



Royal Legacy Christian Academy

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Remember Why You Started...and Keep Going!



Pastor Chassidi Martin and Kendall Helmer, Co-Founders.

Here we are with only three months remaining of our historic first school year of Royal Legacy Christian Academy. Like most major endeavors started, there are days that are challenging and even makes us question if this will even work. In the midst of rushed mornings trying to get the kids out the house, long days of teaching, fundraising and missing the quality time I used to spend with my kids when I was homeschooling, I have to ask God... *is this really what you had in mind?* That's when the Holy Spirit reminds me that 28 students have been in a safe, friendly, Christ-centered environment Monday through Friday since September; our

Kindergarten and first-graders are well on their way to high-proficiency in a foreign language; a stronger bridge between the deaf and hearing community in the Cedar Valley is being built through exposure to ASL at our school; more families are empowered to choose another educational route regardless of their household income. These are the things that legacy is made of. That is why we started. That is why we will keep going. We wanted a space for our own kids to interact with other children while receiving an excellent Christian education, but we also wanted the same opportunity for other families that may not have had the option before. Join us as a monthly financial partner so that all these amazing things can continue to make our community better and brighter.

Pastor Chassidi Martin

Now enrolling K-1 Spanish Immersion and 3rd – 6th grade!

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Legacy Ball RAISING ROYALTY

A black tie fundraiser to benefit Royal Legacy Christian Academy and its mission to provide an affordable, dual-language school serving K-6 students in the Cedar Valley

Saturday, March 30

6pm -10pm

Grout Museum

503 South Street, Waterloo, IA 50701

DJ, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, door prizes

\$50 tickets

Available at RLCA, 715 E. 4th Street, Waterloo, IA 50701

319-595-1097 or purchase online at www.rlcawaterloo.org/support

Indicate, "Legacy Ball Ticket" in message description.

Limited seating; buy tickets by Friday, March 22nd please

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Royal Legacy Christian Academy cordially invites you to an evening of dancing and entertainment.

RLCA's St. Valentine's Day Celebration!

In February, RLCA students had a day full of learning, sharing and fun with our St. Valentine's Day celebration. We learned about St. Valentine who was martyred for his faith on February 14, 270 A.D. He believed that marriage was a sacred institution from God and performed weddings in secret when it was illegal to do so. We talked about sacrificial love, and the love of Christ being the best display of love ever given. The children also enjoyed sharing notes and treats with classmates.



You're Speaking My Language!

In addition to our Christ-centered approach to learning, another key element to our children's enrichment and growth is the access they have to language learning! Our K-1 Spanish immersion students continue to make strides in their language acquisition and our entire student body is gaining significant exposure to ASL with our partnership with, "STEPS by Kei-Che." One of our core beliefs at Royal Legacy is that all students should develop high proficiency in another language and that language should be taught within its cultural context. While our ASL learners are gaining exposure to a language and the deaf culture from a member of the deaf community, they are also gaining insight and empathy to others that communicate differently than them.



Spanish Immersion Class Highlight



It has been a joy to see the students take all of their work in Spanish phonics so far and apply it to reading! We utilize the Daily 5 reading workshop where students

independently read to self, read to someone, listen to reading, and do word work—allowing me to work with small groups in guided reading. For writing, we do a separate writing workshop, where students learn from authors on how to think like a writer and learn about the writing process.

It is always exciting to hear about our students utilizing Spanish in organic ways outside of school.

Recently one of our students used his Spanish abilities to communicate with a Spanish-speaking child at the public library. The young child's mother has a 6th grader at RLCA, and she let us know that she saw our Spanish Immersion student engaging her son in his native language. She was impressed by his confidence and fluency. **This is the ultimate goal of our program for the students—to take what they learn at school and use it to effectively engage people outside of school.** It is so encouraging to hear that the students are starting to do that even in kindergarten and 1st grade!



Royal Legacy Featured on the Steele Report

Our students and staff got a moment in the spotlight, as Ron Steele of KWWL Channel 7, did a thorough report on Royal Legacy Christian Academy. The students enjoyed having a professional camera and news reporter in the classroom. We are grateful for the extra exposure for the school and the response we've been getting from the community!



RLCA Performs at the AACFC and City-Wide Black History Month Program

RLCA students represented Christ and our school in a tremendous way at the UNI African American Children and Family Conference in February. They sang in Spanish, sign-language and English for an audience of college students, high school students, parents and educators. Later that evening they performed the same selection at the City-wide Black History Month program at West High school. They did an excellent job and we are so proud of them!



Pastors from the Community Share with RLCA Students

It's been a privilege to have several guest pastors come and share with our 3rd -6th grade students over the past several months. Minister Tony Myers from Bethany Bible Chapel in Cedar Falls taught a memorable and interactive message on King Nebuchadnezzar and the importance of humility. Pastor Josh Paxton from Heartland Vineyard Church in Waterloo shared his personal testimony and led the students in a heartfelt communion, and Pastor Joe Greemore of First Baptist Church in Waterloo made scriptures come to life by leading us in African-American Spirituals. The students enjoyed the different styles of teaching, their unique approach to the gospel, special stories and hands-on activities. RLCA thanks each of them for taking time to share with us! If you would like to be a guest teacher for our Chapel time, or commit to once a week, please call the school and talk with Pastor Chassidi.



Letter from the Principal's Desk



I am so excited to be at this point in the year. It seems as if it is passing by at record speed! You would not imagine the awesome things happening in this space. One has to see it to believe it or just know the power of the Holy Spirit. We have kids praying and interceding for one another, we have a social and cultural engagement class exploring the exploitation of neighborhoods of poverty, we have students speaking and praying in Spanish, we have

students ministering in American Sign Language, and so much more! We are so thankful that there is a space where all of these things are the norm. We are grateful to God that He has given this vision. Having said that, we need you! Our school is donation based, meaning every dollar we spend is a dollar that you gave. We also need volunteers. We are so blessed with the faithful volunteers that come and provide lunch or a helping hand in the office and classroom. We are always in need of more. Contact us today to share how you could be a blessing to our school. *Dr. Amber N. Robinson*