

Mr. Verburg's Message:

Building Community – Sharing the Light

Yesterday, the Grade 1/2 class visited the Crest. I am not sure that "visited" is the right word to use, but I cannot think of a better English word to capture the full breadth and scope of what occurred at this visit.

There is vision and purpose behind this visit. Mrs. Ajiel explains that vision in two ways. First, this is the explanation from the classroom perspective: "We began our school year learning about living in community. As we wrapped up, we discussed how God calls us to be a light in the world and students shared how we could be a light in Drayton. Our visits to the Crest are a way for us to answer this call." Second, this is the explanation that was used in a parent letter: "We are the body of Christ – called to love our neighbour and share Jesus with them. We are also a community of learners – growing in our gifts, academically, socially, spiritually. Our Crest buddies this year, is our way of honoring God's call for us to be a light within our community."

This vision is not just a one off experience. The plan is to build these relationships over the year through a monthly visit. It is a wonderful way to build community outside of our school building and it is a wonderful way to build community that is cross generational as well.

Living in community and sharing the light, love, and grace of Jesus is an essential component of Christian education. It fills our hearts with joy when we see it in action.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Fri., October 19	Cross Country Meet - Dundas
Tues., October 23	Hot Lunch – Tacos
Thur., October 25	Teacher’s Convention – No School
Fri., October 26	Teacher’s Convention – No School
Tues., November 6	Registration Open House
Tues., November 6	Hot Dog Lunch
Tues., November 6	Board Meeting
Wed., November 7	Grade 7 Immunization
Sat., November 10	Family Skate Night
Mon., November 12	Remembrance Day Observance
Tues., November 13	Hot Lunch – Chicken Burgers
Tues., November 20	Pizza Lunch
Wed., November 21	First Term Report Cards

Congratulations to the following people who are celebrating birthdays next week:

Mrs. Rachel Ajiel	October 21
Tim A	October 22
Mrs. Candace Burnett	October 26

**FYI:**

As much as we rejoice together as a school community, we also hold each other up in prayer, especially in times of mourning. Please keep the Mohle and extended families in your prayers, as they recently celebrated the life of Janet, but also going forward with an empty spot in their lives.

- **Cross-Country:** Good luck to the students who will be running tomorrow at the meet in Dundas. Hopefully the weather warms up a bit!
- **Spirit Day: Look-a-Like Dress-up Day:** On Tuesday, October 23 students are encouraged to get together in 2's, 3's, 4's etc. and dress alike!
- **Tuck Shop for Ruth:** The tuck shop was another huge success this week. The Grade 3/4 class is enjoying this great learning experience and, at the same time, raising funds for our sponsor child, Ruth. The next tuck shop will be Tuesday, November 20 during the first nutrition break.
- **October Hot Lunch Schedule:** Thank you Room Mothers for providing these lunches! October 23: Soft Tacos (please note the change of date for October’s hot lunch)

Dates to Remember:

- **Educator’s Convention:** The annual teacher’s convention, hosted by Edvance Christian Schools Association is scheduled to be held on Thursday and Friday, October 25 and 26 in Ancaster. There is **No School** for students those days!
- **Important Notice!** The **Fall Membership Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, November 21. More information will follow but please mark this important date on your calendars.

FROM FUNDRAISING:

- **Gift Cards/Grocery Cards!** Gift card sales are the easiest way to raise funds for the school. As parents, members, associates, and supporters purchase gift cards, a percentage of the purchase is used towards the school’s budget and a portion can be used towards next year’s tuition payment. This voucher program includes many types of gift cards and can be purchased directly from the school anytime during office hours from cards we have on hand. We encourage everyone to start using the voucher program. Post-dated cheques can be left at the office and gift cards will be sent home with the family’s oldest child.
- **Croquettes:** Please look for Croquette order forms in your oldest child’s backpacks today. Forms should be returned to the school by November 5. Thank you!

- **Mabels Labels:** If you are in need of any labels for your children's clothing, school belongings, and accessories, please consider Mabel's Labels. Our school is signed up to receive 20% from any order received. Shipping is free! Please visit the following website to place your order: campaigns.mabelslabels.com

FROM THE GRADES:

JK / SK:

This past week we counted how many days we have been at school and we discovered that we have been here 32 days. Once we get to 100 we will have a 100 day celebration.

We are starting to learn a new word family, 'in'.

In our discussions about our pumpkins we are thinking that all our pumpkins could make pumpkin pie. Is this true, we aren't sure yet! Any experts in the crowd?

Next Week:

MAPLETON ORGANIC - Monday, October 22 from 12:30 pm - 3:15 pm

HOT LUNCH - Tuesday, October 23

It is a very short week next week. Remember there are 2 PD days on Thursday and Friday.

Grade One/Two:

We had a wonderful time at the Crest yesterday! It was fun to see each student's confidence grow as they read with their Crest buddies.

- Math: Grade 1 has been finding how many more or less. Grade 2 has been working on sorting data into groups and began to learn about sorting rules.
- Language Arts: We have earned our first sight word party already! Our eager readers are soaking up new words. Our party will be on Tuesday, October 23.
- Creation Studies: We are wrapping up our plants unit as we prepare for our field trip next week.
- Bible: We learned about Jacob and Esau. Our memory work for October is **Psalm 100:4-5** and is due **Wednesday, October 31**.
- **Show and Share** Friday: Grade 2.
- **Parent Read Aloud:** Tomorrow, Mrs. Myer will join us. Next time (November 2), Mrs. Nykamp will come. Thank you for sharing your love of reading with us.
- **Everdale Farm Trip:** October 24, leaving at 10:45 am.

Grade Three/Four:

We have had a busy week: MAP Testing, Tuck Shop for Ruth, and a special visitor. Our next STEM project begins today as well. Thank you for all the positive support we've received for both STEM and the Tuck Shop. These are very different, but very exciting and authentic, learning experiences for the class. We couldn't do these wonderful things without such a strong volunteer community.

Memory Verse: Psalms 51:7-13 is due tomorrow.

Math: We are continuing to add two and three digit numbers with regrouping. Grade 4's have also begun to subtract with regrouping.

Daily Five: We did it again! The grade 3/4 class earned baking for spelling excellence. There were only 6 misspelled words in the entire class. We have been exploring parts of a sentence. Students in both grades are becoming more confident at finding subjects and predicates as well as identifying sentences and sentence fragments.

Art: We have finished our Line Unit with a contribution to the school art mural. Grade 3/4 students created cubes which display different kinds of lines.

Creation Studies: We had another exciting visitor this week. Stewart Skinner, of Imani Farms, talked with students about the joys and challenges of being a modern pig farmer. Stewart has worked for the Provincial Minister of Agriculture and also spent time in Kenya on humanitarian farming projects.

Music: Students must bring their recorders on Tuesday and Fridays.

Grade Five/Six:

Brrr... It sure is cold outside. What a wonderful (?) sight to wake up to this morning!

- Math - Grade 5 wrote their section A test yesterday. The plan was for Grade 6 to write their's but they weren't quite ready. The Grade 6 test will take place on Monday or Tuesday.
- Creation Studies - Students have started doing some research about invasive species and will be presenting these to the class early next week. There will also be a Creation Studies after the long weekend - October 30. Students can access the review sheet on Google Classroom.
- Bible - Yesterday we talked about the Christmas story and how so much of what we think happened isn't actually in the Bible. It was an interesting and lively discussion!
- Word Work - Menus were due today and Spelling tests were written.
- Memory Work - There will be memory work next week Wednesday. There seems to be some confusion around the different versions of the verses. All students were provided a new memory work duotang with the updated versions. There was also one given to the oldest in each family to take home. Please use these to study.

Coming up....

Tuesday/Wednesday - Creation Studies presentations

Wednesday - Memory work - Psalm 1:3-4

Thursday/Friday - PD days

Grade Seven/Eight:

Memory Work: Galatians 5: 22-26 for Thursday, November 1.

History: Tests will be returned next week. Our next topic will deal with life in New France.

Math: This week both the Grade 7 and 8 classes have completed short quizzes. Next week, be on the look-out for a Markbook report of their current achievement in Math. These are to be signed and returned.

Language: Tomorrow, we will be having our Hatchet Oral Presentations.

Science: This week we looked at the flow of nutrients in an ecosystem, and discussed the impact of toxins in the food chain.

Geography: This week we will be consolidating our knowledge of Landforms.

Music: Christmas preparations have begun. I hope you are hearing sounds that resemble the season in your homes!