



OCTOBER 2022

## From the Principal's Desk

We have a composer in our midst. Mrs. McGregor recently wrote a song called “Walk Alongside.” To hear the whole song (sung by our choir) you will need to attend our **Dream Big Dessert Night** on November 18th, but here is a small glimpse into the lyrics.

The chorus of the song goes like this:

*Won't you take my hand  
Walk alongside of me  
Show me how this is done  
Show me how I can be  
The way that I am  
And the way you are too  
Won't you show me the way  
I'll walk alongside of you*



Mrs. McGregor will tell you that the inspiration for this song came partly through the supportive, caring and inclusive environment that she sees at Agassiz Christian, recognizing that the strengths that come from diversity make all the difference. There are some key words in that sentence: supportive, inclusive, diversity. The title of her song is actually an invitation to “Walk Alongside” each other as we experience life together, celebrating what makes each one of us unique. This year, our fundraising campaign is focused on three projects which will help our school to be more inclusive and accessible for all learners. It is my invitation to you to “Walk Alongside” Agassiz Christian School as we seek to live out that vision.

See you on November 18th.



### DREAM BIG!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE DREAM BIG DESSERT NIGHT!

WHEN: NOVEMBER 18 – 6:30 P.M.

WHERE: ACS GYM

Please join us for a fun evening to celebrate our community and to dream big about our future playground improvements. This will be a free event for the whole family, to mark the end of this year's C.A.R.E. Campaign fundraiser and to foster community.

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

The Grade 2/3's are the most inquisitive and creative bunch. Most weeks they come to school one morning to find a STEM bin of supplies on their desk. Their task is to create something out of the random supplies given. It might be a box of cubes, paper cups, play-doh and toothpicks, paper and tape, or pipe cleaners and straws. The possibilities are endless and so are their imaginations.



They have created castles and pattern chains, domino towers, animals, robots and wild creatures, spelt their name in cursive, served up imaginary cake and made cars out of magnet tiles. We love seeing how each student creates something unique and stretches their thinking to think outside the box. STEM bins help us to practice creative and critical thinking, exercise patience, reinforce our collaboration skills and remind us that ideas don't always come together the first time and sometimes the best ideas happen out of an idea gone awry.



In Grade 2/3, one of our Theme topics has been Community. What does it mean to be part of a community? What communities are we a part of? How do communities function? Do they all work the same? We love to recite all the layers of community from belonging to the universe, the Milky Way galaxy, planet Earth, North America, Canada and all the way down to Agassiz, our school, and our families.



As we have discussed what it means to belong to a community, we paused to focus specifically on our town of Agassiz and how a town works. And what better way to tie it all together than to walk to the Municipal Hall and have a visit with Mayor Pranger. Mayor Pranger graciously allowed us to explore council chambers, sit in all the chairs, practice speaking into microphones, tour the whole building, meet each department, and, most importantly, answered our many, many questions. We left with a greater understanding of what it takes to make a community function and how many people and things it takes to make it all happen. Thank you Mayor Pranger for welcoming us and making us feel like and be seen as valuable members of the community.



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



"I would include a balance beam, logs, slides, and places to climb."

- Brady

K/1

"I would include a swing for people with wheelchairs and three for kids who don't have wheelchairs, and I'd add a ramp that goes up onto the playground part. There would also be a ball pit."

- Everest



"If I could design a new playground for our school I would include a trampoline, a really tall slide, and a bigger merry-go-round."

- Jacob

2/3

"I would include a pool and and an ice rink and a tree-house. Also a snow house and a trampoline park"

- Piper



## Question of the Month

If you could design a new playground for our school, what kinds of things would you include?



"I would add a rubber floor instead of wood chips, brand-new swings and a bigger playground."

- Milanja

4/5

"If I could design a new playground, I would add a zipline and a trampoline! It would be fun."

- Summer



"I would include a see-saw and a trampoline. Also some new swings and a water fountain, and a swing for tires."

- Zac

6/7

"If I could design a new playground there would be a bunch of climbing stuff and swings, a bigger playground with three slides to race on and a bunch of hidey holes. And no wood chips! Maybe plastic or grass instead."

- Lillian



# An **inside**look into ...

## PAC

The drop-in morning coffee social held on Oct. 7 in the outdoor classroom was a success. Thanks to everyone who stopped in for hot beverages, cinnamon buns and socializing! We hope to host another event like this in the future.

PAC will be providing decorations and dessert for the Dream Big Dessert Night on Nov. 18.

Stay tuned for info regarding the De Vry Winter Fundraiser (poinsettias, planters, wreaths, etc).

Next PAC meeting will be held Thursday, November 3 at 7 p.m. at the school.

## Our Board

The year is off to a positive start and the board has been taking leadership in many different areas, using our new strategic plan as a guide. The bold goal of that strategic plan is “to be a healthy, vibrant and sustainable school of choice in Agassiz, living faithfully in the community and welcoming to all who seek Christian education”. As we move into the school year, stay tuned for more specifics around that strategic plan.

## Volunteer Opportunities

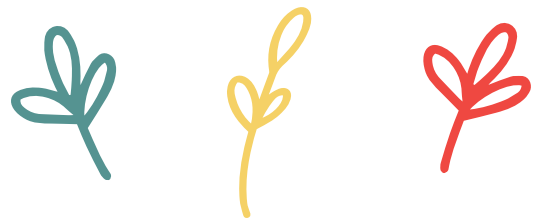
### Do you love the outdoors?

If you love being outside and/or love seeing kids engaged outside, the board has two opportunities for you to serve!

**1. Garden Team:** If you enjoy doing hands-on work, we need people who will help us to keep our garden in good shape. This could include pruning twice per year, planning for new garden beds, and maintaining our existing garden spaces.

**2. Playground Planning Team:** In the spring, we will be looking for a group of people who can brainstorm and plan and help us develop the playground of our dreams. If you have any expertise or just get excited about playgrounds, we need you!

If one or both of these opportunities excite you, please contact Judy de Waal.



## Important Dates to Remember

- October 26 & 27 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (K-Gr. 7)
- October 28 - No School (Day in lieu of P-T conferences)
- Photo Re-takes
- November 4 - Chapel
- November 10 - No School (CEBC Conference)
- November 18 - Chapel
- November 23 - Spirit Day - Dress like a book or movie character
- November 25 - No School (Report card writing)
- November 28 - Fall Annual General Meeting



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