



inside look

DECEMBER 2024

We asked students, "What is your favourite holiday tradition?"

There were so many good answers that we couldn't fit them all on one page! (continued on pg.3)



"We pray about God on Christmas morning. We pray for baby Jesus' birthday."

- Jaxon K.



"We sing songs outside in town. My favourite song that we sing is Jingle Bells."

- Nora-Lee V.



"My favourite holiday tradition is going to my Auntie Denise's house."

- Demylo T.



"My favourite holiday tradition is having Christmas breakfast with my cousins."

- Tobias L.



"My favourite holiday tradition is making gingerbread houses, and decorating the tree. My family also turns on a star on the hayloft."

- Gavin S.



"My favourite tradition is getting a new ornament for the Christmas tree in my room. This year I got a pig ornament."

- Avery K.



"Getting matching pjs with my siblings and cousins, and taking photos of all of us wearing them together on Christmas Eve."

- Wesson B.



"I like decorating the Christmas tree. We also go to my grandparents' house for dinner and I play with my cousins. Sometimes we make a gingerbread house. My grandma gets all of us matching Christmas pajamas."

- Joelle V.



"Going to my Pake and Beppe's house for Christmas and seeing my cousins, having good food, and hanging out."

- Maeve t.

"My favourite tradition is watching holiday movies with my family."

- Andrew H., Everest N.

"My favourite holiday tradition is making and eating Olliebollen at New Years."

- Willem K., Mason K., Troy B.

"My favourite holiday tradition is making Christmas cookies!"

- Joel T., Abigail L., Matilda R.

"My favourite holiday tradition is on Christmas morning, we sit on the couch and snuggle by the fireplace and drink eggnog."

- J.

Bucks for Books



Throughout December, we have been collecting spare change to support World Renew as they supply books and learning materials for children in developing countries.

So far we have raised \$291.10!

Thank you for your help in supporting this valuable ministry!

An **inside**look ... into Kindergarten.

A Beary Fun Month in Kindergarten!

Since the beginning of October, Kindergarten has been keen to notice all the wonders and beauty of the changing seasons. It is so miraculous to see the vibrant colours of the falling leaves, to listen to the birds as they fly south, and to watch the squirrels scurrying about, finding nuts. It is so amazing to see the farmers gathering the harvest, to smell the crisp fall air, to see the clouds roll in, and to feel the Agassiz winds pick up. Our God is an amazing God who continually lets us see His faithfulness throughout the changing seasons.

In November, Kindergarten began learning all about North American bears and discovering how bears adapt to these changing seasons. It has been so incredible to learn how God created all creatures, specifically bears, with characteristics and instincts to prepare for each and every season! Our God is an amazing God!



Learning about real bears was fascinating, but it might not have compared to the fun we had reading stories, drawing, painting and doing activities with pretend bears! We had so much fun going on our own bear hunt outside. We built dens for little bears with sticks and leaves from the outdoor garden. We put on a play about Goldilocks and the Three bears. We sewed on a button for Corduroy's overalls. We played in our classroom bear den, ate oatmeal just like the three bears did and learned songs and poems to sing to our teddies.

Probably the most anticipated event of the month was taking home the classroom bear. It was a highlight to hear the many stories of what Mr. Bear was up to when he visited all the children at their homes. Mr. Bear got to make cookies, have play-dates, rollerblade, dirt bike, and eat roast beef tenderloin. He got to sleep in a circus tent, eat macaroni and cheese, go to baseball practice and even swimming lessons! What more could a bear want?



Another fun memory this month was when Kindergarten got to bring their bears for the annual bear sleepover at the school. They tenderly wrapped up their bears in their classroom blankets, sang lullabies to them and wished them all a goodnight. They were very surprised the next day when they found out their bears had gotten into mischief during the night. The bears were found playing with all the classroom toys, painting pictures and making a mess throughout the school. The children's excitement intensified when the bears quietly disappeared from the classroom and they had to go on a bear search through all the classrooms. They eventually found their bears eating bear pancakes in the staff room. What a special treat to join the bears at their teddy bear picnic! They even shared their pancakes with us!

It has definitely been a BEARY fun month! We look forward to another month of discovering God's creation, growing in knowledge of what He has done and thriving in His world.



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



"My favourite tradition is putting up a Christmas tree and putting out our Christmas decorations."

- Felix B.



"We farm on Christmas. We feed cows and baby calves."

- Georgia P.



"My favourite tradition is visiting District 1881 with my family to look at the beautiful Christmas lights. My grandma takes a picture of me every year!"

- Bentley K.



"My favourite tradition is singing songs and listening to Bible stories."

- Levi B.



"My favourite tradition is setting up our Christmas tree and spending time with my family."

- Harlow R.



"My favourite holiday tradition is going to see the holiday train."

- Eli S.



"My favourite holiday tradition is going to look at lights with my family."

- Claire S.



"On December 1st we go get hot chocolate and then we get a Christmas tree. I love our family tradition."

- Paisley M.

Question of the Month:

"What is your favourite holiday tradition that you do every year?"



"My favourite tradition is going to Harrison to see the lights!"

- Cali R.



"My favourite holiday traditions are having Christmas dinner with my family, seeing friends, and going to Christmas markets."

- Sophie V.



"My favourite holiday tradition is going to Harrison Hot Springs for 'Lights by the Lake'. I like it because we always go out for dinner and I get to stay up late."

- Jacob H.



"My favourite tradition is putting up the ornaments with my family. We have ornaments with my family's name on them. We probably have over 17!"

- Fynn P.



"My favourite holiday tradition is making stroopwafels. They are so tasty and sweet. We also get really sweet oranges and chocolates that we call 'reindeer poop'."

- Piper B.



"My favourite holiday tradition is matching Christmas pajamas. Another is when the Super Bowl is on and my family goes to my mom's friend's house to watch it."

- Matthew P.



"My favourite tradition is going to my grandparents' house. I love to spend time hanging out with my cousins. We do lots of Christmas things there and spend time with family."

- Summer W.



"Our family tradition is having family come over. Sharing gifts, watching movies, and playing games. Everyone makes food and brings it over for dinner. We stay up late and play with our cousins."

- Gia H.

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 Jan. 8 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.

Staffing Update

Thank you and all the best to Mrs. Boehm and family, as they look forward to welcoming their baby soon!

Welcome back to Mrs. den Boer, who will be taking Mrs. Boehm's place teaching Kindergarten on Wednesdays, beginning in January!



SNOW DAYS

If a decision is made to close the school due to inclement weather, notifications will be posted on our app, as well as social media.



**It's
Getting
Cold Out
There!**

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IN WEATHER-APPROPRIATE CLOTHING!

- WARM COAT
- TOQUE/EAR MUFFS
- SCARF/NECK WARMER
- GLOVES (PLUS EXTRAS AS THEY GET WET)
- BOOTS
- AN EXTRA CHANGE OF CLOTHES TO KEEP IN THEIR BACKPACK OR CUBBY!



Important Dates to Remember

- Dec. 20 - Wear Christmas Colours to school!
- Dec. 21 to Jan. 5 - School Closed (Winter Break)
- Jan. 17 - Wear Pajamas to School!
- Feb. 14 - School Closed (Pro-D Day)
- Feb. 17 - School Closed (Family Day)
- Feb. 20 - Presentation of Learning
- Feb. 21 - Ice Skating (K-7)

SAVE THE DATE!

January 31 at 6:30 p.m.

"Dancing with the Stars" (the stars are your kids)

Come learn and join in the square, round, reels, and folk dances that our students have been learning from Mrs. di Rezze in music class!



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