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From the Principal's Desk

"God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; He does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.' So that everyone He has made may know His work, He stops all people from their labor."
- Job 37:5-7

We had another "Wow" moment recently as we experienced the power of God in the snow, wind and ice - weather that brought our regular routines to a halt, cancelled school and many other events, and caused many people to "stop from their labour."

We often grumble and complain about the weather, and at the very least use it as a good conversation starter, but this verse can really help to change our thinking. I would like to think that God sometimes gives us extreme weather (and a snow day or two) as a time to reflect and say, "Wow," and to reflect on His amazing power, His marvelous ways, and that He does great things that are beyond our understanding. Having time to enjoy family fun in the snow was definitely a moment to reflect on "His work."



But God is faithful, and we don't always need a snow day to slow down and remember His amazing goodness. Pajama days are also good for that. There is something about snuggly pajamas that also help us to slow down, take ourselves less seriously and take time to enjoy the people and moments in our life that God has orchestrated.

So, this month we are thanking God for snow, for snow days and for snuggly pajama days – all gifts from Him that remind us of an amazing God who is part of every thing and every moment of our lives.



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Hidden Treasures of Snow

A student-led chapel in January? What topic could we explore that would reveal another wonder of God? I was busy thinking, pondering, and contemplating when I remembered the book of Job!

"Have you entered into the treasures of the snow?"
Job 38:22a

That was all it took to spawn ideas. Snow!! Some students were ready to dive into making snowflakes. Their eyes went wide when they realized they had signed up for making BIG three-dimensional snowflakes, to reflect the learning of the next group: the fact finders! Pages of notes, diagrams, illustrations, and flow charts had to be distilled into meaningful chunks so the youngest children could understand how snowflakes were made.

A third group of children eagerly tackled composing verses about snow using familiar nursery rhyme tunes. Rhyming is important; but so is the number of syllables, and the songs had to stay on topic. The girls' creativity sparkled and dazzled, like snowflakes, when they added delightful choreography.

Chapel is not complete unless God's Word is opened to reveal His wonderful works to us. Some students boldly offered to read Scripture passages in front of a full audience.



What was a WOW moment to us, as teachers in Grade Four and Five, was observing how the children naturally gravitated to the groups that showcased their skill set. It was a joy to see students recognizing their God-given gifts and using those gifts in areas that were a natural fit for them.

Students developed core competencies as they prepared an all-school Chapel assembly. They had to collaborate together to transform individual ideas into a cohesive presentation. Creativity was stretched when students had to problem-solve the design for their super-size snowflake and take a risk to explore designing beyond their current level of expertise.

Presenting another Wonder of God chapel in front of a live audience highlighted our levels of personal awareness. Core competencies include self-advocacy, self-regulating, and well-being. During the preparation, students sought help when needed and took ownership of their choices. They definitely experienced that learning takes patience and time! But what I'm most proud of is the students persevered through the tangle and messiness of preparing a Chapel assembly that clearly helped the whole school recognize another wonder of God and appreciate the treasures of snow.

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



"I say, 'Wow' about my family because they love me and take care of me."

- Gloria C.



"I say, 'Wow' about my family when my mommy hugs me."

- Harlow R.



"I say, 'Wow' about my family when I play Lego with them."

- Joel Terpstra.



"I say, 'Wow' about my family when I think about how I get to share a bedroom with my sister, Summer."

- Julianne W.



"The thing that makes my family special is that I have three little brothers. That keeps me busy!"

- Troy B.



"The thing that makes me say, 'Wow!' about my family is that my Mommy and Daddy are both born in different places. My mom is from Langley and my dad is from Ontario. And I love my family."

- Tobias L.



Question of the Month

"What makes you say, 'Wow!' about your family?"



"What makes me say, 'Wow!' about my family is how great they are and how kind they are to me."

- Cali R.



"I say, 'Wow!' about my family when we go on fun hikes."

- Mason K.



"What makes me say, 'Wow!' about my family is how happy and open-minded we are."

- Gia H.



"My Family Superpowers:

Mom - Something that makes me say, 'Wow' about my mom is everything she has to do every day. Like when I clean the kitchen and think, 'that was hard,' and then think of how often she has to clean the kitchen.

Dad - My dad has to do so much on the farm. I have to feed the calves sometimes and it's exhausting, and my dad has to do that three times a day plus other things around the farm. That's incredible!

Camron - Something that surprises me is that he has to live with four sisters and no brothers. That deserves a 'Wow'."

- Abby V.



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

The PAC

- Join our "Agassiz Christian School Parents" Facebook group for reminders and calls for volunteers.

- The next PAC meeting will be held February 6th at 7:30 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend!

- If you would like to help out at all throughout the year, please contact Kristin Te Brinke at 604-217-2126.



DID YOU KNOW?



Our Bottle/Refundable Fundraiser has returned!

After a brief hiatus, we are resuming our bottle/refundable fundraiser, which will be ongoing throughout the school year.

Simply follow these directions:

1. Put your containers into clear or transparent plastic bags. No sorting required!
2. At the Express depot, use the school's phone number (604-796-9310) to log in at the kiosk and print the labels - remember, one label per bag.
3. Put a label on each of your bags and drop them off in the Express container. No transparent bags? No problem - you can pick some up from the school!

No time to do a drop off at the Recycling Depot? No problem - drop them off at the school and we'll take it from there! Thank you for your support!



You don't want to miss this!

Friday

Feb. 23

6:30 p.m.

Bring the whole family to this year's Presentation of Learning

Join us for a "Night at the Museum" at ACS, and take a walk through the decades.



Important Dates to Remember

- February 6 - PAC meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- February 16 - Skating field trip for K-7
- February 19 - BC Family Day - No School
- February 23 - Presentation of Learning "ACS Museum" 6:30 p.m.
- February 26 - Dress-up day, "Canadian Flag" theme (red/white)
- February 28 - Pink Shirt/Anti-Bullying Day



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