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Agassiz Christian School

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From the principal's desk...

As you receive these report cards, let me remind you that, important as they are, they do not measure your worth as a person. **Some children do school well.** Other children have a wonderful selection of gifts, talents, and skills that are not measured in school. These may include things such as:

- *Playing a musical instrument that is never seen at school*
- *Skills developed in a sport that is not played at school*
- *Care of an animal through clubs such as 4-H that have never pastured on school grounds*
- *Household chores developed through parental guidance and persistence*
- *Compassion towards others due to unique relationships with a vulnerable person*
- *...and more*

We are God's children, each uniquely created and gifted. We first of all live for him and devote our entire lives to him. There is no room for haughty behavior because we happen to do well on our report card. That may be one of that child's gifts. God only requires us to do our best in all that we do.

The above monologue is similar to what I often tell my students before I distribute report cards. **Affirm your child as God's handiwork**, and celebrate the process of learning. *You're so smart; you're so talented* are not the type of praise that will help your child.

Praise your child for **growth-oriented process**—what they accomplished through practice, study, persistence, and good strategies. Admire their efforts and choices. *...the best thing (you) can do is to teach (your) children to*

- *Love challenges*
- *Be intrigued by mistakes*
- *Enjoy effort*
- *Keep on learning*

That way, (your) children don't have to be slaves of praise. They will have a lifelong way to build and repair their own confidence. (Mindset—The New Psychology of Success by Carol Dweck)

John Zuidhof

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

- Parking lot drainage and hockey rink/court upgrades moving forward.

-John Zuidhof & Jason Frayn attended the Principal & Board Chair Workshop by SCSBC recently. They found it very informative and useful.

-Sandra Van Veen & Christina Dieleman attended the SCSBC Leadership Conference and picked up some great ideas.

-The survey results for the Half Time vs. Full Time Kindergarten were reviewed. The majority are happy with the Half Time program we are currently following.

-The grounds tree planting is going to be postponed until the spring when we have some warmer weather

Tina Lanting,
ACS Board

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Development Committee is very pleased with the results of the fifth annual dinner and drive on October 28 - approximately \$32,000 was raised! A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our school! We look forward to seeing the changes and understand that the School Board & Maintenance Committee will be researching/preparing to make changes to the hockey court as soon as possible. The sinks, countertops, and cabinets for the art room were generously supplied by Britco and are now awaiting plumbing to be completed so they can be installed. It's always exciting to see the changes taking place!

We thank the many volunteers who make this event possible – those serving on the host committee, babysitters, Grade 7 Exploratories, dishwashers, the people who stayed behind to put the tables back in classrooms and mopped the floors! The fundraiser is definitely a team effort.

We wish to acknowledge the business in Agassiz and Chilliwack who supported the fundraiser and thank them for their generosity!

Hub International Barton Insurance
Western Form Rentals
Petro's Pizza Plus
Twin Cedar Roofing Ltd.
OK Tire / Burden Tire
Britco

Daryl & Ann Wallis
Van Hoepen Landscaping
Holberg Farm
Dr. Darren Paul, Chiropractor
Body Saltz



HILCREST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UPDATE

The work on the school block has resumed. We plan to complete the two rooms and thereafter embark on the third room. We believe that we can have the two rooms complete with what we already have in funds. Once more I must extend our thank you for the assistance from the Agassiz Christian School in providing us with the cash that has been sent to us to date. It has been a major input in the construction of the school block. I am trying to work out a better report that will give you more information on the progress. That will come to you later.

Sincerely, Norman Nyirenda
Hilcrest School Chairperson



Class block construction continues



Connecting sewer lines

FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Ed Com meets the first Monday of each month of the school year. We have been kept busy reviewing our Ed Com Mandate, Computer and Internet Use policy, E.A Assignment and schedules, Pro-D Day updates, and emergency packs. Every month we receive and review updates from the Preschool and Principal plus a brief update from our board rep. We also get the great pleasure of listening to our members report on their classroom visits to ACS. This is a huge encouragement to the teachers and staff and a great way to see the blessing we enjoy from God.

We welcomed author Sigmund Brower to ACS for his Rock and Roll Literacy Tour. The children have been participating in lots of sporting events, with more to come. We enjoyed the annual ACS Dinner and Drive, once again raising a lot of funds for our school.

Most recently we were able to attend the annual SCSBC Leadership Conference in Surrey. The best part of the conference was talking with other school boards, seeing what works for them, and upcoming challenges that we will have to prepare for and see how God works through today's fast paced technology. The greatest reward was the SCSBC board pointing out to all in attendance that they saw Agassiz Christian as "The JEWEL of the Fraser Valley" and told us that they often use our school as an example of what can be achieved. The reasons for ACS being The Jewel of the Fraser Valley were: our principal, John Zuidhof, our bright and welcoming front entry, hallways, and classrooms, and our community-minded welcoming family of parents and staff. Thank you from us at the Ed Com....

Cindy Post; Chair

DID YOU KNOW?

- About 45 of our K-7 students participated in the Choir's presentation at the Remembrance Day observance in our community. Thank you, parents and children for your support.
- Grade 5,6,7, upon finishing their study of *The Breadwinner*, were privileged to have Dena Nicolai speak to them about life in a Muslim country. Dena lived in Egypt for 4 years prior to the army's takeover of political rule a number of months ago. She's a friend of Mrs. Bentum.
- Grade 3,4 tried to count salmon at both the Fish Hatchery and at Weaver Creek Spawning Channels this month. They couldn't do it, but experienced another miracle of God's created order!
- Grade 7 Exploratories made \$127 at the bake sale on Nov. 4. They're raising money to help them celebrate their graduation in June.
- Grade 3,4 displayed their hockey skills on Nov. 7. They were trying to impress the players/scouts from the Chilliwack Chiefs, including Josh Hansen, Mrs. Hansen's oldest son.
- Grade 5,6,7 boys enjoyed a Christian School's volleyball tournament in Abbotsford on Nov. 16. They achieved 5th place out of 6 teams.
- Grade 5,6,7 girls enjoyed a Christian School's volleyball tournament in Surrey on Nov. 18. They achieved 8th place out of ? teams. I think it was 8, but they played great considering they were up against mostly grade 7 students.
- Operation Christmas Child – A total of 75 boxes have been brought to the school either by students or members of the community

TINE'S SEWING

Winter is coming and I am in full swing with flannelette pyjamas - from size 2 – 12. I have different colours to choose from as well as children's aprons and other sewing projects so please come take a look! Contact the school for my phone number or address.

All proceeds go to the Agassiz Christian School!



SCRUMPTIOUS PIES



Are you a pie lover and are simply too busy to bake? Give yourself a yummy treat by ordering a pie: apple, bumble berry, lemon, pumpkin or rhubarb.

9" pies - \$9.00

10" pies - \$10.00

Call Mrs. Brink at 604-796-2966 to have your favourite dessert for the weekend. (Allow 24 hours. Other flavours are available – please allow more time for special requests. All proceeds go to Agassiz Christian School.

PSALMS OF PRAISE AND LAMENT

Written by Grade 5/6/7

Psalm 151

Of Megan. To the Creator

¹ Lord, open your ears and listen to my mouth. ² Why is there evil in your wonderful world? Ugliness and sinful darkness. ³ You say you love and adore us. Why is there sickness and hurt? ⁴ I cry. How do we know you can hear us? ⁵ Even though there is bad, help me to remember good will come through you.

By Megan Post

Psalm 151

¹ Your creation shows your power Lord,
² The mountains reach to the clouds, rainbows stretch across the land.
³ Your rivers pour through the hills your fields bloom with blossoms.
⁴ Wherever I go you are there.
⁵ Your spirit fills the earth through your creation.
⁶ You are with me wherever I go.

By Alyssa Timmers

Psalm of Praise

¹ Praise God for his wonderful and mighty creation! ² Praise him for our freedom and care! ³ Praise God for the sounds of happiness and rejoicing! ⁴ For God is a great God, a wonderful God. ⁵ Praise the king, our God for his compassion for us. ⁶ Praise him for our own desires for our freedom! ⁷ Praise him for a church, his holy church for us to worship him in! ⁸ Praise him for his wonderful

works of his mighty hand! ⁹ We praise God for his awesome sacrifice for our sins to be forgiven! ¹⁰ God is our rock to praise him, he is so awesome, our God!

By Melissa Dieleman

Psalm 151:1-4

¹ Thank you God for giving me a home. For a family that loves me so much. ² We praise you for your wonderful creation, the rivers and the fish. ³ I love to sing and dance to show you I love you, to praise you. ⁴ Thank you that I can have eternal life because you sent you Son to die for me.

By Tristan Van Oort

Psalm of Lament

¹ Lord please forgive me of all my sins and wash away all my wrong. ² Please forgive me for all the pain I have afflicted. ³ Please forgive all the people that have hurt me.
⁴ Let all people be free and live in piece.

By Chad Staiger



Psalm of praise

O lord how majestic is your awesome power; even the devil cannot say you don't have immense power. Great is your creation of the sun moon and twinkling stars

To even try and grasp your unfathomable power would be unthinkable!

We praise you for the joyous gift of friends and family. Thank you for letting us enjoy the freedom of our beautiful country with them.

The demons shake in the devilish bodies when your name is even mentioned.

By Josh Bruniski

Psalm 151

A psalm of Naomi. To the Creator.

¹ *O Lord your mighty works are great.*

² *Day after day I see your creation, Night after night I see your darkness.*

³ *Guide me Lord through your presence as I follow you in creation, ⁴ so that I may have salvation.*

⁵ *Teach me your holy ways so that I may teach others and they may have eternal life.*

⁶ *O lord I give thanks for the head I have to think.*

By Naomi Gouwenberg

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2011

Nov.	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Parent-Teacher Conferences - 3:00-5:00 & 6:00-8:00	No School Parent-Teacher Conferences - 9:00-12:00	
27	28	29	30	Dec 1	2	3
	12:00 – Gr 5,6,7 Volleyball – Chehalis @ ACS				12:00 – Gr 5,6,7 Volleyball @ Chehalis 6:00 – Board-Staff social	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		7:00 – Ed Committee Mtng		7:00 – Carolfest – K-7 Choir involved	Volleyball Tourney @ Agassiz Christian School	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	7:00 – Board Mtng		11:00 am & 6:45 pm – ACS & Preschool Christmas Program		Last day of school before Christmas break	

New this year: coffee & visiting before the evening Christmas program so kids get to bed on time. Bring your own mug!

