

INFOSTATION - OCTOBER 2011

Agassiz Christian School

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From the principal's desk...

External Evaluations? Independent schools must submit to an in depth evaluation from a team of people from outside of their community approximately every 6 years.

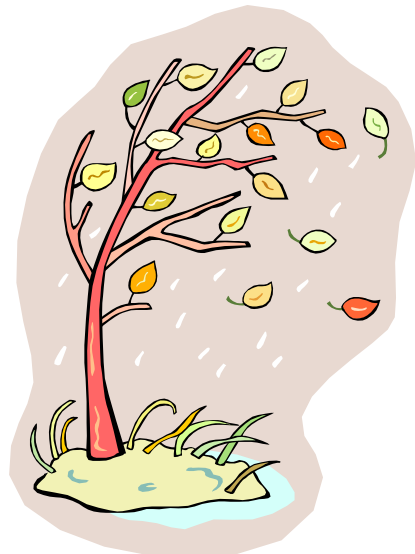
On Oct 11-14, I had the opportunity to evaluate Coast Tsimshian Academy in Lax Kw'alaams (Port Simpson), a 20 minute flight beyond Prince Rupert on a float plane. An evaluator from Victoria and myself spent **considerable** time exploring every facet of this 116 student (K-10) school—including finances, staff credentials, curriculum, and anything else needed to **comply with the Independent School Act**.

Evaluations are valuable exercises when accomplished in a "team like" approach. As evaluators, we need to be honest, but we also seek to instruct and encourage other independent schools wherever they have needs. This is not unlike the evaluations you might receive in your workplace. **Students also need evaluations** so they can know how they are progressing in various subject areas.

Another twist in evaluations lies in the benefit the evaluator receives. For me, serving on an External Evaluation Team helped to prepare me for the evaluation we must submit to in October 2012. For teachers, evaluations help them determine how well they are presenting their lessons and whether they are using a broad enough variety of teaching strategies and learning activities to reach each child.

Evaluations also have their limits. They do not determine our personhood. **God evaluates us** through the gracious mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. That means we don't have to earn God's love, but He does long for us to walk in trust and obedience each and every day. Romans 12:1,2 from *The Message* says it well:






*So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: **Take your everyday, ordinary life**—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—**and place it before God as an offering**. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*





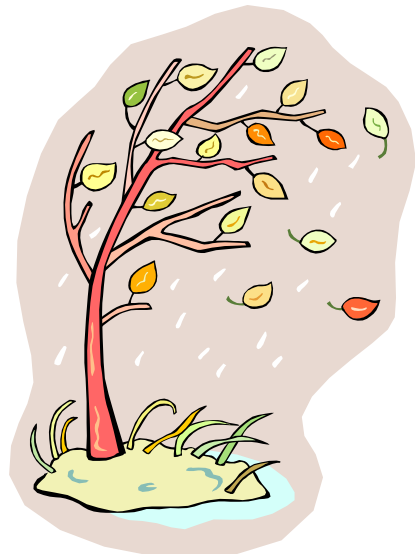
From the School Board

Here are some highlights from the October 17th Board Meeting:

-  We are excited to welcome Dr. Harro Van Brummelen to speak at our Annual Dinner & Drive on October 28th. We look forward to seeing all family, friends & supporters for a great night of food & fellowship.
-  The parking lot drainage upgrades have proved to reduce the "pooling" so far. With more upgrades to come.
-  John Zuidhof and Jason Frayn to attend the Board Chair & Principal leadership seminar on November 4th with other committee and board members to attend the seminar on November 5th.
-  The bus has been in the shop receiving many repairs.
-  Approved the agenda for the semi-annual General Meeting to take place on November 14th. Hope to see you all there!

On behalf of the ACS Board,
Tina Lanting

If you are receiving a paper copy of our monthly newsletter, you may wish to check it out on our website - www.agassizchristian.com. The newsletter appears in colour and photos are much clearer. Please let us know if you wish to be removed from our paper list and added to our email list.



From the Development Committee

As I write this, the sun is shining and harvesting is in full swing - corn, cranberries, hazelnuts and all other kinds of wonderful bounty our Heavenly Father has so generously given to those of us who live in the Fraser Valley. Sometimes the economic troubles seem to hang heavy over our heads, but when we truly take inventory of all that we have been given – what a blessed people we are!

One of these blessings is, of course, the opportunity to send our kids to Agassiz Christian School. How thankful we should be to our long time supporters and founders who had the faith and vision to begin this school and who continue to support it! Because of them, our children receive a quality Christian education from godly, professional, dedicated teachers and support staff.

Please join us on Friday, October 28 for our annual fundraising dinner and drive. This event is open to all parents, grandparents and supports of ACS regardless of whether you are able to contribute to the fundraiser as it is intended to be a time of fellowship and thanksgiving as well! See You There!

Karen Bruniski, Chair



ACS
Sweatshirts & T-shirts


We are once again selling ACS T-shirts and Sweatshirts. If you are interested in ordering shirts, please fill out the order form attached to this Newsletter. There will also be forms and some sample shirts at the school office for sizing.

Please have orders and money into the office by:
Friday, November 4th, 2011.

If you have any questions contact Carla Collie at 604-796-2488.

Found  A Mysterious Package!

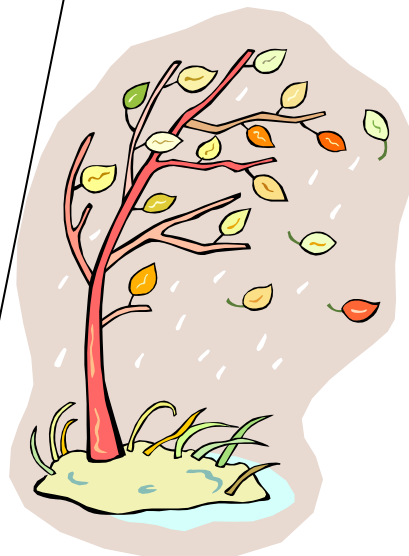
Upon closer inspection, it is a Proxima Lightbook. This has been at the school since the beginning of September. If it is not claimed by October 31, it will be given to the BFM Store.

 Changes to the School Calendar – The February Pro D has been changed from February 17 to February 6 so ACS staff can join Unity staff for a First Aid workshop



Kids are attracted to water like bees to honey!

The rainy, cold season is upon us. Please ensure your children are wearing appropriate attire – boots and warm coats – as students will be sent outdoors in drizzling weather.



INVITATION TO ALL SUPPORTERS AND FAMILIES OF ACS

TO OUR FIFTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING

DINNER & DRIVE!

Friday, October 28, 2011 - 6:00 pm

Guest speaker: Harro van Brummelen

Choir (grades K - 7) and Band (grades 5,6,7) will perform

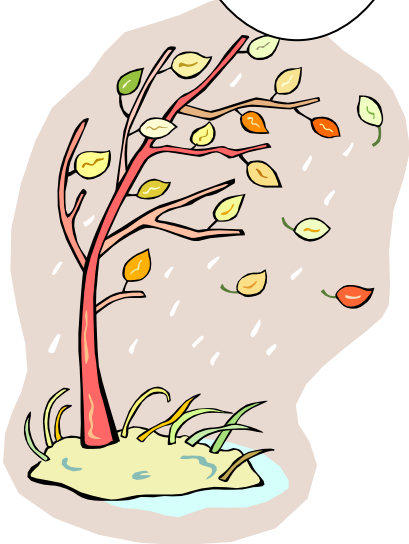
Our goal is \$40,000. Proceeds to be allocated as follows:

Tithe	\$ 4,000
Plumbing to Art Room	\$ 2,000
Paving/Upgrading Hockey Rink (overflow parking)	\$ 14,000
Tuition Relief	\$10,000
Debt Reduction	\$10,000

Children must remain seated with their families throughout the evening.

Babysitting Provided for Preschool Children for a portion of the evening

The dinner and drive is open to ALL families, grandparents, and supporters of ACS and is intended to be a time of fellowship and celebration as we give thanks to God for His faithfulness and the faithful support of the ACS community! There is no charge for the dinner and we would love to see you come - even if you feel unable to give a gift at this time. We welcome and encourage your prayers for a successful fundraiser and ongoing prayers for the school, leaders, teachers and students.



School in the Park - Gr.1/2

Grade One and Two Students are going to school in the park one day per month this year. In September, we visited Hick's Lake to learn about all of the many patterns that God created in nature as well as the alphabet. Can you find any ABC's in these photos? The kids can!



We also made graphs to show how many repeating, growing, and symmetrical patterns we saw, as well as other organized designs that God made.



We also did an art project: We made letter posters out of stuff in nature.

Aa is for apples at Preschool.



Peel an apple
Cut in up
Put it in a pot,
Heat it up
Stir it 'round
It's applesauce you've
got!
Yummy!!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

🍁 Calling all Bakers! Would you please prepare a "finger food" type dessert for the Dinner & Drive on Friday, October 28? Due to severe allergies, the desserts must be 100% nut free. Please bring the desserts to the school Friday morning.



🍁 Dishwashers needed for Annual Dinner and Drive; October 28, 2011. No experience necessary, however, a great attitude and a sense of humour, among other good character qualities, will greatly help ☺ Please let the office know if you are willing to serve in this capacity!

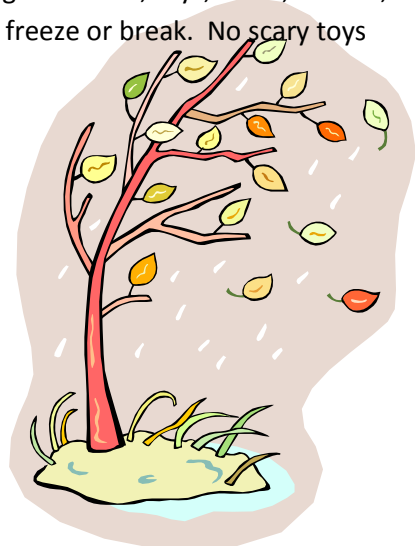
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

"Pack your shoe box with love, send it with prayer, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child. That's the power of a simple gift" Franklin Graham

Now: find some empty shoe boxes and spread the word about filling them to your family and friends.

Today: Start shopping! Some ideas include: school supplies, hygiene items, toys, socks, t-shirts, stuffed animals. Please do not include anything that could leak, freeze or break. No scary toys Or decks of standard playing cards.

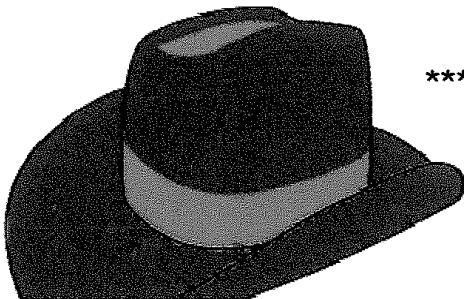
Oct 26: Pack your shoe boxes full of gifts and label the box either Boy or Girl. Add the appropriate age and drop it off at ACS. Please donate a minimum of \$7 for each shoe box you prepare to help cover the costs of shipping.



HARVEST HOEDOWN



- Who:** All ages welcome
- What:** Square Dance (dress up western style)
- Where:** Unity Christian High/Middle School (50950 Hack-Brown Road PO Box 371 Chilliwack, BC, V2P 6J4) 604-794-7797
- When:** Tuesday, October 25, 2011 Doors open at 6:00pm
Dinner served at 6:30pm (spaghetti, meat sauce, caesar salad, garlic bread, and lemonade) please bring a desert to share
- Why:** Help us Raise money for Unity Christian School Grads
- Prices:** \$8.00 per person, family rate: \$20.00
- Questions:** Contact Laura Post at 604-796-3957 or laurapost95@hotmail.com



Alcohol Free Event

TINE'S SEWING

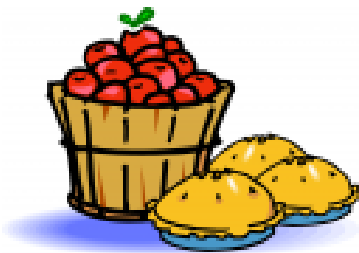
Winter is coming and I am in full swing with flannelette pyjamas - from size 2 – 12. I have different colours to choose from as well as children's aprons and other sewing projects so please come take a look! Contact the school for my phone number or address.

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

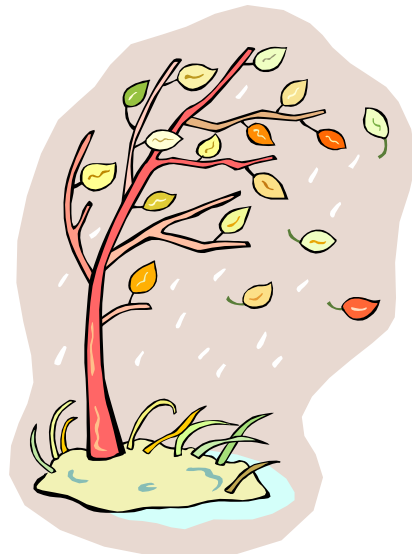
10" pies - \$10.00

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ✿ Actually, we don't. Thank you to the person who left a box of books with the school. Many were a great addition to our collection.
- ✿ Any others who have 'good quality' books unused at home are welcome to leave some with ACS.
- ✿ Grade 5,6,7 played in the CESS soccer tournament in Abbotsford on Oct. 13. They enjoyed four games as well as a "shoot-out" competition.

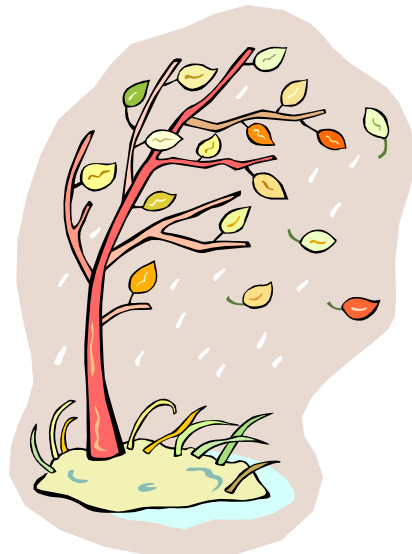


OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2011

Oct. 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Nov. 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	9:00 – Kindergarten field trip to Subway	7:00 – Development Committee Mtng	7:00 – Preschool Committee Mtng		8:45 – 4:30 – Board Chair & Principal Leadership Seminar	8:00 – 3:00 SCSBC Leadership Conference
	7:00 – Education Committee Mtng			Pro D- No School Mtng	Remembrance Day – K-7 Choir participating in ceremony at AESS	
	7:00 – ACS Semi Annual General Meeting		Grade 5,6,7 boys basketball tournament		Grade 5,6,7 girls basketball tournament	

Plan Ahead!

Nov 21 - ACS Board Meeting
 Nov. 23 - Report Card #1 Distributed
 Nov. 24 - 25 - Parent-Teacher Conferences



Agassiz Christian School **Sweatshirts & T-shirts**

Styles: Pullover Hoodie, Zip Hoodie, Grad Zip Hoodie, or T-Shirts

Colors : Black, White, Sport Gray, and Chocolate Brown

Sizes: Youth - Small to X Large
Adult - Small to XXXLarge

Prices: Tshirts - Youth and Adult \$15.00
Pullover Hoodies Youth \$25.00
Pullover Hoodies Adult \$37.00
Zip Hoodies (inc Grad) Youth \$30.00
Zip Hoodies (inc Grad) Adult \$45.00



XXL & XXXL ADD \$2.00

Please detach below and return order and \$\$\$ to school office

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

<u>Style</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>
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PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: ACS STUDENT UNION FUND Total Price \$ _____

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2011
FOR CHRISTMAS DELIVERY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CARLA 604-796-2488