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From the Principal's Desk

God of Wonders - Happy 60th Anniversary

Psalm 65:8, "The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders; where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy".

Our school is filled with awe at God's wonders. You could actually say that our school is one of God's wonders. Agassiz Christian School is celebrating it's 60th year - years that have been filled with God's faithfulness and His amazing wonders. Sixty years ago this September, the school opened it's doors to 38 children, with one teacher (Miss Della Visser) and one principal (Mr. Jake Ronda). The school started by renting space at the CRC church in town, and they stored school supplies in an old chicken coop.

Many things have changed in 60 years (we no longer have a chicken coop), and yet God's faithfulness has remained constant.



During our chapels and class devotions this year, we hope to continually share how amazing God is and, whether we talk about worms or Bible stories, we hope to share an awe and amazement of who God is. We have a bulletin board at the front of the school that will be a testament to God's faithfulness to our school. If you have an anecdote or story to share that points to a WONDERful God, please feel free to stop by and add your thoughts to our board.

Psalm 19:1, "The heavens keep telling the wonders of God, and the skies declare what he has done".

save the date!



TOWNHALL MEETING ACS GYM

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS TO SHARE!
OUR SCHOOL NEEDS MORE CLASSROOM SPACE.

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING TO BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION SURROUNDING
POSSIBLE OPTIONS AND PLANS!

**OCT. 19
7:00 PM**

An **insidelook** ... into the Grade 2/3 classroom.

Our God is amazing, and the Grade Twos and Threes have been marveling at the wonders of God that surround us in creation! From the intricacies in the design, shape and changing colours of leaves, to the bright and beautiful colours in the different varieties of sunflowers and the different sticks, rocks and plants found in our gardens at school, we are constantly noticing the complexity and creativity of our God of wonders.



The Grade Twos and Threes have also been asking some questions, such as, “Why do leaves change colours in Fall?” and researching the answers. Be sure to ask your student this question and hear what they learned. While doing this, the class explored the different leaves found on the trees in our playground, created crayon rubbings of those leaves, and we are working on identifying the types of trees that we have on our playground. We will be creating a display of the leaves in our hallway - be sure to come in and check it out!



While marveling at God’s creation, the students created some beautiful art to reflect creation. They enjoyed creating some beautiful pastel sunflowers, nature art made with items found in the garden and leaf rubbings. What a joy it is to be surrounded by God’s magnificent creation. The Grade 2/3 class looks forward to continuing to learn more about the biodiversity all around us!



An **insidelook** ... our students' perspective ...



"When I see horses, I say, 'Wow'."

- Hailee S.



"When I see the ocean, it makes my say, 'Wow'."

- Sophia V.



"Trees make me say, 'Wow', because they give oxygen to us humans."

- Everest N.



"It makes me say, 'Wow' when I am able to do backflips."

- Brant B.



"Rainbows make me say, 'Wow'. I love their colour and how they shine."

- Edison L.



"Rocks. Rocks make me say, 'Wow'. Agates are my favourite rocks. Rocks are found in oceans, on land and sandy beaches and at cabins, and by lakes, too."

- Frankie N.

Question of the Month

"What makes you say 'Wow!' when you think of God?"



"When I roll in the grass, it makes me say, 'Wow'! When I see goats, I say, 'Wow'! When I see the nice orange pumpkins, I say, 'Wow'."

- Mason S.



"I say, 'Wow' when I think of how God knows how many hairs are on everyone's heads and how many will be on their heads in a year."

- Avery K.



"What makes me say, 'Wow' is when I think about how God just said, 'Let there be light' and there was light."

- Stella S.



"What makes me say, 'Wow' is all the wonderful things God does in the Bible. My favourite story is David and Goliath."

- Piper B.



"What makes me say, 'Wow'?"

One time someone touched my heart by helping me in a game when he didn't have to, but he chose to be a good person and help me without anyone asking him to. This act made me believe in the goodness of God, because God made humans to be kind and nice to people they don't even know."

- Adam S.

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

The PAC

- Join our "Agassiz Christian School Parents" Facebook group for reminders and calls for volunteers.
- There is a **walking group** that leaves from our parking lot weekdays between 8:30-8:40 a.m., returning around 10:00 a.m. Days vary from week to week so please contact Kristin Te Brinke if you would like to be added to the Messenger group!
- **The next PAC meeting** is October 5 at 7 p.m. - Everyone is welcome!
- If you would like to help out at all throughout the year, please contact Kristin at 604-217-2126.

Our first all-school field trip and Buddy activity was hiking the Spirit Trail and Bridal Loop Trail at Harrison East Sector Lands. Everyone had a great time getting to know their buddy partners and the rain mostly held off until the end.



Board Update

Over the summer we saw the completion of our accessible bathroom, staff room improvements, as well as roof repairs. Thank you to all those who volunteered, most notably our building and grounds rep, Roger te Velde, who put in countless hours over the summer to help make it all happen! We are excited about our school growth and welcome all our new students and staff to our school community. Our board is delighted with the prospect of new challenges on the horizon associated with increased enrolment.

Stay tuned for more progress and our annual CARE campaign in November.

Blessings,
Tanya Pranger, Board Chair

A Big Thanks to our Grade 6/7 class and everyone else who helped out with our float for the Agassiz Fall Fair this year. We earned Third Place and had a lot of fun!



Notice of Calendar Change

Our CARE Campaign Celebration event will be on November 17 instead of November 3.

This will be a family event with the student choirs performing. You won't want to miss it!

Important Dates to Remember

- October 2 - No School in lieu of Truth & Reconciliation Day
- October 9 - School Closed for Thanksgiving
- October 19 - Town Hall Meeting in the gym at 7:00 p.m.
- October 20 - Pro-D day (no school for students)
- October 25, 26 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- October 27 - No School
- November 9, 10 - No School (CEBC Conference for teachers)
- November 13 - No School (in lieu of Remembrance Day)
- November 17 - CARE Campaign Celebration
- November 24 - No School for students - Report Card Writing



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