



# Agassiz Christian School

## January 2019 Infostation

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### From the principal's desk...

I recently read an article about Critical Thinking (which is one of our Core Competencies). The author, Deep Patel, wrote:

*Albert Einstein, Henry Ford, Marie Curie, ...these are just a few of the critical thinkers who have shaped our modern lives. Critical thinkers think clearly and rationally, and make logical connections between ideas -- they are crucial to exploring and understanding the world we live in.*

*Critical thinking is more than just the accumulation of facts and knowledge; it's a way of approaching whatever is presently occupying your mind so that you come to the best possible conclusion. Critical thinkers are focused on constantly upgrading their knowledge, and they engage in independent self-learning. They make some of the best leaders, because they can reach new planes of self-improvement and self-actualization.*

For the past two weeks, our classrooms and hallways have been busy as students have employed their own critical thinking skills. Each student is researching a topic that they have chosen -- from how stress balls are made and how they help us, to the history of Agassiz and how it has changed. We have been calling this part of our day "Genius Hour", because during that hour we have many geniuses at work, using their critical thinking skills to broaden their learning and the learning of others.

We have a book in our library all about Albert Einstein, who wasn't the world's best student. However, his critical thinking changed our world. It may just be possible that we have some future Einsteins in our midst. Please save February 6 to come and see the amazing work of the geniuses of Agassiz Christian as we present our Genius Celebrations! You won't want to miss it!



Coming to Agassiz

February 8

See Back for More  
Information on this event!

*Please Join us*  
*7:00 pm, Wednesday, February 6, 2019*  
*Genius Celebrations & New School Logo Reveal!*

Over the past two weeks, K- Gr 7 students have been researching a topic they are passionate about – cake decorating, quilting, gold mining, mousetrap cars, etc. It has been exciting to see students excel as they research a subject in which they are keenly interested. Will you please join us at 7:00 pm for Genius Celebrations? This will be an opportunity for all students (K-Gr 7) to share their passion and newfound knowledge with parents, grandparents and the broader community. This event will take place in the gym and is open to the public.

We are also looking forward to hearing from our band and choir.

And, finally - on the same evening, the Development Committee will unveil our new logo and tagline!

The Development Committee is very excited, after two years of research and discussions, to have reached this point! Please join us as we discuss the process we went through and how we arrived at the chosen logo. We are certain that you will appreciate the final outcome and we look forward to sharing this with you.

## **Preschool**

We have had a wonderful start to the new year! It is hard to believe our year is almost half over. We have covered many topics so far, but I think the favourite was Christmas! I was so proud of the children. They practiced really hard for the school Christmas concert, and even learned a memory verse. We are still learning about winter, and next week our topic will be winter animals and hibernation. We have also continued with Fun Family Phonics in our 4's class, and the children have learned the letters a-g so far.





## Grade 6/7

In December, our Gr 6/7 class were very fortunate to travel to Victoria to see the traveling Egypt exhibit. Unfortunately, there are always things you can't plan for - like the windstorm that cancelled our first ferry! But despite the delay, the people at the Royal BC Museum were amazing and called us to reschedule before we even left the mainland. We were therefore able to split our visit over two days, making it possibly for a more diverse and rich experience. Some highlights from the museum included the Egyptian jewelry, First Nations Totem Poles and Mr. Braun setting off a security alarm on one of the exhibits!

We also had a great visit to the legislature and some local sights. We are so thankful for the many people who helped us out and made this trip possible including: Unity Christian for the use of their bus; the Zuidhofs for driving; Hilda Patrick and Christina Timmers for driving our stuff around; Nathan Hertgers, Amy Lagemaat and Heather Stace-Smith for their vigilant eyes and helpful hands; Victoria CRC for a warm floor to sleep on; and the many people praying for us at home.



## Volunteer Marketing Position

Agassiz Christian School is looking for a person who loves our school and wants to get that message out to the broader community. If you, or someone you know, has an interest and skill in marketing, website maintenance and social media, you may be just the person we are looking for. Please contact Mrs. de Waal at [office@agassizchristianschool.com](mailto:office@agassizchristianschool.com)

## DeCluttering?

After the busyness of Christmas you may find that you have a few too many things in your home. Our school may be able to help with that. If you have anything on this wish list that you are no longer in need of, please call the school and I am sure we can take it off your hands.

Wish list:

- Treadmill, stationary bike or elliptical (in good working order)
- A couch (preferably leather or fake leather – to discourage lice)
- A set of play (plastic) bowling pins

**Agassiz Christian School is excited to host**

### **The Fidgets – “Speak No Evil Tour”**

**Canada’s Best Improv - Clean Family Fun Entertainment**

**7:00 pm, Friday, February 8, 2019**

**These guys are FUNNY – and - have a heart for Christian education!**

**We are looking forward to an evening of fun and laughter!**

**Please spread the word.**

**Tickets can be purchased at the school office or  
picked up at the Agassiz Library!**

#### **Advance Ticket Rates:**

**Adults - \$10.00 ea.**

**Children - \$5.00 ea (Ages 5-15)**

**Family Rate - \$30.00**

**Event being held at the Agassiz Ag Rec Hall**



## **Dates to Remember:**

Friday, January 25 – Ice Skating in Hope

Wednesday, February 6 – Genius Celebration & Logo Reveal

Friday, February 8 – The Fidgets (held at Agassiz Ag Rec Centre)

Monday, February 18 – BC Family Day

Tuesday, February 19 – Ready, Set, Learn – 10:30; Gymnasium

Wednesday, February 27 – Boris Sichon, Artist in Education