



inside look

JANUARY 2023

From the Principal's Desk



Kindness - The Fruit of the Spirit for January.

Well, actually, the Fruit of the Spirit for every day! It's a concept we all know. It's one of the things parents teach when they say, "gentle" to their toddler who is throwing blocks across the room or using hand motions a little too aggressively. I hear staff reminding students of it when we supervise recess activities. But sometimes we forget (or ignore) those daily reminders and we forget the power of daily kindness.

Mr. Braun recently led a chapel focused on kindness. He showed us a video of toppling dominoes and then students had the opportunity to work together in groups to make their own creative row of dominoes. The delight, as domino after domino toppled into each other, brought joy throughout the gym.

But what do dominoes and kindness have to do with each other? That was the question Mr. Braun presented to the kids. And it didn't take students long to figure out the "domino effect." Kindness, like dominoes, is a chain reaction. One domino toppling over can start a whole chain reaction and cause the whole line or creation to topple over.

One simple act of kindness can spread throughout a whole group, a whole classroom, a whole school, a whole community.

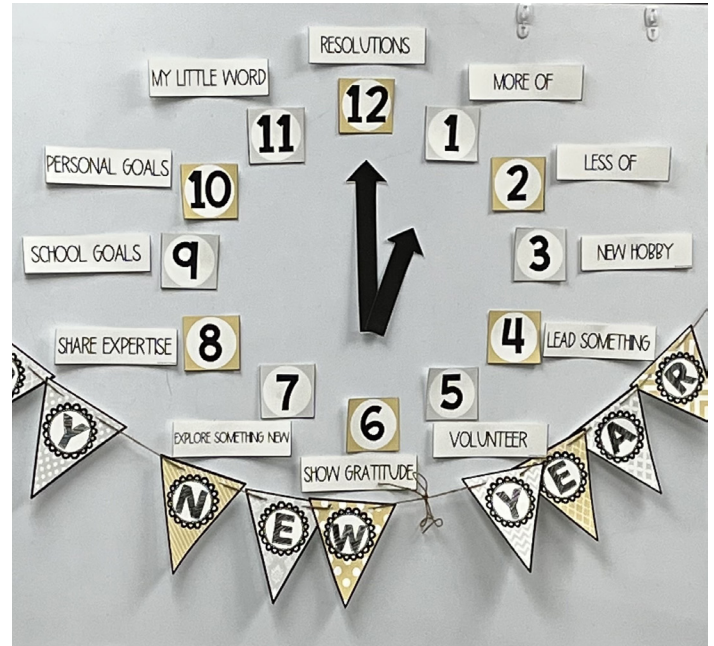
Dominoes (and Mr. Braun) reminded us that we need to take the time in our lives to stop, take a deep breath, and remember that kindness, like dominoes, is a chain reaction. One simple act of kindness can inspire someone else to act kindly, which may inspire someone else to act kindly, and the chain continues.

Maybe it's time to carry a domino in our pocket as a tangible reminder to start the kindness chain wherever we go!

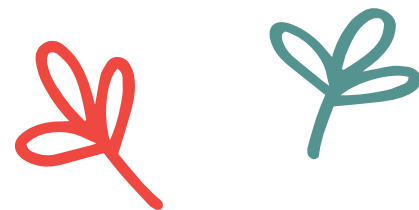


Empowering Students Through Resolutions

The start of a new year is an exciting time to work on goal-setting with students. We kicked off 2023 in the Grade 4/5 classroom with a class resolutions activity designed to help each student feel empowered to contribute positively to our classroom environment. Collaboratively and thoughtfully, students came up with goals for our class. These included things we want to see more of and less of, and ways we will try to improve by working together as a team. Students also set personal goals. Each student then wrote about what they can do individually to enact change in our classroom. Students illustrated their writing, and we bound it in a book that is now circulating through the class. Each student will have a chance to take it home and show their family, and there is a comment section at the back of the book for family members to write words of encouragement.



This activity gave our class the opportunity to work on some very important skills, such as self-reflection, self-awareness, and self-advocacy. It also helped us look at the small steps we need to take to make big changes, and it sparked some great conversations about ways we can handle difficult situations. Most importantly, it helped us start the new year by looking at concrete ways that we can work together to spread God's love to those around us.



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



"My superhero name would be Super Atticus and I would show joy with my laughter."

- Atticus

K/1

"I would be The Good Grape and I would be good. If someone fell down and banged their knee, I would help them."

- Troy



"My superhero name would be Superlove! My super power would be spreading love everywhere. I would spread the love by flying."

- Hanna

2/3

"I would choose faithfulness and my name would be Mega-Faith. My power would be teaching people to be faithful and putting others first."

- Mason



Question of the Month

If you were a "Fruit of the Spirit" superhero, what would your name be and what power would you have?



"If I were a fruit of the spirit I would like to be kindness. My name would be The Black Cat of Kindness. My power would be flying like Superman and giving kindness to everyone."

- Gia

4/5

"If I was a fruit of the spirit I would be joy because I love the feeling of joy. My name would be Joy Guy."

- Kale



"My power would be joy. My superhero name would be very simple like Joyster or Joyful."

- Alessia

6/7

"If I was a fruit of the spirit my superpower would be telling people about the Word of God and the Bible. My name would be Super-Teller."

- Ivan



An **inside**look into ...



Renewing our Mission and Vision Statements

Our current Mission and Vision statements are filled with beautiful language, but sometimes the message gets lost in all the words.

If you love “word-smithing” and are also passionate about the Mission and Vision of our school, we need your help.

Please email: jdewaal@agassizchristianschool.com if you would like to join a team to work on adapting/editing our current statements.

The PAC

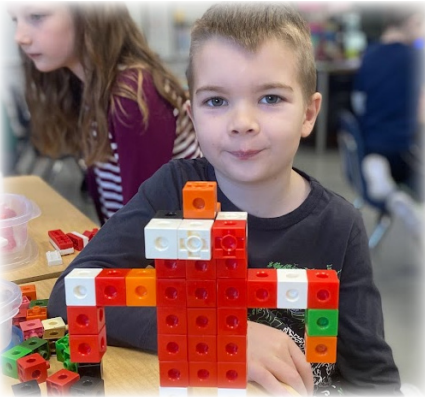
The date of the next PAC meeting will be announced on the school app.

EVERYONE is welcome to attend PAC meetings, even if you can only come once!

We look forward to hosting another Coffee Social for parents/caregivers on Feb. 24 after chapel. Stay tuned for more information!



Spread the Word! Applications are now being accepted for Preschool - Grade 7!



Important Dates to Remember

- January 27 - PJ/Comfy dress-up day
- February 17 - Skating (K-7)
- February 20 - Family Day (No School or Preschool)
- February 22 - Pink Shirt Day
- March 1 - Presentation of Learning - Poetry Night
- March 15 - Beach Bash dress-up day
- March 17 - Skating (K-7)
- March 18 - April 2 - Spring Break (school closed)



Inside Look is the publication of
AGASSIZ CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
7571 Morrow Road
Agassiz BC V0M 1A2
604.796.9310 telephone
office@agassizchristianschool.com

Visit our website:
agassizchristianschool.com

FOLLOW US!

