



MAY 2022

From the Principal's Desk

It all started with the request for a plastic sandwich bag. A student was going outside for recess and wanted an extra sandwich bag to hold his already packaged fishy crackers, just as extra protection so none would spill out. He was surprised when my answer was, "No. I don't think you need that. They already come in packaging, and using even more packaging would not be good for the environment." He assured me that all the packaging would end up in the garbage. But I assured him that although littering was part of the discussion, the real issue was the use of extra plastic. This started a whole conversation about single-use plastics, renewable resources and fossil fuels.

Our theme at school this month was



"social responsibility" and one of the principles of that competency is "caring for the environment." I was thrilled that the simple request for a sandwich bag prompted us to go deeper into a much more complex issue. I was also thrilled when several students made it their responsibility to clean up the playground and pick up garbage. No one asked them to. They just did it, because already in their short lives, they have learned what it means to be socially responsible, while following God's directive to take care of the earth.

Our 6/7 class are also developing their social responsibility skills. They recently spent a morning working on stream rehabilitation. They were doing important work, planting trees along the bank, to improve the environmental health of the river.

Although part of a secular curriculum, it never ceases to

excite me that the Core Competencies are based on Christian principles and are exactly what God calls us to do. And I always feel blessed that in our Christian school, we can have conversations in our classrooms and in our hallways of what it means to have Jesus affect all the parts of our lives – even the simple things – like how we package our lunches. ●



Family Picnic - Save the date!

It has been three years since we have been able to meet for our annual spring family picnic. **Please reserve June 17** to come together for some fun, food and fellowship. The food will be provided and together we can create the fun and fellowship. Stay tuned for further details.

Social Responsibility

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1. Contributing to community and caring for the environment
2. Solving problems in peaceful ways
3. Valuing diversity
4. Building Relationships

An **inside**look ...into our 2/3 classroom

Spending the day in the forest is the best way to experience and learn about God's amazing Creation! The Grade 2/3 class spent the day at Lexw Qwo:m Park, surrounded by God's beauty, and enjoyed an exploration walk, scavenger hunt, building with wooden rounds and blocks, creating mandala art with natural materials, learning about native animals and plants in the forest, listening to a presentation on the sturgeon from Chilliwack Museum and participating in an interactive hike. It was a wonderful day, with amazing weather, and we can't wait to go back! We would like to thank the Chilliwack Park Society for facilitating such an enjoyable, interactive and educational day.

Lexw Quo:m Park was awesome! My group learned about bears! We also played with wooden building bricks and magnifying glasses. It was so much fun! We also did a story-walk. I wish I could do that everyday! - Kezaira



My field trip at Lexw Qwo:m Park was fun! We went on an exploration walk. We did centres. The centres were building blocks, mandala art, magnifying glasses and a story walk. The story was "Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox." We did a scavenger hunt and a hike. At the end, two groups went and learned about sturgeon. And then they learned about bears, deer, cougars, Stellar Jays and Banana

Slugs. It was awesome! -Aria

I had an amazing time at Lexw Qwo:m Park. At Lexw Qwo:m Park we did an exploration walk. My favourite part was the magnifying glasses and God's creations and the storywalk. I can't wait to go back! - Elizabeth

Lexw Qwo:m Park was my favourite field trip! Learning about the Stellar Jay was interesting. Playing with blocks was fun! I can't wait to go back! - Emmett



I liked Lexw Qwo:m Park. We went on a scavenger hunt. We also looked at stuff with magnifying glasses. And we did mandala art and building. - Ireland

I was having fun at Lexw Qwo:m Park. My favourite part was the building blocks. I learned about bears. I liked the fox story. I recommend the field trip. - Bentley



Lexw Qwo:m Park was so much fun! I loved the centres. My favourite centre was building blocks. I also loved the storywalk. The book was "I Feel Like a Fox." Did you know sturgeon can be over 100 years old? I can't wait to go back! - Tara

I had a good time at Lexw Qwo:m Park. My favourite part was the sturgeon. I liked it because I've been sturgeon fishing. I can't wait to go back. - Fynn

I loved Lexw Qwo:m Park. The 2/3 class went on a field trip to Lexw Qwo:m Park. And I had lots of fun. We had snack and then we did centres, which were magnifying glasses, building blocks, mandala art, and a story walk. The story walk was "I Feel Like a Fox." We also learned about sturgeon. Did you know that their eggs are 3 cm long and they can live up to 200 years old? I had a lot of fun in God's creation! - Avery



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



Tanner - It is important so that garbage does not go in the water and so sea animals don't swallow garbage.

Maeve - If people just threw everything out the world would be a mess!



Aubree - Taking care of the environment is important because people live on the earth and they might get hurt if we don't take care of the earth.



Lillian - Taking care of the environment is important because it can help all sorts of animals like turtles, whales, fish, birds and lots more. People can also be affected because we need clean air to live. Let's help these animals by helping the environment.

Question of the Month

Taking care of the environment is important because...

Tessa - Earth is our only home, and the only known planet with life living on it in the whole universe! So that's why we need to take care of Earth. We pollute the oceans and smoke cigarettes, which also causes pollution and global warming. So, please take this message seriously: Don't pollute, and make sure to take lots and lots of care for our home, planet Earth!



Julia - It's important because if nobody does anything the world would be ruined and nobody could do anything. It would be very unsafe for animals if this world was covered in garbage.



Oscar - I think if we didn't care about the environment we would die. We would not have anything to eat or drink or even breathe. Plus, we would be wrecking God's creation.



Ivan - We need nature to survive and lives are important because God made us all and we should love one another. We need sea and land animals to survive for food. Everyone is different. God counts on us to keep the environment clean so we can live a clean and good life.

An **inside**look ... into the ACS board

It continues to be an exciting time at ACS. Our enrollment in our primary grades has been growing. To provide the best education for our K/1 students, we are making a Kindergarten classroom and a Grade One classroom. On Mondays and Fridays, the K/1 class will meet together, but on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays they will meet in their own grade level groups to provide more individualized instruction. Our current Music room will be renovated over the summer to turn it into a new Grade One classroom.

As we work on renovations inside to accommodate the Grade One class, we will also be starting work on our Outdoor Classroom. Construction is expected to start in early July. If you love construction work and have some time to volunteer with either project, please contact Roger te Velde to offer your services.

Staffing for 2022-2023

There are some staffing updates that we thought you might like to know about.

- Mrs deWolde has been a wonderful addition to our staff this year, but sadly, we need to say goodbye to her. I am sure we will still connect often as she will be teaching part time at Unity Christian.
- Miss Lagemaat is leaving us to explore other options. We will miss her and her expertise in all areas.
- Ms. Goosen has decided to step down from her position in our office to devote more time to their family business.
- Mrs. Victor is returning to teach Kindergarten and a little bit of Grade One.
- After taking a year off to complete her PDP (Professional Development Program) to obtain her full teaching license, Mrs. McGregor is returning to teach the 4/5 class and Music.
- Mrs. Van Brugge and Mrs. Notenbomer are joining our EA team. I am confident that they will be excellent additions to our team.
- Mrs. Robertson will be joining us in the office for a day and a half a week.

K	Mrs. Victor
1	Mrs. Driesen
2/3	Mrs. Sache Mrs. Wouda
4/5	Mrs. McGregor Mrs. Wouda
6/7	Mr. Braun
Principal and Itinerant Teacher (Coding, Library, Art)	Mrs. de Waal
Music	Mrs. McGregor

Librarian	Mrs. Hertgers
Administrative Assistants	Mrs. Bruneski Mrs. Robertson
Preschool	Mrs. Neudorf
EA's (Learning Support)	Mr. Giesbrecht Mrs. Jarvis Mrs. Notenbomer Mrs. Peters Mrs. Timmers Mrs. Timmins Mrs. Van Brugge

Important Dates to Remember

- **June 2-** Track & Field Event - Langley
- **June 8, 9, 10** - Grad Campout
- **June 17-** Preschool Graduation
- **June 17-** ACS Family BBQ
- **June 22** - Grade 7 Graduation & Last Day of school for Gr. 7
- **June 23-** Field Trip
- **June 24** - Last Day of School (K-6)
- **June 30-** Report card pickup



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