



# inside look

APRIL 2026



## From the Principal's Desk



As spring arrives, so does a familiar joy on our playground—worms! (One of my favourite creatures!) Especially on a wet morning, they can be found creeping over the sidewalks or hiding in some moist grass near the edge of a puddle. Carefully gathered, gently held, and often given names, these tiny creatures quickly become part of daily routines. Students run to check on them first thing each morning and again at recess, making sure they're still there, still safe ... still their "friends."

There's something wonderfully simple and genuine about this kind of friendship. It's not complicated. It's about showing up, paying attention, and caring in small, consistent ways.

In John 15:5, we get a glimpse into another name for God. Jesus says, "I no longer call you servants . . . Instead, I have called you friends." I don't think Jesus was comparing us to worms, but His friendship is similar – He always shows up, pays attention and cares for us as a friend in small, big, and consistent ways.

Jesus doesn't just care about us from a distance. He walks with us, listens to us, and delights in spending time with us. Like our students returning again and again to check on their worms, Jesus is always present—never too busy, never too far away, always checking on us.

And just as students are learning to be gentle, attentive, and kind to something small and easily overlooked, they are reflecting the heart of Jesus in the way they care.

This spring, those tiny worms are giving us a big reminder: friendship is found in presence, care, and consistency. And we have the greatest friend of all in Jesus—one who is always with us, always caring, and always near.



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### Expert Renovators Needed!

We are hoping to renovate a few spaces in our existing school to make some of our office and learning assistance spaces more functional. If you are good with small renovations (framing and drywalling or creating new shelving) and have a day or two to lend a hand in late June, or if you have great design ideas for existing spaces, please contact Mrs. de Waal at [jdewaal@agassizchristianschool.com](mailto:jdewaal@agassizchristianschool.com)

# An **inside**look ... into Grade Three



The Grade 3 classroom continues to be a busy, energetic place full of curiosity and excitement!



One of our biggest highlights right now is our chicken life cycle unit. We currently have eggs in the incubator, and our estimated hatch day is April 30th. The students are eagerly counting down the days and can't wait to watch the chicks hatch right before their eyes. It has already been such a meaningful, hands-on way to explore how living things grow and change.

In Language Arts, we have been working hard on developing our writing skills. We are currently learning how to write strong opinion articles, focusing on clearly stating our ideas and supporting them with reasons. Next, we will be moving into informative writing, where students will learn how to share facts and teach their readers about a topic in a clear and organized way.



Math has been full of fun as we dive into our geometry unit. The class has especially been enjoying games like Geometry Bingo and Geometry Swat, where students race to identify shapes as quickly as they can. It's been a great way to build confidence and reinforce their understanding while having lots of laughs along the way.



# An **inside**look ... Grade Three



STEM bin exploration time continues to be a favourite part of our week. It's always impressive to see the creative designs students come up with and the different strategies they use to solve problems. There is a lot of teamwork, perseverance, and innovative thinking happening during this time.



In P.E., our gymnastics unit is well underway, and the Grade 3 students are showing off their flexibility, strength, and growing confidence. It has been wonderful to see students encourage one another as they try new skills and challenge themselves.



It's a joyful and exciting season of learning in Grade 3, and we are especially looking forward to welcoming some very special fluffy visitors to our classroom soon!



# 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 **May 6 at 7:30 p.m.** All parents/guardians are welcome to attend!

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

## Sports

**April 23 - CESS Badminton Tournament**  
(Maple Ridge Christian School)

**May 20 - CESS Track and Field Meet**  
(The King's School Langley)

**May 26 - Rugby Tournament**

**May 29 - Local Schools Track and Field Meet**  
(AESS)

## New Mission Statement

We are in the process of revising our mission statement and need some people who understand the mission of our school and love to “wordsmith.” If that description fits you, please let Mrs. de Waal know.



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Apparel will now be available to order all year long!

Order forms and size guide available at the office!



## Important Dates to Remember

- April 21-24 - Book Fair
- April 23 - Student-Led Conferences
- May 5 - Plant Sale pick-up
- May 15 - NO SCHOOL (Staff Retreat)
- May 18 - NO SCHOOL (Victoria Day)
- May 22 - Inside Out/Backwards Day
- May 27 - Ready, Set, Learn
- May 29 - Annual Family Picnic



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