



inside look

MARCH 2022



From the Principal's Desk

This year we have been intentionally focusing on the Core Competencies of the BC Curriculum, and this month the focus was on **Personal Awareness and Responsibility**. The BC Curriculum website states that:

“People who are personally aware and responsible demonstrate self-respect, persevere in difficult situations, and exercise responsibility. They understand that there are consequences for their decisions and actions. A personally aware and responsible individual takes steps to ensure their well-being, sets goals and monitors progress, regulates emotions and manages stress, and recognizes and advocates for their own rights.”

When we are busy in day-to-day activities, we don't always see the progress we are making. And yet, as I looked at the month of February in review, I was reminded of the many examples of growth and accountability relating to **Personal Awareness**

and Responsibility.

Let me share just a few:

- A student was convinced that he couldn't understand coding. However, with a little encouragement, and his own *perseverance*, coding is now one of his highlights.

- Genius Hour Projects – from Kindergarten to Grade 7, students *set goals, monitored their progress, managed their stress levels and emotions and persevered* through a learning curve.

- Genius Hour Projects – teachers (and parents) *regulated emotions and stress levels* as they walked beside a younger generation who were learning all the steps to complete a project from beginning to end.

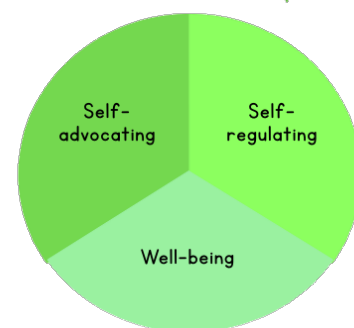
- Skiing – students, after encouragement to leave the lodge behind and try once more, discovered the benefits of *perseverance* and the thrill of completing a successful run.

- A primary student earned rewards from a positive behaviour chart. *Setting goals*

and monitoring progress were active steps to *exercise responsibility* and realize positive *consequences* for actions.

Pastor Jay was a recent speaker at one of our chapels. We were reminded that God calls each of us to be the unique individuals that He made us to be. And yet, God made us more than individuals. He made us to work together – to be responsible members of a body. Our goal at Agassiz Christian is to continually be the body of Christ, encouraging and walking with each other as we practice the God-created competency of **Personal Awareness and Responsibility**. ●

Personal Awareness and Responsibility



An **inside**look ...into our Preschool

At Agassiz Christian Preschool we provide a safe environment for children to Discover, Grow, and Thrive through play. In circle time we explore a variety of themes, and I have found that through the curiosity and questions of the students, we often dig into things that I hadn't quite planned. I love looking at the world through the eyes of a child, and I find myself learning with them.

Recently our theme was "Winter Animals", and I was telling the children a story about a little polar bear named Polly that wanders too far from her mother. Trying to find her way back to her, Polly asks a variety of Arctic animals if they've seen her mother along the way. There was a little creature in the story I knew little about. Together we did some research, and I showed the children pictures. That day on the way home from preschool, one of the children told his mom that Mrs. Jen told them a story about a "lemon." He told her that they are small like a mouse, and that owls and wolves eat them. The mother was very confused. She knew her son was aware that a lemon was a piece of fruit. Shortly after, she received our preschool newsletter. In it, she learned that we had been talking about winter animals, and had learned about an interesting rodent called a "lemming." She sent me a text telling me she now understood what her son had been trying to tell her. We both had a good laugh.

Lemmings and lemons and all things in between. Preschool is a great place to discover the amazing world that we live in!



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



Eli– I like playing with the digger. I've learned about letters.



Sophia– I like playing with the little dolls (Polly Pockets). I've learned to make art and paint.



Nathan– I like playing with my friends. I've learned about hedgehogs. They have eyes by their foreheads, but don't see very well. They use their nose to find things.



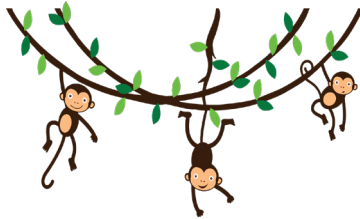
Claire – I like to play in the kitchen. I've learned to be nice.



Question of the Month

We asked some students from the four-year-old class **Preschool Class** what their favourite thing about preschool is, and what they've learned this year. These are some of their responses.

Judah - I like the slide. I learned the monkey game.



Wakefield- I like playing in the egg chair. I've learned how to spell my name



Andrew – I like playing with the trucks. I've learned about dinosaurs.



Owen - I like snack time. I learned to balance on the log.



An **inside look** ... into team sports



Our Girls Gr. 5,6,7 Basketball Team came in 3rd place last week in their Tournament in North Vancouver. Well Done!!



Employment Opportunity:

Bus Driver: Have you considered being a Part-Time Professional School Bus Driver? Now's your chance! We need a school bus driver to safely transport some extremely precious cargo, for approximately four hours per day on all school days. We need a driver with a strong commitment to safety and who genuinely cares for children. It is the opportunity for relationship that makes this career more rewarding than regular jobs. Incentives to assist with getting a bus driver license may be available. Please contact jdewaal@agassizchristianschool.com or joshvandeneykel@gmail.com to apply.



Our Gr. 5,6,7 Boys Floor Hockey Team also came in 3rd last week. Congratulations to all!



Educational Assistant:

We are looking for a classroom educational assistant for the 2022-2023 school year. This person would be responsible for the support of individual students on an individual learning plan and for the general support of in-class learning of all students. If interested, please contact jdewaal@agassizchristianschool.com for more information.

Important Dates to Remember

- **March 7** - Ice Skating
- **March 11** - Report Card #2
- **March 12 - 27**- Spring Break
- **March 28** - School Re-opens for P-7
- **April 15**- Good Friday
- **April 18** - Easter Monday
- **April 27** - Grandparents Day



Next School Ice Skating Day is Monday March. 7th



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