



# inside look

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## From the Principal's Desk



**PINK SHIRT DAY!**

**ANTI-BULLYING DAY!**

**SAFE & SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES!**

**INCLUSIVE & WELCOMING!**

These are all titles and slogans that are present when you research “Pink Shirt Day.” And yet, Pink Shirt Day is really so much more than a day and so much more than a slogan. Matthew 22:37-39 says, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.” The second is like it: “Love your neighbour as yourself.”

I recently toured a prospective family through the school, and we talked about our Biblical perspective. They assumed that we had a chapel every week, and that our Christian instruction stopped there. I assured them that God calls us to so much more than one chapel per week, and that our Christian faith and worldview was tied into everything that we do and into all that we are.

We can't just talk about Pink Shirt Day on February 26. We talk about it all year, because God calls us to. He calls us to “love our neighbours as ourselves” every day and in a multitude of ways.

And so, I went to the experts - our students - to find out their perspectives about loving your neighbour. Here are some of their responses.

At our school, kindness is:

- When I helped my friend up off the ice.
- Comforting a friend when they are crying.
- Swimming alongside a friend on Thursdays.
- Including everyone who wants to play in the game.
- Sharing a toy with a friend, even when I want to use it myself.
- Helping someone with a math problem.

And finally, the quote that sums it all up:

“At our school, KINDNESS IS GREAT, because what would we do without kindness? If no one helped or shared or cared for one another, we could not be happy!”



Thank you for helping to make our Book Fair a success!

Your book fair purchases helped us to earn \$600 worth of new books for our school!

SCHOLASTIC

# An inside look ... into Preschool.

This year has brought many exciting changes to our Preschool! Not only have the children been getting acquainted with two new teachers this year, but we've also had the pleasure of playing and creating in our new classroom portable. Preschool is about new beginnings, new friends, new challenges and new ideas. So far this year in preschool, the children have been doing an amazing job of learning and growing. Their wide-eyed curiosity and genuine interest in learning about the world and people around them brings excitement into the classroom every day.

Each day, the class focuses on memorizing their ABC's and 1,2,3's, learning social skills, navigating new scenarios, and managing feelings both big and small. They spend time playing together, while learning how to include each other and incorporate different ideas. Engaging in play at the house centre, with Lego, building with blocks, doing puzzles or racing toy cars is just pure fun, but also a critical part of early childhood development.



A day in our class consists of circle time, learning about the months and days of the week, letter recognition, playtime, arts and crafts, fine motor skills, socializing, and outdoor play. Letter recognition includes learning about a new letter of the alphabet, along with the sound it makes and how to write it. Some children are even getting quite good at writing their own names! Lately, we have been working on letters M, N, O, P. The children had fun making hand print monkeys for the letter M, octopus and ostriches for O, and learning about penguins for the letter P.



During our Penguins unit, the children were introduced to many of the different kinds of penguins; from the large Emperor Penguin to the tiny Little Blue Penguin, as well as where they live, what they eat, and how they walk. The kids had a blast trying to mimic the “daddy penguin waddle” when trying to walk across the classroom with a pretend penguin egg on their feet. They even attempted to pass the “egg” to a partner, all without letting the egg touch the “frozen ground.”

Along with learning letters, numbers, shapes and colours, each month the class learns several different Bible stories. “Jesus Walks on Water” and “Jesus Feeds the 5,000” are examples of the Bible readings we have done, which encourage the children to have faith and trust in God even when things seem difficult or impossible. We also made crafts based on “Jonah and the Whale,” and “Noah’s Ark,” which taught that listening to God’s Word is important. It is such a joy watching these young children grow and learn so much, in such a short amount of time. We look forward to continuing the year learning about how to show love and kindness to others, as well as learning more about the beauty God has created!



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



"I would invent a machine that would make hearts. It could also make puppies."  
- *Likely B.*



"I would invent a robot that could dance. It would do break dancing"  
- *Jack M.*



"If I could invent something, it would be a bed. It would be special because I made it, and it would bounce."  
- *Charlie S.*



"If I could invent something, I would invent a robot that draws stars!"  
- *Nora-Lee V.*



"If I could invent anything, it would be a robot that can change from big to small."  
- *Brant B.*



"If I could invent something, I would invent a hot dog gun. It would shoot hot dogs."  
- *Lucas M.*



"I would invent a Dream House. It would have 1000 restaurants and it would be able to turn into a robot."  
- *Harlow R.*



"If I could invent something, it would be a machine that could turn water into food."  
- *Edison L.*

## Question of the Month:

If you could invent something, what would it be?  
What would it do?



"If I could invent something, I would invent a pencil that writes when I talk to it."  
- *Eli S.*



"If I could invent something, it would be a robot. It would do anything I want, like making money or making a fun house."  
- *Ezra V.*



"I would like to invent a robot that could do chores."  
- *Sophia V.*



"I would invent a room that has food for free and could have water and desserts that are healthy but taste sweet. That would end the world's hunger."  
- *Piper B.*



"I would invent a 3D printer for books! When you 3D print the books they become never-ending books. It would be awesome and if you love reading, you would love it!"  
- *Myelle B.*



"I would invent a machine where you would stick your head into it and it would give you what you were thinking about. It would be an amazing invention."  
- *Jacob H.*



"I would invent a robot. Then it could play with me and do my chores!"  
- *Brayden T.*



"I would invent a robot to do my hair so my mom wouldn't have to. The robot's name would be Hanna 2000! I would also pick out my clothes for the day."  
- *Hanna V.*

# 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 Mar. 5 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 ARE HIRING FOR  
2025-2026!

TEACHER AND EA  
POSITIONS AVAILABLE

for more information, visit:  
<https://agassizchristianschool.com/job-opportunities/>

## RECEIPTS FOR INCOME TAX

Charitable donation receipts have been sent out by email this year. If you have not yet received yours, please check your email spam folder, or contact the office to make sure we have your current email address!

We are now accepting applications  
for the 2025-2026 school year!  
**PRESCHOOL - GRADE 7**

DANCING WITH THE STARS\*  
(\*your kids)  
is happening again  
on Friday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m.



Come join the fun and learn the dances your kids have been learning at school.  
Bring a snack to share!

## Important Dates to Remember

- Feb. 28 - Chapel & Hot Lunch
- Feb. 28 - Dancing with the Stars #2 (6:00 p.m.)
- Mar. 7 - NO SCHOOL (Report card writing)
- Mar. 14 - Dress in Green Day & Report Card #2
- Mar. 14 - Skating (K-7)
- Mar. 17 to 28 - Spring Break
- April 11 - Whole-School Photo (K-7)
- April 16 - Grandparents Day & Presentation of Learning
- April 18 - NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)
- April 21 - NO SCHOOL (Easter Monday)



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