



# inside look

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## From the Principal's Desk

During the month of October, we have been focusing on the Core Competency of **Creative Thinking**. According to the BC Curriculum, **Creative Thinking** involves “generating and developing ideas that have novelty and value.” In more child friendly terms, it can be as simple as being curious and using our imaginations.

As educators, Creative Thinking is something that we intentionally foster in our classrooms and in our daily interactions. However, creative thinking also happens organically, as students naturally use and grow the gifts that God has given them. You don't need to go far to see Creative Thinking on our playground:

- Students make birthday cakes in the sandbox for the birthday of a friend, complete with a table and seats and of course, plates and cake. Or unperturbed, once the birthday scene is flattened, they devise an elaborate tunnel system

to get from one side of the sandbox to the other.

- Or there is the plethora of animals that live in one of the trees that outline the field. Look carefully and you will find a sloth, a monkey, a koala and a chipmunk. (Don't be fooled – they may look like students in the K/1 classroom, but animals they truly are!)

- Or how about the fancy dining that often takes place in the garden. You can order almost anything. It might look like kale and lemon balm to the inexperienced eye, but it is fancy dining nonetheless.

But Creative Thinking is not only on the playground. You can see it daily in our classrooms as well:

- Students working together to apply just the correct code to debug a computer programming challenge.

- Or finding just the right set of equations to solve that intriguing math problem.

- Or working together to make the best pumpkin carving ever seen.

- Or recently, working as a team in chapel to make the perfect “basket” for an egg-drop activity.

**Creative Thinking** already abounds at Agassiz Christian school. Some may simply call this competency “using our imagination,” but all that playful imagination helps students (and adults) when there are problems to be solved or solutions to be found to make the world a better place. In Psalm 139:14, we read that each one of us is “fearfully and wonderfully made.” It is my privilege to see the creativity of our God every day as I walk the hallways and interact with the students. It is my prayer that Agassiz Christian strives to always be a place in which students use their **Creative Thinking** skills to honour our Creator. ♦



# An **inside**look ...into our Grade 4/5 class

**C**lass Pet! As parents, most of us hear the question, “Can we get a pet?” at some point in our parenting journey. Teachers often get the same request. “Mrs. deWolde, can we please have a class pet? We promise we will take care of it!” the grade 4’s and 5’s begged. This year I decided that I would give in to their requests.

**N**ow choosing a class pet is a difficult task. A pet needs to be quiet, clean and perhaps most importantly, it should connect to our curriculum. After much thought I found the perfect pet; although just one wouldn’t do, so I decided to get a few more.

**T**he grade 4/5 class has welcomed hundreds of Red Wiggler Worms into our classroom. We have begun a Vermicompost ! A vermicompost is a method of composting that uses Red Wiggler Worms to decompose food waste quickly. We will be learning about how to feed our new friends, what they can and cannot eat and what we can do with the black gold (worm castings or worm poo) that they produce. If you are ever in the school, stop by and have a visit with our class pets. They won’t be very cuddly but they sure do work hard! ♦



## **Bottle Drive:**

This year the grade 6/7 class will be fundraising for the **Grade Seven grad and camp-out** with another bottle drive. Like last year, you can pick up bags with labels at school.

If you have large amounts of bottles to be returned, you can also speak to Mr. Braun for different arrangements.

The procedure is simple:

- Fill your bag so it can still be tied up (with a maximum of 12 glass bottles)
- Take it to any bottle depot and use the “Express” bin
- All bags must be clear

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Thanks for your support! ♦



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



**K/1 Abigail** – I would make kindness for everyone by showing love, by being brave and by having a good heart button for people to use.

**2/3 Piper** – I would speak up to the world and tell them God wants to show peace and love and joy. I would do this when I am mayor.



**K/1 Gavin** – I would make a chair that would go everywhere with you, so that when you are tired, you can sit down whenever you want.



**2/3 Wesson**– I would make a calming robot. I would make it for those who are mad. I would use bits and bobs and it would give you popsicles.

## *Question of the Month*

If you could create something that would make life easier for people what would you create? How? Why?

**4/5 Kale** – I would make a portal so we could go places faster without hurting habitats and without polluting the earth.



**6/7 Brenden** – I would create lots of medicine for different diseases. I would help people who are sick, because lots of people are getting sick.



**4/5 Zac** – I would create a robot that could help at my home and make some stuff easier and I would make it do my work.

**6/7 Jordin**– I would make a big shelter for all the homeless people so they could have food and water and a warm house. The best thing would be that they don't have to pay for it!





# An **inside**look ...



GRADE 2/3 AT FAMILY PLACE

## ... into some outside activities

K/1 VISIT TO TAVES APPLE BARN



BUDDY WALK IN HARRISON



## Important Dates to Remember

- **October 27 & 28** Parent - Teacher Conferences K-7
- **October 29** - Day off in lieu of parent teacher conferences
- **November 11** - Remembrance Day - (no school P - 7)
- **November 12** - CEBC Conference - (no school P - 7)
- **November 26** - Report Card Writing - (no school P - 7)
- **November 29** - Fall AGM
- **December 3** - Report Card - Term 1
- **December 18 - Jan 3** - Christmas Break
- **January 4** - School Re-opens for P-7



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