



inside look

NOVEMBER 2025

From the Principal's Desk

As we wrap up our recent fundraising campaign, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. Over the past few weeks, our school community came together in powerful ways. We came together to celebrate our Growing school community, complete with Bingo, Sumo Wrestling, Tattoos, Games and Movies. Choirs practiced and sang with gusto! We completed our first IGNITE series, showcasing student-made pajama pants, flower arrangements, 3D printed creations, weaving projects, delicious baking and a new understanding of mechanics. Whether you donated, prayed, set up or cleaned up, volunteered your expertise for IGNITE, served french fries or showed up with a smile, you played a part in something beautiful.

This year, we are focusing on the Names of God, and it seems fitting that this month we reflect on Jehovah Jireh, "The Lord Will Provide." We often hear this name in Scripture through the story of Abraham, but it came alive for us again during this past month. Every time a need arose, God met it. Every time we wondered if we would have enough volunteers, enough momentum, or enough energy, God provided - often through you, His people.

Our community event last week was a perfect celebration of that provision. Watching families enjoy food, laughter, music, and connection reminded us that God not only provides resources, but also joy, unity, and belonging. These are the gifts that can't be counted in dollars but are felt deeply in the heart of a school.

Thank you for giving, for showing up, and for participating in the work God is doing here. As we move forward, may we continue trusting Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides exactly what we need, exactly when we need it.



**With your help
we have raised
approximately
\$17,000 so far!**



**There's still time to make a
difference by giving to our
2025 C.A.R.E. Campaign!**



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

You've Got a Friend in Me



The Kindergarten & Grade 4/5 Buddy Program

One of the many highlights for Kindergarten students is Buddies. Each Friday, Kindergarten joins their Grade 4/5 buddies to take part in a shared activity. These activities might include reading together, creating crafts, going on field trips, sharing completed projects with one another, playing outside, eating lunch together, or cheering for each other during school events. Every week, Kindergarten students enjoy new opportunities for one-on-one connection, learning, and fun.

One of the biggest benefits for our Kindergarten students is the sense of comfort and security that comes from having an older buddy. Having an older buddy in the school helps students feel welcomed, supported, and confident during their first year in a new school environment. Kindergarten students can't wait to see their buddies at recess, to cheer them on as they practice running, or to spot them in the hallway or at Friday morning Chapel. They are always so excited to tell me whenever they see their buddy, whether it's in the classroom, on the playground, or somewhere around the school. It has been wonderful to see the Grade 4/5 students reaching out to the Kindergarten class and taking pride in teaching them new things at recess - like how to hit a baseball and run the bases, how to do gymnastics routines or how to swing higher on the swings.



Academically, buddy activities such as reading and writing together strengthen early literacy skills. When older students read aloud, kindergarten students develop listening skills, enhance their vocabulary, and increase their love of books. Working together on crafts, artwork or writing projects also helps with fine motor skills, creativity, and concentration in a fun and relaxed setting.

Socially and emotionally, buddy time builds confidence and friendship. Kindergarten students learn cooperation, turn-taking, and communication skills as they interact with their older peers. Whether they are eating lunch together, playing outdoors, or exploring on a field trip, Kindergarten students gain a sense of belonging, a sense of safety and a sense of self-confidence.

Our Buddy Program creates meaningful connections across the grade levels and fills our Fridays with laughter, learning, and the joy of new friendships. We LOVE our buddies!



An **inside**look ... Kindergarten



Here are some of the Kindergarten students' responses
when asked why they like their buddies:

"I like making crafts with them."

- Remi

"They always help us!"

- Elison



"I like watching my buddy play baseball at recess."

- Dominic

"I like going on field trips and doing crafts with my
buddy. He helps me write words."

- Luca



"I like when my buddy gives me piggy back rides!"

- Norah

"I like reading books with my buddy."

- Zelda



"Buddy days are fun. My buddy is nice."

- Cade



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



Sports News

Congratulations on placing 2nd in the C.E.S.S. 'B' Girls' Tripleball Tournament!

Congratulations on a match win in the C.E.S.S. Boys' Tripleball Tournament!

Both teams earned the best results our school has ever achieved!



OUR NEXT IGNITE UNIT STARTS IN JANUARY!

DO YOU HAVE A SKILL, HOBBY OR PASSION YOU COULD SHARE? DO YOU HAVE SIX WEEKS TO GIVE TO A GROUP OF SIX OR SEVEN STUDENTS? YOUR SPARK MIGHT BE THE VERY THING THAT IGNITES A LIFELONG INTEREST FOR ONE OF OUR STUDENTS.

If you're interested, please connect with Judy de Waal at jdewaal@agassizchristianschool.com by December 12.



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FEBRUARY 12, 2026 AT 7 P.M.
FOR A PARENT WORKSHOP WITH
SPECIAL GUEST: HANNAH BEACH



Important Dates to Remember

- November 28 - NO SCHOOL for students
- December 3 - PAC Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- December 5 - Term 1 Report Cards sent home
- December 5 - Chapel
- December 11 - Community Carol Festival
- December 17 - ACS Christmas Program
- December 19 - Christmas-Theme Dress-Up Day
- December 19 - Last Day before Christmas Break
- January 5 - School and Preschool Re-Open



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