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From the Principal's Desk

We have been focusing on poetry for the past few weeks, all in anticipation of our Poetry Gala on March 1st.

So, I thought I would join in and try my hand at poetry.



Our School: Agassiz Christian

*There once was a school full of charm
It was nestled by many a farm
The students were brilliant
The teachers resilient
And everyone came to no harm*

*A smile was seen on each face
Laughter and joy filled the place
Games were played in the gym
Oh, that basketball rim
And for recess the students did race*

*The Fruit of the Spirit is clear
When kindness and goodness are near
Love, joy and peace
They surely can't cease
It fills all our hearts with good cheer*

*The school has a very clear mission
Of Reading, Writing, and Addition
But to bring God the glory
And to share His great story
Is part of our daily condition.*



This is my seventh year at ACS and it will be my last. I have had the honor of serving this school community in a variety of capacities throughout my time here and I wanted to take the chance to reflect on some of my highlights from those years.

Innovative programming:

One of the benefits of being a small school is that small changes go a long way. Staff have the opportunity to create and modify programming in individual classrooms and then share their passion with other staff. Because we are small, the vision and excitement spreads quickly. Outdoor learning, Genius Hour, Project-Based Learning and a variety of other activities have been pioneered by individual staff and then expanded to other classrooms. In Grade 6/7, students have the chance to join exploratories, which is a chance for students to try new things that they would otherwise not experience or consider trying. Some of the more unique activities we have done are rat hunting with dogs, Extreme Air Park, and powerboating.

Community feeling:

Something that makes ACS stand apart from other schools is the connectedness of our community. The connections between families are palpable at school events.



The power of being small:

There is an advantage to being a small school. We are able to take advantage of opportunities when they arrive, without major logistical or bureaucratic hurdles. There is also the opportunity for students to do things that they would otherwise not have a chance to do, such as being on our sports teams. As Stuart McLean once said, "We may not be big, but we're small."

There are a great many things that I will miss when I leave ACS (not least of which is the view from my classroom), but I am thrilled that I can continue to be a part of the school community for years to come as I watch my own children learn to discover, grow and thrive at Agassiz Christian School.



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



"My poem would be about sharks. I'd tell the world about how they sometimes can be dangerous and sometimes not."

- Levi



"If I were a world-famous poet, my poem would be about dinosaurs because I love dinosaurs. I would tell the world that the biggest dinosaur's name is Argentinosaurus."

- Fynn

K-3

"My famous poem would be about the sun. I'd tell the world that the sun isn't yellow. It's actually all of the colours."

- Paisley



"My poem would be about lava because lava burns metal. I would tell the world that lava comes from volcanoes."

- Brayden



Question of the Month

"If you were a world-famous poet, what would your poem be about and what would you want to tell the world with your poetry?"



"If I were a world-famous poet, my poem would be about God loving all people on earth, so that anyone who feels sad can know that God loves them."

- Lillian



"My poem would be about squirrels. I love squirrels. They are so chubby and they have little eyes that search for nuts for the winter. I would make the poem about how me and the squirrels form an alliance and I live in their little houses while eating nut pie."

- Essie

4-7

"If I were a world-famous poet, my poem would be about how outstanding my school is. I would tell the world that everybody matters and that God loves the world. Also that our Lord loves all the people He created."

- Elizabeth



"If I were a poet, I would write a poem about me and Zac's talent show. I would like to inform the world that we are having a talent show."

- Matthew



An **inside**look into ... what's happening.



WE ARE HIRING!

Teachers & E.A.s needed to join our team!



email jdewaal@agassizchristianschool.com for details



The PAC

Coffee & Chapel Feb. 24, 8:00-9:15 a.m.: parents/guardians, please join us in the library for coffee and snacks before chapel and stay to visit after for as long as you'd like!

Poetry Gala: PAC will provide refreshments. Thanks to parent volunteers who offered to bake!

The next **PAC meeting** is scheduled for April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Everyone is welcome!

Staffing Updates

Our staff will have quite a different look next year. At this point, we will be saying goodbye to three of our teachers:

Mr. Braun is leaving us to work at Abbotsford Christian School. He always jokes that he is the vice-principal here and now he gets to honestly have that title at another school.

Mrs. McGregor is leaving us to shine her light in the public school system.

Mrs. Driesen is leaving her classroom of kids to start her own family with a baby due in August. This is not the easiest time to find new staff, so please spread the word that we are hiring and that this is a great school to work in.



*School is amazing, it's the best place ever
Though the bell has an annoying ring, in choir we sing
At recess I play with my friends, that is why school is the best.*
~ Stella



Important Dates to Remember

- Feb. 24 - Coffee & Chapel 8:00 - 9:15 a.m. (see PAC info)
- March 1 - Presentation of Learning - Poetry Gala 1:30 & 6:30
- March 9 - Ready, Set, Learn
- March 10 - Chapel
- March 15 - Beach Bash dress-up day
- March 17 - Chapel
- March 17 - Skating (K-7)
- March 18 - April 2 - Spring Break (school closed)
- April 7-10 - No School (Easter)
- April 11 - PAC meeting 7:30 p.m.
- April 12 - Science World field trip (K-7)



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