



inside look

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From the Principal's Desk

It's time to celebrate!!

We just passed our Ministry of Education Inspection!

Every six years our school must prepare for and go through an External Evaluation by the Ministry of Education and Childcare. This is a "comprehensive review of compliance with legislative and other regulatory requirements. It may include (but is not limited to) student safety, school and student outcomes, policy, and educational programs. It includes a full review of a school's curriculum, along with classroom visits and teacher interviews."

That well-worded description really means:

- A completed 40-page evaluation report.
- 21 pages of initial supporting documentation.
- Over 130 pages showing proof of current and detailed policies.
- Curriculum documentation for each grade level, with overviews of every course taught, outlining Biblical perspective, Core Competencies, Curricular Competencies, Big Ideas, First Nations Principles, Driving Questions, and Assessment Strategies.
- The yearly overviews of when everything is taught in every classroom.
- A visit by two inspectors who can ask to see everything.



As you can imagine, the preparation is intense and our school certification depends on a successful conclusion, so it is important. And as you probably anticipated, we passed with flying colours! We have a great school and I didn't expect anything less. However, having the inspectors in the school reminded me that they don't really get to see all of the extra things that actually make us so great!

They can't really see:

- The hours that go into building healthy relationships between students and staff, and between students and students.
- The thought that goes into chapel themes to make sure that chapels live on in the minds of students.
- The care to provide a safe and positive entry for students who find leaving home stressful.
- The extra activities that make curriculum leave the paper and come alive.
- The prayer that happens with and for students and their families.
- The wonderful, creative, age-inclusive play that happens on our playground.

I am so thankful that our school is so much more than checking off boxes on an inspection document. The staff, the students, the families and Our Rescuer make Agassiz Christian School the amazing place that it is!

An **inside**look ... into Grade 4/5.

Discovering, Growing & Thriving in Grade 4/5!

September and October have been full of lots of fun and meaningful learning activities for the Grade 4/5 class.

Along with the Grade 6/7 class, many Grade 4/5 students participated in soccer and cross-country. We enjoyed playing soccer games in our local school league, traveling out to Langley to take part in the Christian Elementary Schools Soccer Tournament and taking part in the cross-country meet at Bear Creek Park in Surrey. While it was wonderful to see the students improve their soccer and running skills, it was really amazing to see the teamwork, sportsmanship, hard work and resilience of our students as they played and ran their hearts out. We are thankful for the healthy bodies that God has given us and that we have the ability to run and play outside in God's beautiful creation. We were also blessed with absolutely beautiful fall weather at the soccer tournament and the cross-country meet, and it was a delight to spend these days playing and running outside.



The Grade 4/5 students have enjoyed getting to know their Kindergarten buddies and taking part in various activities with them. From walking the Cheam Wetlands together during the whole-school field trip, to getting to know one another with interview questions, to turkey and apple crafts, it has been a joy to see the students build relationships and school community during our weekly buddy time.



Art class is a highly-anticipated time for most of the students and they have created some beautiful masterpieces. Students have recognized God's beauty around them during this time of year, and have replicated that in their Autumn Landscapes and Thanksgiving drawings. Students also tried their "hand" at creating some beautiful concentric-shaped hand art. If you have not already done so, be sure to check out the Grade 4/5 "Art Gallery" in the halls outside of our classroom.

The Grade 4/5s were excited to serve others in our community by taking part in the BC Thanksgiving Food Drive. The class was assigned a route, and the students dropped off 100 grocery bags on the doorsteps of houses near the school. Later that week, another team picked up filled grocery bags that were left out on doorsteps. All food collected was donated to our local food bank in Agassiz. The 4/5s recognize that God has richly blessed us, and they were eager and excited to go out into our community and work to bless others.

These first two months of the school year have been a wonderful time of discovering the gifts that God has given us and working to grow our abilities. We look forward to all of the learning activities yet to come as we learn together and grow our God-given gifts.



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



"If I could be an animal, I would be a kitty! They are cute and fluffy!"
- *Indiana M.*



"I would like to be a tiger because they are fast. I like their stripes."
- *Oliver T.*



"If I could be an animal, I would be a cheetah so I could run super fast. I also like their spots."
- *Nora-Lee V.*



"If I could be an animal, I would like to be a bee because then I could eat honey all day!"
- *Matilda R.*



"I would like to be a snow leopard because they have beautiful spots."
- *Hailee S.*



"If I could be any animal, I would like to be a bird because I want to fly!"
- *Joel T.*



"If I could be an animal, I would be a dog because they can find things by sniffing."
- *Willem K.*



"If I could be an animal, I would be a hyena because I like the way they laugh."
- *Demylo T.*

Question of the Month:

"If you could be an animal, which animal would you be?"



"If I could be an animal, I would be an alligator because they eat rocks."
- *Eli B.*



"If I could be an animal, I would be a monkey because then I could swing from vine to vine and it would be fun."
- *Levi T.*



"I would be a jerboa. Jerboas are cute little animals that look like a mini kangaroo, but they are actually rodents. They live in deserts and they can run very fast and hop like kangaroos."
- *Hanna V.*



"I would like to be a bat because they are fast and sneaky. Bats are nocturnal and I've always wondered what it would be like to be nocturnal. Bats are fascinating."
- *Avery K.*



"If I could be an animal, I would be a bearded dragon! I could eat mealworms and I would be cold-blooded. I would live in the desert."
- *Wade P.*



"I would be a peregrin falcon because it is the fastest animal on the planet and it's very small like me. Also because birds are my favourite animals."
- *Emmett B.*



"I would like to be a cat. Cats can survive a fall from a 20th floor apartment with hardly any injuries. Cats are beautiful and free animals that roam where they want, when they want."
- *Kezaira G.*



"If I could be an animal, I would be a dolphin because then I could swim faster. I would also be able to scare sharks away, which would be fun."
- *Elizabeth M.*

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

The PAC (Parent Action Committee)

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

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

- If you would like to help out at school throughout the year, please contact Sara Sterkenburg at 604-845-0063.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with hot lunch. We will also need volunteers to help with the CARE campaign celebration night on Nov. 22.

Save these Dates!

Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. is our ACS Annual General Meeting, where we will be discussing plans for future expansion!

Friday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. will be the C.A.R.E. Campaign Celebration/ Family Fun Night. Stay tuned for more details to come!



Important Dates to Remember

- Oct. 28 - Photo Retakes and Class Photos
- Oct. 29, 30 - Parent Teacher Conferences (K-7)
- Nov. 1 - No School (in lieu of P/T Conferences)
- Nov. 5 - Annual General Meeting
- Nov. 6 - PAC Meeting
- Nov. 7, 8 - No School (CEBC Conference for teachers)
- Nov. 11 - No School (Remembrance Day)
- Nov. 14 - Wacky Hair Day
- Nov. 22 - C.A.R.E. Campaign Celebration Night
- Nov. 29 - No School (Report Card Writing Day)



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