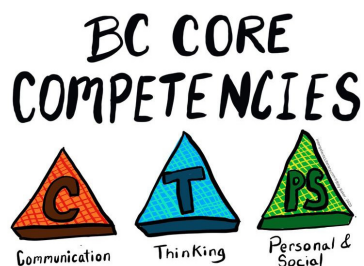




## From the Principal's Desk

This year in chapel, we are focusing on the Core Competencies. The BC Curriculum states that Core Competencies are sets of intellectual, personal, and social and emotional proficiencies that all students need in order to engage in deep, lifelong learning. Along with literacy and numeracy foundations, they are central to British Columbia's K-12 curriculum and directly support students in their growth as educated citizens.

At Agassiz Christian school, however, we go further. We view the Core Competencies as gifts from God – gifts that we are given and that God asks us to develop throughout our whole life.



Students and staff develop Core Competencies when they are engaged in the “doing” within a variety of learning activities, whether in the classroom or on the playground.

Students at Agassiz Christian encounter opportunities to develop their competence in formal and informal settings, and are reminded often that God is shaping and molding them for His purposes. The Core Competencies align with our goal of continually finding ways for students to “Discover, Grow, and Thrive.” As together we engage with the curriculum, students are continually discovering new insights and growing as people. They are also thriving, as they develop their core competencies in all areas of their life.

This month in chapel, we focused on the core competency of Communication. We looked at the life of Moses. God called Moses to lead his people, even though Moses thought he was

a very poor speaker. Students were challenged to continually find ways to develop their communication skills, always being ready to use those skills to honour God.

Paul Barnewell, a high school teacher, states that,

“Conversational competence might be the single most overlooked skill we fail to teach. Kids spend hours each day engaging with ideas and each other through screens, but rarely do they have an opportunity to hone their interpersonal communications skills. It might sound like a funny question, but we have to ask ourselves: Is there any 21st Century skill more important than being able to sustain coherent, confident conversation?”

The gift of communication is a pretty cool gift. So, in school and out, and as staff and students, we will continue to celebrate and develop God's gift of Communication. ♦

# An **inside**look ...into our Grade 6/7 class

Grade six and seven students have the opportunity to participate in the Exploratories program. In Exploratories, students are given the opportunity to participate in activities that they might not otherwise have the opportunity or desire to try. Through these activities, students find themselves learning new skills, collaborating with others in new ways, and having fun while participating in a variety of activities that go beyond the classroom. Exploratories are a fabulous way to experience the wonder of God's creation and the passions that He has given people.

Each year, a considerable amount of time is spent looking for new and creative ideas, and in scheduling some old favourites. This year looks a little different than most, but we are excited by the return of some sports tournaments and we are already looking forward to an (almost) full calendar of events. We have already had a great time making applesauce, power boating and geocaching. Looking ahead we have some new events like Ratting (check out Fraser Valley Ratters on YouTube).



If you have a hobby, skill or pastime that you would like to share with our students, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Braun. You don't even have to have a child (or grandchild) in the class! ♦





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



**K/1 Paisley** – When I went to a restaurant, and someone was serving our food, I waited until the server went away before talking.

**2/3 Avery** – When I communicate, I read, play, listen and speak with my friends and family.



**K/1 Mason** – I wait my turn to talk, and look in one spot when mom and dad are talking to me.



**2/3 Emmett**– I am good at communicating by being funny and making people laugh.

## *Question of the Month*

What is one way that you are good at communicating? Share an example of when you were a good communicator.

**4/5 Abigail**– I am good at telling stories because I have a lot of stories to tell and because it is fun. I love making people laugh because that is how God made me.



**6/7 Eva** – I'm good at communicating by talking to people and answering questions. I was a good communicator in PE when I answered the questions of grade four students.



**4/5 Elli** – When I was young, I only listened, but I did talk to my friends and family. Now I like to read to my dog. He's a good listener. I still like to talk in my own way because everyone is different.

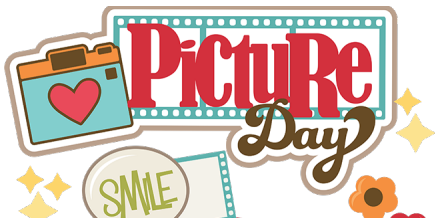
**6/7 Addison**– I'm good at communicating when I write. For example, last year my Remembrance Day Poem is how I communicated my feelings about Remembrance Day.



# An **inside**look

## Employment Opportunity

We are in the process of applying for several grants for our school. As this can be a rather time intensive project, we are looking for a "grant writer" who can commit to approximately 40 hours per year to write and submit grant applications. The successful applicant will be an expert at the English language, competent in computer skills, well-versed in Agassiz Christian school, and be able to work flexible hours. The payment scale will be dependent on qualifications. ♦



Individual Picture day is Monday October 18th.

Re-Takes in Nov. TBC

## Alternate Bus Driver Needed

We have a very competent and committed bus driver and we are thankful for him. However, to be proactive for those unexpected times, we would love to have a list of alternate bus drivers that we could call. If you are a qualified bus driver and would like to be on that list, or you know of someone who could be on-call, please give the office a call. ♦



## Bussing Questions?

If you have any bussing questions or needs, please direct all inquiries to Josh Vanden Eykel. He is our bussing coordinator and can be reached at 604-791-0280. ♦



## Important Dates to Remember

- **September 30** - Truth and Reconciliation Day (no school, P-7)
- **October 11** - Thanksgiving Day (no school, P-7)
- **October 18** - Individual Picture Day
- **October 22** - Pro-D Day (no school, P-7)
- **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)



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