

INFORMATION STATION

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From the principal's desk...

No pains should be spared to make the hours of meeting round the family table the brightest hours of the day. (Charlotte Mason)

Life can be busy. Parenting adds to the busyness. Yet there probably isn't a more fundamental and rewarding calling in life. A former principal once suggested to me, when we had our half dozen children swarming around us, that parenting was really quite easy, provided one practices a few basic principles. Family meals are one important principle.

A challenge today is the amount of information available at our finger tips. In seconds we can obtain millions of bits of advice on basic questions about life. ***This challenge stems from the fact that kids are consuming information far earlier than they are ready and gaining real life experience far later than they're ready.***

The above quote, as well as the following advice, comes from an article Andrew Victor sent to me earlier this school year. These are a few of those simple, foundational parenting practices that will have a positive impact on your child. Pursue balance:

1. Help children balance **screen time** with **face-to-face time** with people. For every hour they spend in front of a screen, have them spend an hour with people.
2. Help children balance **connected time** with **disconnected time**—ask them to disconnect from phones and computers for two hours and focus on one important goal.
3. Help children balance **sedentary time** with **active time**. For each hour spent sitting still (often in front of a screen), engage them in physical activity.
4. Help children balance **trivial time** and **meaningful time**. Especially for teens, they need to engage in meaningful work that contributes to a cause larger than themselves.
5. Help children balance **passive stimulation time** with **personal creative time**. Provide project objectives that force them to create ideas that come from within, not from an external source.

Allow God's Word and Spirit to work...

Love must be sincere.

Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honour one another above yourselves.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

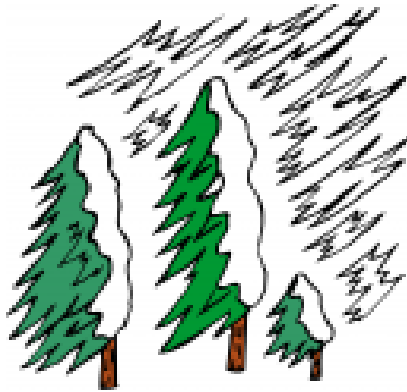
Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Share with God's people who are in need.

Practice hospitality.

(Romans 12:9-13)

John Zuidhof



All emergency closures will be posted on the home page of the ACS website. Alternatively, listen for announcements on STAR FM 98.3. Further information regarding school closures or delayed openings are available in the Parent/Student Handbook handed out in September.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Anya and Camryn showed a few ballet moves and told us about their training to help prepare K-7 and UCS Elementary for the Ballet Victoria presentation.
- Ballet Victoria put on a wonderful demonstration and performance for ACS and Unity on January 13. The students were very impressed with Ballet Victoria and Ballet Victoria was very impressed with the audience as evidenced in this email:

I just wanted to let you know how thrilled we were to perform in your school and how great your students are. It was inspiring to see such young group of students with spirituality and a keen sense of curiosity. It speaks volumes in today's education regarding what you and your staff bring to them.

*Sincerely,
Paul (Destrooper)*



- After many years of supporting the school through her sewing efforts, Mrs. Tebrinke has decided to take a break. Thank you, Mrs. Tebrinke, for your faithful support of ACS. We have appreciated your willingness to share your gifts in this manner.
- The art room plumbing is now complete! Miss Schooten and students alike are thrilled! In fact, Naomi was so excited about the new sinks that she may have purposely used the wrong paint brush just so that she could be the first student to use the sink!

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Christian Stewardship Services (CSS) recently informed our school that a young couple in the school community have planned a gift to ACS. When the donor(s) passes away, this will result in a legacy gift to our school. This gift was designated in a will or a charitable gift annuity, naming Agassiz Christian School as a beneficiary.

The Development Committee is very grateful to this couple (who wish to remain anonymous) for their foresight and generosity.

Would you please consider how you might be able to leave a legacy gift to ACS? Dave Broughton, our CSS representative, will be attending our Spring AGM and will be available to meet with individual families to discuss their estate and wills. Watch for more information in the newsletters to come!

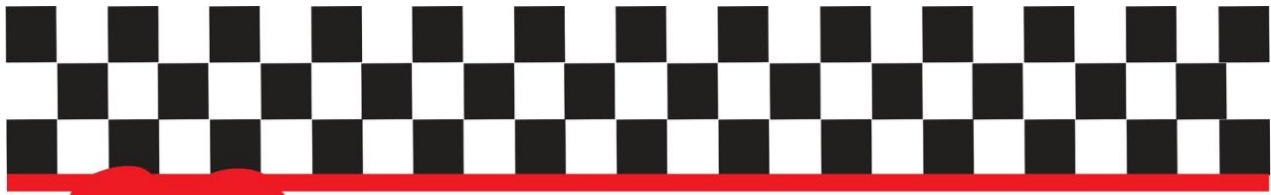
USBORNE LITERACY FAIR

February 7 & 8 we are hosting an Usborne Literacy Fair. Come and see Usborne's award-winning range of entertaining and educational books for children from toddlers to teens. We will have lots of books on display and, for a preview of what Usborne offers, please check out the website at www.usborne.ca for the complete catalogue.

Students will be able to make their wish lists in the coming week. The library will also have a wish list from which we hope parents will take the opportunity to purchase a book for the school.

Your purchases will earn 25% of retail sales in free books for use in the school, so come out and support our school library. Hope to see you there!





You are all Invited to . . .

Agassiz Christian School
Open House and Science Fair

Please consider taking a neighbor or acquaintance
along!

When: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Time: 8:20-2:40

Highlights:

8:20 Chapel

10:30 Choir & Band Performance

10:45 Science Fair presentation by
Grade 5,6,7

At any time, feel free to wander around the
classrooms.

Class schedules will be posted by the refreshment
table.

A Book Fair will take place on February 7 & 8. See
elsewhere in newsletter for details.



Kindergarten Snapshots

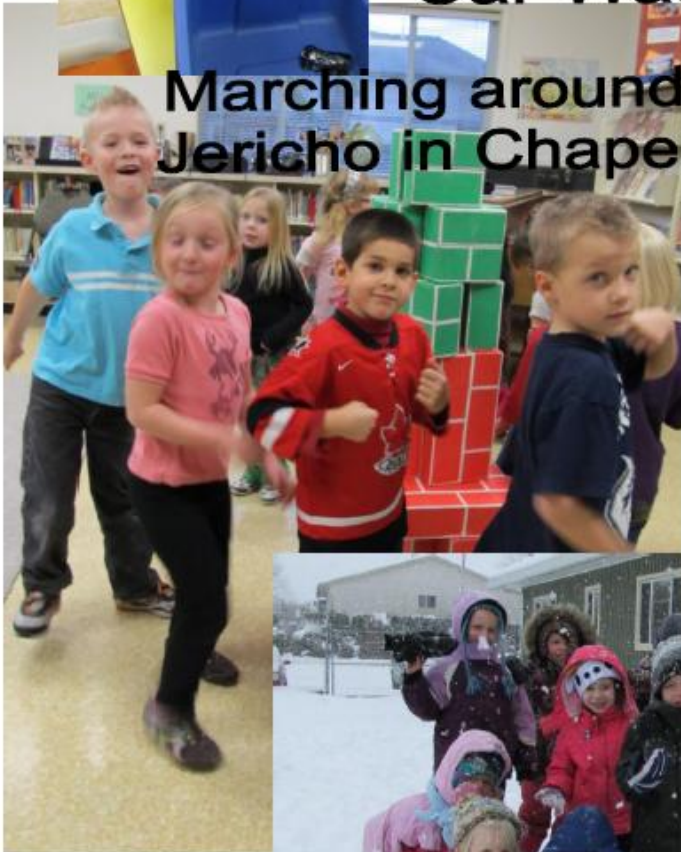


Center Time





Car Wash Center



**Marching around
Jericho in Chapel**



**Building a
Snowfort**



JANUARY FEBRUARY 2012

Jan. 29	30 10:30 - Kindergarten field trip to Highland Helicopter	31	Feb 1 9:00 - Kindergarten field trip to Chris & Petra Van Oort	2	3	4
5	6 Pro D - No school Preschool will occur 7:00 - Ed Committee Mfng	7 Science Fair Judging	8 Open House/Science Fair/Book Fair 7:00 - Grades 5,6,7 Science Fair	9 Grade 6&7 Ski Day at Hemlock	10 FSA testing begins for Grade 4 & 7 12:30 - 2:00 - K-7 Skating @ Prospera Centre	11
12	13 7:00 - Board, Hosting & Dev. Committee Mfng 7:45 - Board, Dev. & Ed Committee Mfng 8:45 - Board Mfng	14	15	16 10:30-11:30 - Ready Set Learn	17	18
19	20 11:00 - Grade 5,6,7 Band visit UCS for Langley CS Band Concert	21	22	23 Gr 1 & 2 - Learning in the Park	24	25
26	27	28	29	Mar 1	Mar 2 12:30-2:00 - Skating @ Prospera Centre	