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## From the Principal's Desk

One of my favourite quotes is from an early 1900's philosopher, Abraham Kuyper. He says:

*"There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, 'Mine!'"*

As an elementary school, we know well the toddler who cries "Mine!" over most of the things in his/her toybox. My doll, my blocks, my book, my everything!

Kuyper is reminding us that God is kind of like that toddler, only in a more mature, less annoying kind of way. God has His hand in and on everything, and God says "Mine" in relation to all things.

In our school's history, God has continually claimed every square inch of Agassiz Christian as His own. But God continues to say "Mine" in our day-to-day operations as a school. The choir songs we sing, although not typically church worship songs, are a joyful extension of the musical gifts that God has given, and the assurance that all music can be redeemed for His glory. God says, "Those songs are 'Mine'."

God proclaimed "Mine" over the student skits at our recent C.A.R.E. dessert evening, celebrating the creativity that He claims as his own. He says "Mine" when those same students bake or create egg contraptions for an egg-drop experiment.

God shouts "Mine" as our sports teams work together for the good of the sport and for the good of our school. He cheers along with the rest of us as students make their best times during a cross-country run.

Library books, robots, math class, dress-up clothes, art supplies, computers, paper – God proclaims "Mine" over everything in our school.

It is an awesome task and a huge responsibility to honour God with what He has given us, and yet a wonderful privilege to know that He walks alongside us, equipping us to use every resource and every gift to further His Kingdom.

Thank you for being a part of that journey.





## Christmas Program

OUR STUDENTS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO PERFORMING FOR YOU!  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY - EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

DEC. 20

11 am. & 7 p.m.

# An **inside**look ... into the Kindergarten classroom.

## He's Got the Whole World in His Hands!

Kindergarten has had a very busy and very fun start to the school year. In September, we discovered the wonders of God through the story of His Creation. We were curious and fascinated how, in the beginning, God made everything! Being outside and noticing the sky, the mountains, the grass and dirt, the animals and even all our friends, we could say "wow" at all the things He created. God made all of life happen and He holds it all in His hands. Wow!

When October came, we discovered the wonders of God in the changing of the seasons. We enjoyed being outside and looking for the signs of Fall; the morning dew, the changing colours of the leaves, the falling seeds, the busy squirrels, the birds migrating south, the fields ready to be harvested, the snow falling on Mt. Cheam and so many more amazing things. We realized that, by looking for the signs of Fall, we were also finding the signs of God. Wow!

On Apple Day, we learned about the life cycle of an apple, the parts of an apple and what we use apples for. We thoroughly enjoyed taste testing different types of apples, trying apple chips, and making applesauce from all the apples we brought to school! We also discovered a secret star inside the apple formed by the seed pods. Wow!



Then on Pumpkin Day, we learned everything about pumpkins. We enjoyed painting paper bag pumpkins, observing pumpkins at the Pumpkin Investigation Station, carving a pumpkin and baking delicious pumpkin muffins that made our hallways smell so amazing! We learned that pumpkins come in so many different shapes, sizes and colours. Wow!

One of our favourite days might have been our trip to the Apple Barn in Abbotsford. We got to go on a hayride to the pumpkin patch to pick out our own pumpkins, taste apple cider, feed the goats, make our way through a corn maze and even take home a bag of apples for everyone to enjoy. Wow!



Now in November, we are learning about bears and how God has made them able to adapt to the changing seasons. How amazing it is that all these signs of Fall, from the tiny apple seed to the great grizzly bear, point to the awesomeness of our God! In the beginning, God created the world and all that is in it. He made life happen and is continuing to make life happen, through the seasons and through all the various life cycles. He was there in the beginning and He is here now, holding it all together in His hands. Wow!

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



"One thing that makes me say 'Wow!' is reading 'Chicka Chicka 1, 2 3'. It is my favourite book to read. I also like playing with the morning bins."

- Bentley K.



"Something that makes me say 'Wow!' is that we get to learn about bears. I also like drawing and playdough."

- Anastasia H.



"One thing that makes me say 'Wow' about our school is how much fun I have with so many friends."

- Atticus B.



"All of my friends who play with me, help me when I need help and who always say 'Hi' to me make me say 'Wow'."

- Brady N.



"I say 'Wow!' about our school when I think about how everyone is different and nice. Also the way all my friends greeted me two years ago. It just makes me say, 'Wow!'"

- Myelle B.



"The garden makes me say 'Wow!', because I don't know how it makes it through the winter alive each year."

- Eli B.



## *Question of the Month*

**"What makes you say 'Wow!' about Agassiz Christian School?"**



"What makes me say 'Wow!' is when we get to go swimming and on field trips. I also love P.E. time."

- Abigail M.



"What makes me say 'Wow!' about our school is all the kind and friendly people who go to it."

- Eli C.



"Getting to play every single sport is what makes me say 'Wow!', and math work and doing fun science experiments."

- Lincoln R.



"What makes me say 'Wow!' about our school is that all grades are allowed to play on the playground, and that we get to have exploratories in grade 6/7."

- Tara V.



"What makes me say 'Wow!' is that the school is located in a nice spot with a beautiful view of the mountains. Another thing that makes me say 'Wow' is the cozy feeling of the classroom; we celebrate traditions and we're all accepting of each other. I also love chapel, and that all my friends and classmates are nice."

- Essie B.



"I love how my class gets to do amazing new exploratories every single week and raise money for them. I enjoy being able to play with the kids and all my friends during recess. Art is one of my favourite subjects and we do beautiful drawings and paintings. I am grateful that we help our community and school with our fundraisers."

- Elli F.



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

## The PAC

- Join our "Agassiz Christian School Parents" Facebook group for reminders and calls for volunteers.
- On **December 5th at 7 p.m.** the PAC is hosting a **Christmas Greenery Night!** Bring an empty pot full of dirt and get your porch/entry ready for Christmas! Greenery/decor and refreshments will be supplied. No pre-registration required. Cost is by donation and the proceeds will go to help a family in our school.
- **School apparel** will soon be available for purchase! Watch for ordering information on our school app!
- **If you would like to help out** at all throughout the year, please contact Kristin Te Brinke at 604-217-2126.



## Staffing Updates

This month, we welcomed Mrs. Amy Braun, who will be teaching Kindergarten on Thursdays. Mrs. Wouda and Mrs. de Waal have moved to the Grade 4/5 classroom on that day.

## Board Update

Our choirs sang songs, the Grade 6/7 class entertained us with hilarious skits representing the eras from the 1960s to present, we ate dessert and mingled as a school community!

Thank you to everyone who supported our school through this year's C.A.R.E. Campaign fundraiser and celebration night. Your donations and prayers continue to help make this school great over the past 60 years! So far, we have raised \$19,044 (32% of our goal) toward the purchase and installation of a portable.

A big thank-you to the PAC for organizing dessert, decorations and set-up!

Donations will continue to be accepted.



## Important Dates to Remember

- November 24 - No School for students - Report Card Writing
- November 27 - Hot Lunch
- November 30 - School Apparel Orders Due
- December 5 - Greenery Night, hosted by PAC.
- December 14 - Agassiz Carol Festival
- December 20 - Christmas Program, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- December 22 - Dress in Red/Green/Christmas
- December 25 - January 5 - School Closed



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