

# The Communicator

Spring 2015

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## Our Lives - God's Tapestry

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*



## From the Principal's Desk - Mr. Rick Dykstra

Winter is upon us in all its glory. This one is proving to be a cold one. We still have much reason to rejoice – we don't live in PEI! Students have just enjoyed four days of Winterfest activities where we dressed wackily, in PJs, as twins, and as if we were in the 60's or 70's! Our gratitude goes out to Mrs. Joustra who faithfully orchestrates this event. We were also treated to Redeemer Christian High School's worship team as we sang praises to God during our pep rally!

**David's Dynasty:** Hopefully you were able to catch one of our two performances of David's Dynasty. We even cancelled a snow-day so the show could go on! God blessed us again with a wonderful journey of developing the arts with our students and then ultimately with performing. If you missed this event, a video link is included on our website for your enjoyment.



**Founding Members:** I have had the privilege of visiting several of our founding or early members recently. As I am not native to the Ottawa region, hearing stories of CCS' early days is exciting. Most stories vividly remembered are of relationships developed while serving the school in some capacity. Starting a school is a complex undertaking that has its ups and downs. A testimony of each visit was of the acknowledgement of God's faithfulness. May that be comforting to all as we approach our 35th year of operation.

**Project Based Learning:** I recently had the privilege of travelling to San Diego to participate with over 60 other Christian leaders from Ontario in a residency program at High-Tech High (HTH). This opportunity was made possible through a grant from the OACS and OCSAA (our Principal's organization). HTH is a K-12 charter school system that educates students using authentic

projects. HTH is known worldwide for innovation, creativity and excellence in education. Project Based Learning (PBL) was on display throughout all the school buildings I visited. I participated in workshops led by teachers and administrators from the school that highlighted their unique approach to education. The highlight for me was when students would approach me and ask if I had any questions. I had lots for them, and they confidently gave informed responses.

HTH infuses PBL through authentic learning experiences as students engage in genuine research, exercise rigour (effort) toward a beautiful product, and have adult connections beyond the school.

PBL is not new for teachers in our school. We have been using this instructional technique in various forms for quite some time and we look forward to engaging in further conversation as we explore deeply the merits of PBL at CCS.

**Staffing:** We are sad to see Mrs. Tamming moving away to join her husband in the Niagara region after March break. Mrs. Tamming will leave behind great memories and many students who now love reading even more than they love math! Her passion for reading and for encouraging young individuals in their walk with Christ has blessed many. Students of hers will miss her joyful and encouraging approach to life.

We are also sad to hear that Mme. Dominique will no longer be our French education specialist next year. She will be looking for new adventure in secondary education. In her three years at CCS, Mme. Dominique has built up a rewarding French program by implementing the new-to-us AIM curriculum. Staff and students too will miss her.

We now look forward to a change of seasons, to the absence of snow, and to the return of warm weather and its encouragement of renewal. May you continue to experience God's faithfulness in your daily walk with Him. Please continue to pray for CCS. Pray that our vision stays strong and focused on our Creator and what He has made, on how it has gone wrong, and on how we might be called to help restore it to God's original intent.

Serving our Risen Saviour!

R. Dykstra

## The Board of Trustees

I write this amid preparations for our Town Hall meeting on Monday, March 2. Much of what your Board of Directors needs to communicate with you at the moment has already been expressed in our letter of February 17 or will be shared at that meeting.

But, communication is more than speaking. To that end, we're looking forward to listening to you at Monday's Town Hall Meeting. We've designed it in a way that will enable you to express ideas, hopes and even fears as you reflect on the information presented.

As a community, it's clear that we're not where we'd like to be right now. At our Fall Membership meeting, I highlighted some of the current needs at CCS. Primary among those needs was the need for Financial Stability and our plans to address that through alternate sources of revenue and a revised budgeting process.

That overall strategy has not changed. However, as we began reviewing the current year and projecting into 2015-2016, it became clear that our situation is more acute than initially thought. This prompted the need for community-wide discussions early in this year's budgeting process.

Your Board has been meeting almost weekly since January and other meetings have been held with staff, faculty, key members of our community and past board chairs. We are now prepared for a full community discussion at Monday's Town Hall Meeting.

Through it all, your Board has been encouraged by the overwhelming support expressed from every part of our community. We all know difficult decisions have to be made, but are confident and uplifted as your prayers are raised and words of encouragement are spoken. To all of you who have expressed your support directly and indirectly to Board members: a hearty thank you!

It's easy for the financial situation to dominate our thoughts. However, I would like to highlight a few of the Board's objectives which were presented at the 2014-2015 Fall Membership Meeting. While some of the objectives have been delayed or deferred, progress has been made in the following areas:

**Contract Partnership** - The Board formally adopted the revised OACS / Edifide Contract Partnership Committee model and are committed to working with faculty to make this a truly collaborative committee.

**Tuition Assistance** - The Board has adopted, in principle, a new approach and process for Tuition Assistance for the 2015-2016 year. Details are being worked out but what is known will be shared at the Town Hall meeting.

**Continuing Education** - The Board continues to include a dedicated time to self-improvement at most of its meetings.

Most importantly -- while we work on plans, processes and budgets -- the truly important work of CCS continues. Our devoted staff and faculty continue to inspire young minds and lead them academically and spiritually. I recently spent two days in the school building while classes, recesses, chapels and other activities were in progress. The environment for learning that our faculty and staff create is both peaceful and energetic. It was a true blessing to be a part of it for a short time.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday and ask that you prayerfully consider our request for both financial and increased volunteer support in advance of the Town Hall Meeting.

Grace and peace to you and your family.

Jacob Zwiers, Chair  
on behalf of the Board of Directors

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## Kindergarten - Mrs. Downs & Mrs. Mallette

### Kindergarten's "I Helped Jesus Feed Many" Project

Kindergarten's interest in this project began during Bible when we read the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. We read of how more than 5,000 people had gathered to hear Jesus teach. They were so interested in what he was teaching that they stayed longer than anyone had planned. When they became hungry and the disciples told Jesus that he would need to stop teaching so that the people could go home to get something to eat, Jesus asked if anyone had any food to share. The only one who responded was a little boy who offered his simple lunch of 2 fishes and 5 little loaves of bread. Only a child had faith to bring the little that he had and offer it back to Jesus. With that simple offering, Jesus fed many.

We wondered if there were still hungry people in the world today. After some discussion, we concluded that there were hungry people in the world and even closer to home. We talked about people who live in our city that have no food in their cupboards and cannot even make a lunch to bring to school. We talked about how we could share our food the way that the little boy in Bible times shared his lunch. Kindergarten decided that, if everyone shared some food, God would multiply it like Jesus did in our Bible story.

We presented our idea to the school at chapel. The chapel focused on the "Justice-Seeking" throughline. During the chapel we learned that God gave us enough food to feed everyone in the world, but we are not doing a good job of sharing. At the end of the chapel, we explained our project to the school. We asked for their help to collect food items.



So far, we have filled over two large boxes. Kindergarten is sorting, counting and recording the number of the different food items in our math. (See photos below.) We are writing about our experience in our journals and creating a class book. We also hope to visit the food bank when we deliver our boxes of food. There we hope to learn how the food bank works and how we can encourage others to help Jesus feed many.

~ Mrs. Downs

God has blessed us with some wonderful children with unique gifts in the classroom. We have been focusing on how God made us all different and with these differences he gave each of us special gifts. It has been such a joy watching the children light up while they use their gifts to bless others. Don't be surprised if you hear something from your mechanically-minded child that they helped the teachers to fill their staplers, or if your artistic child helps with the craft.

~ Mrs. Mallette



### Kindergarten "Moustache" You a Bear Question

As we begin our bear unit, we have some questions that we really moustache.

We wonder....

- Do bears climb trees?
- Do bears swim?
- Do bears eat logs?
- Do bears have many cubs?
- Do bears have ears?



## One Size does NOT Fit All (by Elisabeth Labelle - CCS grandparent)

In speaking recently with two of Community Christian School's (CCS) teachers, the discussion hinged on their approach to inspiring children to learn. They clearly emphasized their conviction that each child is created an individual with different learning needs. These educators strive to meet each child where they are, and adapt their teaching methods accordingly. Essentially, each child moves through similar development, but at different rates and depth. This term is currently known as "differentiated instruction" in the education sphere and is defined as any instructional strategy that recognizes and supports individual differences in learning.

Mrs. Mary Ruth Downs has taught Kindergarten at CCS for 13 years. Her passion for her work was apparent as she explained her teaching style and preferences.

Experience has taught Mrs. Downs that despite the notorious pendulum swing of education theory (from the very academic approach of basal readers and sight words to that of whole language and play-based learning), there is good to be taken from each, and her method incorporates best practices gleaned from both sides. Her approach includes a strong foundation in phonics and phonemic awareness, through the use of the "Jolly Phonics" program. It recognizes that children have different learning styles or modalities. The sound of every letter of the alphabet is taught using a story, a song, visuals, and an action; these work for the auditory, visual, and kinesthetic learner. Phonemic awareness is then developed through activities woven throughout the school day, in play-based learning, large and small group teaching, and individualized reading programs (one-to-one or small groups). The children's acquired knowledge is then applied through writing in journals, charts, or in a class book that records their ideas.

Mrs. Rita Bergsma, CCS's grade 7 and 8 teacher of 9 years strives to prepare her students for high school while guiding them through the Intermediate mathematics program.

For both grades, Mrs. Bergsma provides opportunities for learning through a differentiated process. Where students readily grasp the concepts of math and understand abstract thinking above their grade level, enhanced learning or enrichment work is used to provide rigour and challenge. Students that grasp concepts at their grade level are provided instruction that situates itself beyond the expectations of the Ontario curriculum. Mrs. Bergsma also provides learning opportunities for those who require a different approach to learning math where concepts are presented with increased graduated steps, allowing for more repetition and review.

Through a strong relationship with each child and an understanding of their background and prior learning journey, Mrs. Bergsma determines the appropriate method for each child to learn math. At this intermediate level, she works on reiterating the knowledge of math facts to help them find solutions more readily, and places them within the streams according to their skills for development

and growth, and based on their confidence. She knows that if a student is working hard, yet experiences much frustration, a different approach is required.

The devotion that these two CCS teachers demonstrate towards their profession and the high standards to which they hold themselves, is undeniable. They value the individual that God created and seek to draw out the capacities and talents embedded within each.

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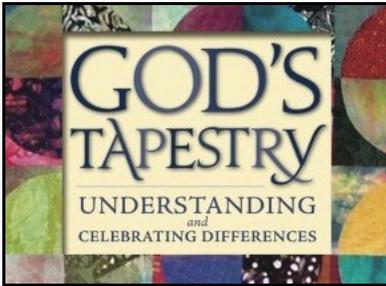
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## Our Lives: God's Tapestry!

Our Theme this year is: "Our Lives: God's Tapestry", based on Eph. 2:10: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



Teachers have led chapels this past term with the goal of helping students understand their responsibility to have an impact on their world. This "world" may seem quite small to our students and their impact equally the same. Seeing the "world" instead through God's eyes continues to be our focus, not only in chapels, but interwoven throughout our curriculum and in our relationships.

Themes for each month have been: December, our focus was on Beauty-Creating - God is the our creator and when we create things, we are showing that we are made in His image. We praise God by creating beauty, and using our creativity is fun and makes God smile!

January: Creation-Enjoying - God created a wonderful world and He wants us to enjoy it. We all know how much fun it is when you give someone a present and they really love it -- that is what it is like for God when we get out, live in, and experience the gift of creation with a child-like wonder

February: Justice-Seeking - The world is not as God intended it to be. We need to act as agents of change by identifying and responding to injustices. God has decided to use people (you!) to seek justice! What a responsibility and privilege!

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CCS has applied again for a grant that will permit us to hire another summer student. CCS has been deeply blessed by this in the past. We pray that God will again bless us with this opportunity.

Tenders are being sought for Cleaning Services and for Lawn Care. Information for each of these positions is included in this version of The Communicator.

## Lawn Care Tender



Community Christian School is seeking a qualified individual to provide grass cutting services for the school property for the 2015 grass cutting season. Please check the school website under Employment Opportunities for more information.

## Cleaning Services Tender

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## Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee is currently very busy planning the next few fundraisers. God has blessed the efforts of all and we pray for continued blessings.

A new fundraiser for CCS this year will be an Indoor Garage Sale. With all the "stuff" we have collected, the fundraising committee has decided to host an Indoor Garage Sale on Saturday, March 7th in the CCS gym. We will set up on Friday, March 6th. Please bring all items on Friday morning, or even Thursday after school. Please think about helping out: sorting, pricing, organizing, picking up large donated items with a truck. There is a job for everyone! Please contact Jennifer Post if you can help out.

The annual Christmas Craft & Gift Show last November featured local businesses and artisans who rented stations in our gym. The canteen served a delicious luncheon. Each vendor appreciated the many customers who came shopping! We raised approximately \$2700.00.

Plans are also underway for our Annual Hockey Tournament to be held in Russell on April 10th & 11th. If you can donate any prizes for the puck toss, please let John Vedder know (vedder@xplornet.com).

Plans are being finalized for the bi-annual Community Christian School Auction (formerly known as the G.S.T. Auction) to be held at the Metcalfe Fire Hall on Saturday, April 25th, 2015. Be sure to reserve this day and come out to support this special fundraising event! We guarantee you will have a few laughs along the way. Our goal for this year is to raise \$35,000! Please contact Mark Johnston (spudstak@gmail.com) if you have any items to donate or if you can help out.

We are grateful for the energy and commitment of this fine committee. Your willingness to serve is inspiring.



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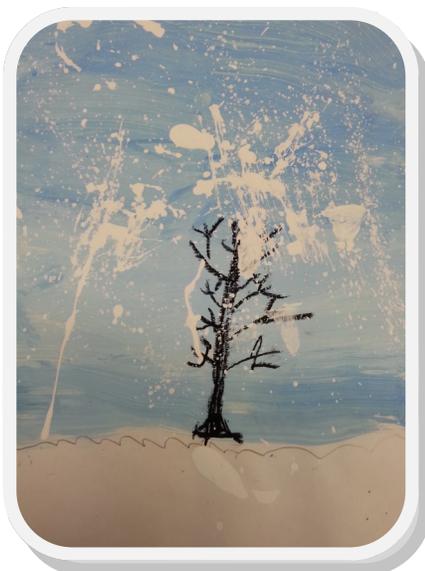
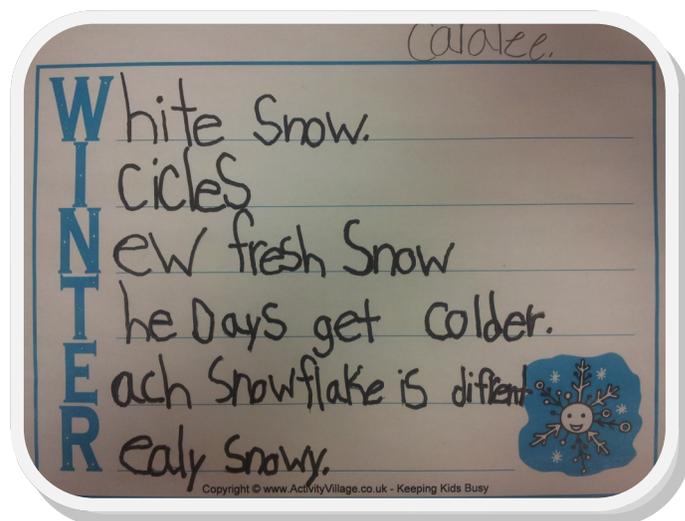
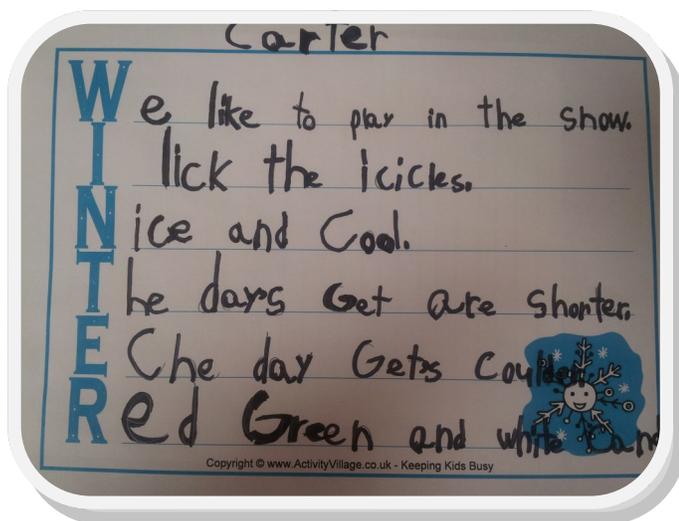
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## From Grade 1/2 - Miss Schinkel

In grade 1 and 2 we are loving winter and all the snow! Some of our favourite things about winter include:

- skating with my dad (Seth)
- Christmas and New Years Eve and all the holidays we celebrate (Esther)
- I love winter because you can make forts in the snow at my house (Caralee)
- I like skating on the canal (except when your feet freeze) (Carter)
- I like skating with everybody (Andrew Mallette)
- I like playing hockey with my team mates (Andrew Moran)
- I like sledding at my dad's house (Kaden)
- I like snowball fights with my brother at my house (Skyler)



## Promotion

As our thoughts turn towards spring, our committee is active preparing for several significant promotional events. Preparations are underway to initiate our Get Ready, Get Set, Kindergarten program each Wednesday morning, beginning March 25 and continuing through April 1, 8, and 15. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to get a taste of Junior Kindergarten and to experience the delights of Mrs. Downs' classroom. Please encourage friends and acquaintances to consider this captivating learning opportunity.

Plans are also underway to host an Open House on Monday, March 30 at 7:00 pm. Please consider who you might invite to come to tour CCS on that evening. A hand-delivered invitation or a personal phone call could be all your friend needs to come out and experience the difference of our fabulous school.

Our annual Fun Day and Open House is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. Again, invite your neighbours and friends to enjoy the events and activities that are planned. Mark your calendars!

Behind the scenes, a crew of individuals are dedicating time and energy on our website and on social media opportunities. We are blessed with members in our community who are knowledgeable and eager to devote their energy toward a strong digital presence for CCS.

We are never too busy to offer a tour of CCS or to book a shadow day. Please don't hesitate to offer these venues to a friend or a neighbour. We are proud of Community Christian School and welcome any opportunity to showcase our school.



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**Looking Ahead...**

- Mar. 7 CCS Garage Sale
- Mar. 10 PD Day
- Mar. 12 Family Skate
- Mar.13-20 March Break
- Mar. 23 Learning Conferences
- Mar. 25, Apr. 1, 8, 15  
Get Ready, Get Set, Kindergarten!
- Apr. 3 Good Friday no school
- Apr. 6 Easter Mon. no school
- Apr. 24 Grandfriends Day
- Apr. 25 CCS Auction
- Apr. 27 CCS Membership Mtg
- May 9 Fun Day & Open House

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