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"I am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" – Psalm 139:14

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A BRIGHT NEW YEAR!

Yesterday, I had the opportunity to tour the Google building in Kitchener with about sixty other Christian school administrators. There are many fascinating things about the mission and the culture of Google that we heard about and that we saw; however, a couple of things stood out in my mind, as they relate to schools and Christian schools in particular.

Google is an engineering organization and the structure of the company is built upon engineering principles. Our speaker, Gene, exclaimed that engineers love solving big problems. If you throw a big challenge at an engineer, they will eagerly begin to attack and try to solve the problem. Google, and its employees, seek out the big problems of the world; specifically when it comes to gathering and distributing information. As Christians, we realize that our world is broken, there are big problems. As redeemed Christians, we also realize that God is calling us into His redeeming work to restore creation. As a Christian school, we are called to teach and give students opportunities to wrestle with big problems. Many times, our nature, and the nature of students, is to ignore, shut down, or run from big challenges. Our job as Christian educators, is to create a love and joy for embracing those challenges, just like the engineers at Google.

Related to embracing and finding joy and purpose in big challenges, Gene also highlighted that the truly big problems can never be solved by a single person. Big problems have to be broken down into smaller components, until each small component can be solved, and then bring back together the smaller solutions to fix the larger one. This takes multiple people and multiple perspectives. It is obvious walking through the Google facility that collaboration is foundational to the company structure. It is built into almost every space and practice in the company. Seeking out the thoughts, ideas, and expertise of others is made easy; whether you need to reach out to others in the building or an individual or team around the world.

When Gene was speaking about this I was reminded of the verses when God creates Eve as a suitable helper for Adam. We were created to live in community and we were created to be interdependent. We cannot function alone or live life alone. We need others. As a Christian school, we have the responsibility to build community within our walls in order to know how to live in community outside of walls. We are called to go out into the world and that means we have to interact with it, understanding that we have a role to play in that world, but there are others who will also play other roles which interact and support our place in that world.

Yesterday was also an example of these principles. Engineers and a large multinational company teaching, informing, and challenging Christian school administrators. Challenging the way we see the world and the structures that we have built, perhaps a problem to be examined and solved.

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FYI:

Prayers for:

Leanne Gonzalez has taken a three month leave of absence that started at the beginning of January in order to deal with and recover from a lingering illness. Pray that this time of rest will bring about full healing and she will be able to return to work at the first of April.

Thanksgiving – We are pleased to announce that Tracy Kabbes and Mariette Mulder were hired to cover the leave of absence. Pray for them as they step into this new role.

Thanksgiving – This morning, a driver, blinded by the sun, narrowly missed colliding with the bus and entered the ditch. We are thankful that no one, including the car driver, was harmed.

Communication from the Board

Last Tuesday evening, the board met. We spent a good portion of time discussing board member recruitment for the 2019-2020 school year. In May, we need to replace three board members: our secretary, treasure, and a member-at-large; also keeping in mind that we need to fill the chair position after next year. With these needs, and the necessary skills in mind, the board will soon be sending out information packages and an invitation to join the board to those individuals who we feel could meet those needs. We ask for your prayers during this process. If you receive an information package and invitation, we ask that you give it prayerful consideration.

Full-time and Spare Bus Driver Needed

Community Christian School, Drayton owns and operates our own buses and starting in September we will need a full-time driver, preferably with three years driving experience. We are also looking for two or three spare bus drivers. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the school at 519-638-2935 or principal@ccsdrayton.org. We will pay for licensing and training.

DESPERATELY SEEKING A BASKETBALL COACH

There is an enthusiastic group of Grade 7/8 boys (six of them) who are in need of a basketball coach. Please let the school know if you are willing to take on this amazing role. There are two dates that you would need to keep open. February 12th - Woodland clinic/mini tournament and Friday March 1 – tournament location at RIM Park. If you are a parent of a boy in Grade 6 and are interested in coaching - just let the school know as well.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Mon. January 21	P.D. Day (NO School)
Tues. January 22	Tuck Shop for Ruth
Tues. January 22	Pizza Lunch
Mon. January 28	Ski Trip – Grade 7 & 8
Mon. January 28	Skating: JK through Grade 6
Thurs. January 31	Hockey Tournament (Fergus)
Tues. February 5	Board Meeting
Tues. February 5	Hot Dog Lunch
Wed. February 6	Registration / Open House
Thurs. February 7	Hockey Tournament (Orangeville)
Sat. February 9	Community Family Skate Night
Tues. February 12	Pancake Lunch

Congratulations to the following students who are celebrating a birthday next week:

Iris January 25



FYI:

- **Family Skate Evening** – Thank you to Arnold & Teresa Rumph for helping!
- **January winter weather!** Please be sure to send appropriate outer wear with your children. An extra pair of mitts and plastic bags to send wet gear home in is also handy! Also, please make sure all clothing, including coats, snow pants, etc., are marked with your child's name. Please see the Mabel's Labels ad under Fundraising if you would like labels!
- **JANUARY SCHOLASTIC**– Paper and online orders are due on Tuesday, January 22!
- **LATE or ABSENT from School** – Please be reminded that if your child is going to be late or absent from school please contact the office before 8:30 a.m. at office@ccsdrayton.org. A text should also be sent to your bus driver. Thank you!
- **MORNING BUS PICK-UP REMINDER** – Please be reminded that bus students must be at the end of their driveways or at their bus pick-up location at least 5 minutes before their designated pick-up time. The drivers will not wait for students. Thank you for your consideration!
- **Bus Cancellations:** To hear about bus cancellations please use the Wellington Dufferin Student Transportation Services website as to whether buses are running. Their website is: www.stwdsts.ca. If looking on the website, our area is Division 3, and if listening to a local radio station, we are located in North Wellington.

Dates to Remember:

- **P.D. Day** - Monday, January 21 – No School for all students. Have an enjoyable long weekend!
- **Tuck Shop for Ruth and Pizza Lunch** – Tuesday, January 22. Don't forget to bring your spare change to support Ruth, our sponsor child.
- **Grade JK through Grade 6 Skating** – Monday, January 28, 2019 from 1pm to 3pm
 - Parent Volunteers are needed to help the younger children tie skates and out on the ice! Please contact the office if you are able to attend.
 - Bus transportation will be provided.
- **Grade 7 & 8 Hockley Valley Resort Ski Trip** – Monday, January 28, 2019
 - Cost per Student/Parent:
Lift & Lesson only – Ski = \$23.80 with Rental (incl. Helmet) = \$34.00
Lift & Lesson only – Snowboard = \$34.30 with Rental (incl. Helmet) = \$42.50
- **Two Upcoming Hockey Tournaments**
 - Thursday, January 31 in Fergus
 - Thursday, February 7 in Orangeville

Open House and Registration – Wednesday, February 6

Upcoming Open House Days are planned for March 6, April 3, and May 1. Poster Attached!

If you are a current family in the school and have a child ready for JK/SK, the necessary forms will be sent home soon for completion, but you are most welcome to come to one of our Open House Days if you would like. In the spring, Mrs. Culp will send an invitation for your child to visit the Kindergarten classroom for a morning.

If you know of any families with JK/SK age children who are interested in Christian education, please let them know about our upcoming Registration Dates. You can also contact the office and we will send them an information package. The best way to promote and market the school is through positive stories shared by parents to their acquaintances.

Fundraising:

Mabel's 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. Thank you to everyone who has supported our school so far!

SPRING BAZAAR – 2019

Save the date! April 13, 2019! This is the next date for the upcoming Spring Bazaar. Come and enjoy a day full of the traditional excitement that this day brings. Games for the whole family, live and silent auctions, baking and craft items. Please keep an eye out for the pre-order forms in the New Year. Also, since the winter season is upon us, this is a great time to start any of those projects that would make great donations to the auction or the center table (sewing projects, woodworking, painting, or anything that you can think of).

If you have any questions, regarding the auction or center table, please send an email to one of the following committee members and your questions will be directed accordingly.

sheree.devries@gmail.com (Sheree DeVries) / btjubiland@gmail.com (Tryphena de Boer)

Requested Announcements:

Drayton Reformed Church invites you to join them for a night of clean comedy and coffee house at the Drayton Reformed Church, 74 Wellington Street South on Friday, March 1. Coffeehouse-7pm & Show-8pm. Contact the church office (secretary@draytonreformed.org or 519-638-2035 x21) to reserve/purchase your tickets today! *Ticket quantities are limited.

FROM THE GRADES:

JK / SK: This past week has been busy. We were learning how to use Chromebooks with our learning buddies. We have been observing and measuring our amaryllis as it grows. We have been sharing and discussing Moses and how God must have a special plan for his life and how God has a special plan for all of us too.

We continue to focus on 2-D shapes in math and we have been learning letter 'f', 'l' and 'b'.

Next week there is no school on Monday.

Thank you parents for sending in extra clothes and mittens for your child.

SK parents let me know if home reading isn't working well for your family or if you have any questions or concerns.

Grade 1/2:

- **Math:** Grade 1 has been learning strategies for adding while Grade 2 finished their measurement unit by learning to measure centimetres with a ruler.
- **Language Arts:** We learned about vowel teams with "2 vowels go walking." This week we are focusing on the "oa" team. As we write our stories, we are paying attention to "our" vs. "are."
- **Bible:** We are learning about the 10 plagues. We used our Bible journals to share what we learned about who God is through this story. Our memory work for January is **Matthew 22:37-39** and is due **Friday, January 25**.
- **Creation Studies:** Our builders have completed their first structure and have placed them outside to be tested. Can we keep our "pigs" dry for 3 days in the snow? What materials are working well and what materials may need to be changed?
- **Show and Share** Friday: Abby, Rhianna, Emma, Aubrey, Matthew.
- **Parent Read Aloud:** Tomorrow, **Mrs. Brouwer** will come. Next time, **Mrs. Deen** will join us. Thank you for sharing your love of reading with us.

FROM THE GRADES:

Grade 3/4:

Memory Verse: Psalm 23 is our new memory verse. It will be recited tomorrow.

Math: Both grades had a math test today. Grade 4's will begin a measurement unit next, and Grade 3's will begin a geometry unit on Monday.

Daily Five: New spelling sorts will be going home today in the envelopes. Students have been learning and using apostrophes. Grade 3 students have been playing using question words, and the Grade 4's have been reviewing possessive pronouns. Reading and sight word assessments will begin again next week.

Creation Studies: Students are diving into our "Strong and Stable Structures" unit. Ask your student about struts and ties as well as solid, frame, and shell structures.

STEM: If you have popsicle sticks, especially the larger and wider ones, we would appreciate them for our next STEM project. We will be building structures that can bear loads and withstand "earthquakes."

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

Agendas: Students must bring their agendas to school every day.

Grade 5/6:

The snow has returned. Students have been enjoying the snow that we have received and are hoping for more!

- Math - We have finished our last section of the Number Sense unit and are hoping to have a brief test either Friday or Tuesday. The next concept that we will be looking at is measurement.
- Bible - We have started looking at the four Gospels and are comparing the story of Jesus Feeding the 5000 in all four of the books. Next week we will be starting on projects involving Jesus's miracles.
- Creation Studies - Natural phenomena research and slideshows are being working on and are to be finished by next week Wednesday.
- Reading - We are well into the novel Underground to Canada. Ask your child what they think about this time period in history.
- Happy Belated Birthday to Lincoln and Sawyer!

Coming up...

Friday - Apostles' Creed - Memory - fill in the blank

Monday - PD day

Tuesday - Pizza and Tuck shop

Wednesday - Creation Studies due

Friday - Memory Work - Deuteronomy 30:19-20 / Happy Birthday Iris!

Grade 7/8:

Math: Both the Grade 7 and 8 classes have completed Unit Tests and will be working on their corrections day. Tests with corrections are to be signed and returned. The Grade 7 class is now working in Probability and Data Management, while Grade 8 begins a unit in Coordinate Geometry.

Language: We continue to sharpen our comprehension and writing skills through our Short Story unit. In the coming days we will be dividing into small groups to begin our Literature Circles.

Science: Medical Research Projects are underway. The focus will not only be on a specific disease and its impact on the systems of the body, but also the moral and social impacts of the disease. What is our responsibility as the church to the sick and the suffering?

Geography: We have just completed our study of Vegetation and Soils. There will be a quiz on this section next Friday, January 25.

Memory Work: I Corinthians 13: 1-7 due: Thursday, January 24

French: Test on possessive adjectives: Tuesday, January 22