eye. Our goal and purpose is to help children with promise receive a quality Christian education with a Biblical Worldview. As these students grow into responsible adults and educated self-governing citizens, it is our hope that they will return to the

Inner City and invest their time, talent and abilities. Many children in the Inner City need role models, and the students of ICS will uniquely understand the struggles and challenges of at risk children. Their experiences and academic achievements at ICS will enable them to give back and solve some of the issues plaguing the education of Inner City children.



**Chapel—October 15, 2008
Moses and the 10 Commandments**