



inside look

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From the Principal's Desk

Walking on Thin Ice

The dictionary definition of the phrase “walking on thin ice” says that walking or skating on thin ice means that an activity or endeavor is risky and may have serious or unpleasant consequences. In my recent experience, I must admit that the dictionary is correct. However, I have also found that walking on thin ice was also educational. Let me explain.

My family owns a cabin on Canim Lake, and one of my favourite times to go there is



in the winter when the lake is often frozen over. Lake ice is a very amazing thing, and is so much more alive than you might think, as it moves and grumbles and

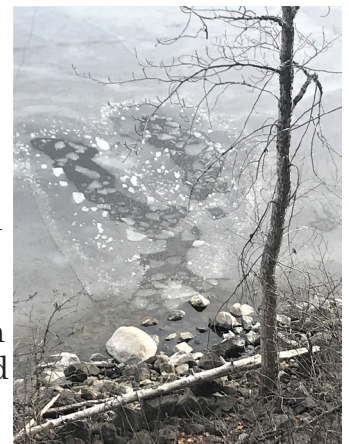
even sings. One of my favourite activities is to walk on the ice, and we often walk across the whole lake. However, this year, the ice wasn't quite thick enough to go far from shore. My daughter and I spent the first week of spring break at the cabin, and each day we would go for two walks – one on land and one on the ice. We would stay close to shore, where we knew the water was not deep, just in case. As the week progressed, we realized that both of us were experiential learners. It wasn't enough to read about ice or watch a YouTube video of the cycles that ice goes through. We wanted to experience it for ourselves. And experience it we did.

On one of our final days that week, we knew the ice was weakening, but we were determined to give it one more walk. So we left the safety of shore and started our walk down the beach. It only took

about 100 steps for both of us to break through and find ourselves

chest deep in very cold water. No YouTube video could really teach us how cold the water would be, how difficult it is to pull yourself up on thin ice, or how sharp ice can be as you break a pathway through it to get to shore. No YouTube video could prepare us for the awe and wonder we felt as we found ourselves fully surrounded by the beauty and immensity of God's creation.

So yes, walking on thin ice was risky and a little unpleasant, but it was educational, thrilling and confirming of the beauty of God's amazing creation. I think the risk was worth it! ●



An **inside**look ...into our 6/7 Classroom

The 6/7 class began the year learning about Ancient Egypt, with a focus on the story of the Israelites' time in Egypt from Joseph to Moses. This story continued as we headed into Easter and looked at Passover, the festival that Jesus celebrated in Jerusalem. To better understand the context of Jesus' last days, we took part in a Seder dinner which was modeled around the meal that is often referred to as

the Last Supper. The meal was adapted for Christians by Jewish believers and we did our best to hold to the meaning and spirit of the festival, while maintaining all COVID protocols. It was really fantastic to experience the festival and bring better understanding to the Biblical story. ♦



As Spring arrives, we are also working to get outside more as we plan to be outside and exploring as much as possible. Our recent bike rally kicked off a number of upcoming outdoor events including hiking, biking, frisbee golf and much more. We hope that the weather will continue to shine brightly and we can continue to explore God's creation. ♦



The **grade 7 class** is fundraising for their grad and we need your help. In lieu of our regular events we are having a bottle drive with a twist!



We have pre-labeled bags that can be filled with bottles and dropped off at the bottle depot. No sorting or counting required -- just fill the bag and scan it at the self service terminal at any Bottle Depot!

For more information please contact Mr. Braun, sbraun@agassizchristianschool.com. ♦



A Proud School Moment:

As a school, we are so proud of Addison Sawatzky. Addison entered the Remembrance Day Literary Contest put on by The Royal Canadian Legion. We just found out that she won **SECOND PLACE** in all of BC and The Yukon for her essay which talked about the emotions that people felt during the war, especially dealing with how children missed their parents. Great work Addison. That is quite an accomplishment. Keep up the great writing!



An **inside**look ...our students' perspective



K/1 Mason – My favourite thing about spring is the daffodils. They make nectar for the bees, but I don't like honey. Spring makes me happy because God makes beautiful flowers grow.



K/1 Tanner – My favourite thing about spring is I like playing at the playground in the spring because I like puddles and sunshine!



2/3 Mya – My favourite thing about spring is Spring Hockey. I love hockey because it takes hard stuff off my mind and it makes me happy.



2/3 Elli – My favourite thing about spring is the flowers because they are beautiful and they are all different... like how God made us.



Question of the Month

Spring is here! What is your favourite thing about spring?

4/5 Maddy – My favourite thing about spring is nature. It is so beautiful. I love going outside with my dog and running around in the nice green grass. I also love playing with my siblings. Spring is just so pretty.



4/5 Alivia – My favourite thing about spring is the birds because their songs are wonderful and they are beautiful and they remind me of God because they are graceful.



6/7 Zeplyhn – My favourite thing about spring is planting stuff, because you get free food and you can put your food in contests. And I like going to the beach because you can swim and tan. I LOVE bathing suits!!



6/7 Julia – My favourite thing about spring is all the flowers and leaves on trees growing back. I also like Easter and Spring Break.

An **inside**look into our everyday life

Look at what is growing...

It definitely looks like spring at school.



We have salmon who have grown from alevin (eggs) into fry.



Thank you to the
Department of
Fisheries & Oceans



We have eggs that are slowly growing into chicks.



Thank you to
Schuurman Farms



And we have potatoes that are growing higher and higher each day.



Thank you to the BC
Agriculture in the
Classroom Foundation,
Spuds in Tubs program

Important Dates to Remember

- April 22 - Student Led Conference
- Virtual
- May 14- Grandparents Day - Virtual
- May 21 -- Staff Retreat
- **School Closed**
- May 24 -- Victoria Day
- **School Closed**
- June 16 - Grade 7 Graduation- To Be Confirmed
- June 18 - Last Day of School K - 6
- June 25 - Report Card #3 pick up

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