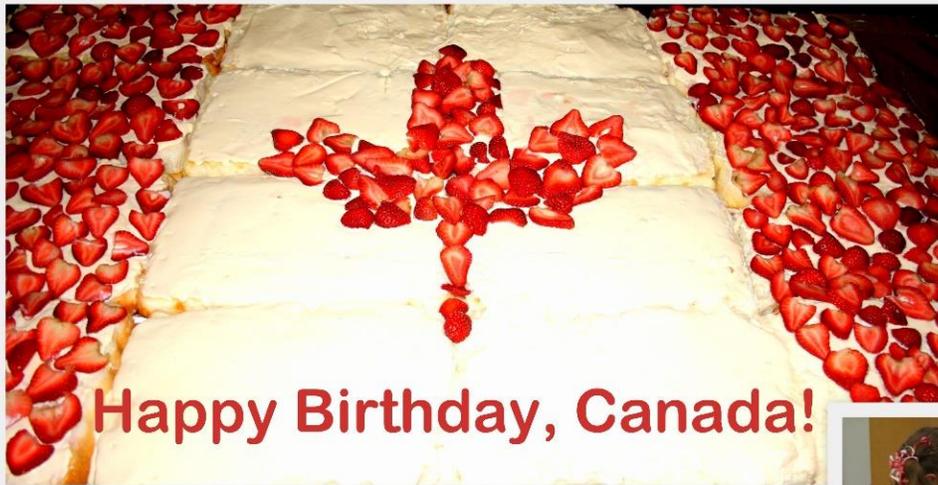




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Happy Birthday, Canada!



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The purpose of our parental Christian School is to educate our children to develop their individual potential and to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for a life of responsible stewardship in God's Kingdom.



Grade 7 Photo Contest
Colour Contrast



1st Jarrett Vantil
2nd Robyn Huttema
3rd Mariam VanPopta



Grade 7 Photo Contest
Background Blur



1st Elijah Vanderveen
2nd Mariam VanPopta
3rd Hallie Bisschop



1st Kasen Sikma
2nd Ellie VanOene
3rd Robyn Huttema



Grade 7 Photo Contest

Joy!

1st Marijke Hummelman
2nd Robyn Huttema
3rd Carys Roukema



Grade 7 Photo Contest
Summertime
Free Shot



From the Chairman....

Tim Bontkes

This will be our last *Branches* for the 2016/17 school year and there is much to report and very much to be thankful for. May and June are always exciting months for the students of CCES as the school year wraps up but are also quite busy for the teachers, administration, Board and parents.

Since I last reported to you in *Branches* I have had the privilege of attending events like the CCES Golf Tournament, Sports Day and the Quad School Track & Field day and was able to hear about all sorts of other school sponsored events such as the Ascension Day Assembly, Red & White Day, the School Water Fight and many more field trips and other extracurricular events from my children. What a blessing our community and our school is! We can be very thankful for all the staff and volunteers that help put all these events together and for the enthusiasm of the overall community and the students as they participate.

CCES AGM

My first AGM as Board Chair almost did not happen due to a lack of a quorum (1/3rd of all members) as of 8:00 on the evening of the AGM. Thank you to those members who responded to our emergency call up in order that we were able to conduct our business. We may have taken for granted that we historically have not had too much difficulty achieving our quorum and would like to take this opportunity to remind our membership of the importance of showing up to the AGM's; not just in order that we can meet our legal requirements to conduct our business but more importantly in order that we can share the blessings of our community with each other and continue to build up on what is already a very strong membership body!

Thank you to Oliver Hansma for putting together our 2017/18 budget and for presenting it at the meeting,

to Ron Scheper for giving us an update on the HVAC renovation planned for the school this summer and to Otto Bouwman for representing the Teacher's College by running through a very informative power point presentation supplied by the College.

2017/18 Staffing

There will undoubtedly be some mixed emotions felt by 3 of our staff members as they prepare to move on from CCES. I would like to take this time to acknowledge and thank Jerry Scholtens, James Kanis and Mark Hoogerdijk as they prepare for the next stages in their professional careers and wish them the strength they need as they adapt to the tasks ahead. To Jerry a special thanks for his leadership, commitment and passion for teaching our children for 26 years! We wish you all the best as you adjust to "retired" life. (I say retired in quotations as I cannot imagine Jerry will be sitting idly for too long.) To James, thank you for your years of service and dedication at CCES, a time where you were able to grow into a very valuable part of the CCES staff. We wish you the strength and wisdom you will need as you take up the principal position at William of Orange. And for Mark, thank you as well for your time at CCES and your willing attitude and care for your students. We wish you a good transition as you move back to Australia over the summer and settle back into your old community. Thank you again to each of you for all you have done in and for the CCES community!

With the absence of these 3 teachers the Administration and Board has had to spend a fair bit of time shuffling and balancing teaching needs and desires all the while doing our best to work within our financial parameters. The following are the intended teacher allocations for next year:

Grade	Teacher
Kindergarten A	Leslie Scholtens
Kindergarten B	Jennifer Onderwater
Grade 1	Mary MacDougal
Grade 2	Alyson Winkelaar with assistance from Deb Minderhoud
Grade 3	Stephen Chase with assistance from Deb Minderhoud
Grade 4	Amy Vanderhoek with assistance from Jennifer Onderwater
Grade 5	Linda VanSpronsen & Natasja VanRhee
Grade 6	Jenn Harink
Grade 7A	Diana Nobel
Grade 7B	Nadine Krikke

As William of Orange will now have a new principal in James Kanis, the Board has also increased Otto's contract from 70% to full time. Otto, we look forward to having you around for 100% of the time! Otto's increased time will also allow Jennifer to assist in Grade 4 as indicated in the table above.

Maintenance/Capital Plans

As part of our 5 year Capital plan the membership approved the installation of a new HVAC system in the original section of the school building. I am sure that the teachers and students will be very happy when this renovation is complete. The addition of air conditioning and proper ventilation is long overdue and the timing is perfect as our existing boiler system is on its last legs. Thank you to the Maintenance Committee for its work to date on this retrofit and to the members for their financial support for this endeavour in response to our recent \$60,000 fundraising drive. Just a note that we are still short

of our final fundraising goal so we continue to appeal to those who are still planning to show their financial support for the cause to make a donation.

The committee has yet to set a date for the annual Work Bee but please keep this community building event in mind when the date is advertised in the coming month.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the Staff, students and parents for another great year of education and service for our covenant children. We are very grateful for the blessing this school has been for our community and appreciate the efforts of all those involved. We also invite you to join us at the year end assembly on Friday June 23rd and the Grade 7 graduation ceremony on Monday June 26th to celebrate our year past as well as the years ahead!

Words of Welcome!

As a school society, we are excited to welcome new families into the CCES membership!

Kevin and Lizanne Hansman (Aldergrove CanRC)
Charlotte (2014) and Landon (2016)

Matt and Sue Schouten (Langley CanRC)
Carly (2013) and Zachary (2015)

Jason and Georgene VanDelft (Aldergrove CanRC)
Morgan (2012) and Josie (2015)

Rob and Ruby VanDelft (Aldergrove CanRC)
Ryder (2012), Randy (2013) and Russell (2015)

Garett and Damaris Vane (Abbotsford URC)
Andre (2012), Lucas (2015) and Peter (2016)

May you enjoy the blessings of our school community.
We look forward to having your children enter Credo!

From the Principal....

Otto Bouwman

Volunteers

Reflecting back on another school year, I'm amazed by the level of volunteering that is evident in our communities. Have you ever stopped to think about how many hours of volunteering goes into maintaining our school? Though we often take many things for granted, it might be good to reflect for a few moments on the importance, benefits, and opportunities associated with volunteering.

Typically, all of the work done at the board and committee levels is done by volunteers. They give of their time in reading and writing reports, preparing for and attending meetings, and executing tasks assigned at meetings. Some people in key positions need to be prepared to give up time during their working days as well as substantial "head-space," as they ensure that everything continues to function smoothly. There are a host of things they might have to do or decisions they need to implement. We might think of the Maintenance Committee as the ones who have to do "work" as they keep the school in excellent shape. Though genuinely appreciative of the school's maintenance guys (I really am - they do an amazing job) other committees also do a lot of quiet work behind the scenes. It would be easy to identify many board and committee members who volunteer at least 10 hours per month.

Another category of volunteers are those who work in some aspect of fundraising. There are dinners to arrange, promotions and sales to prepare for, golf tournaments to organize, gift cards to sell, and books to balance. Again, much of the work is done behind the scenes, and people who are doing these things are typically not keeping score of how many hours they keep themselves busy each month. Fundraising efforts are seldom constant; there is usually a lot of pressure for a while in anticipation of some event, and then things quiet back down again. In light of the tremendous consequences of the fundraising efforts that such people do, these volunteers also deserve a huge round of applause.

Sometime volunteering can be challenging - not only in terms of the time that is committed, but it can also stretch a person's "comfort zone." Imagine a situation

where a volunteer is trying to work through some challenge related to bussing, or where a volunteer is asking a school society member about financial arrears, or a situation involving some delicate discussions involving a staff member. Not many people - probably nobody, really - feels equipped to deal with every scenario that comes up. Though volunteers might view such challenges as intimidating or possibly overwhelming, it might be more helpful to view such situations as opportunities to grow. We rarely have to make decisions or take specific steps without the advice and encouragement of others. Since there is no need to be a "lone ranger" volunteer, it's good to remind ourselves that there are others around us who are willing to help when the need arises.

Government studies have concluded that there is a tight correlation between volunteering and a person's "religiosity." That's an obvious one, isn't it! :) An interesting observation of another study was that the vast majority of volunteers benefit from improved interpersonal skills because of their volunteering. That's very believable, too. All in all: THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS, FOR ALL YOU DO THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR SCHOOL! Keep it up as we move forward!

Librarian

For the past several decades, our school has benefited from one volunteer in particular: Sita Vanderpol. Mrs. Vanderpol has provided leadership as our library coordinator for a generation by now. As library coordinator, she needed to have a good understanding of what books are available and which books are in our collection. She had to be able to use the software system that is used to catalogue all the books and maintain accurate patron records. It was her responsibility to oversee the shelving and repair of books and keep the library an attractive place to visit and work. Additionally, she was expected to organize all the helpers who assist with many of the tasks that need to be done each week. As we say "Thank you!!" to Sita, we are also alerting the community to our desire to invite someone else to step forward to help provide leadership services in our library. Training opportunities will be available.

Please contact me if you are interested in further exploration of this opportunity.

Challenges

I would love to assure you we live in a problem-free world and that at CCES everything always runs smoothly. Generally, things do run very smoothly, for which we are profoundly grateful. But there are also ongoing matters for concern and prayer. Consider some of the following:

- Some children live in strained or broken homes, where family relationships are not as we would hope. That presents a challenge for children and their care-givers - including teachers.
- The number of children who suffer from a variety of anxieties is concerning. And the severity of some of those anxieties is troubling; anxiety can be remarkably debilitating. Sometimes parents and teachers feel that such needs are greater / more complex than we confidently know how to deal with.
- Then there can be technology. Though it does much to contribute to our comforts and conveniences, technology also brings temptation and sinful opportunities. Pray for wisdom and resolve for all who have to contend with challenges related to opportunities that present themselves via technology in our homes and school.
- Sometimes parents have different expectations related to children's abilities or performance than teachers do. That requires further dialogue and understanding.

The pressures of a broken world can occasionally make us feel overwhelmed. The staff and I appreciate your continued encouragement and prayers for wisdom and discernment with regards to these challenges. What can do when facing such challenges? We all begin by turning to Scriptures - passages like Psalm 121 - and approaching God's throne in prayer. We seek godly advice and wisdom from those who are in leadership positions and who might have encountered some of these challenges before. Someone in leadership might be able to point you to appropriate counseling services, government agencies, support groups, and medical professionals. Avoid gossip, but seek support. Let's be a hand and a foot to each other as we journey through life. Some of these topics deserve further elaboration and discussion at another time.

In Closing

Thank you, all, for your support and encouragement again this past year. Planning for next year will continue in the coming weeks, even as we are wrapping things up for the year. May the Lord surround our graduating class as they prepare to transition to high school. May he also be with all of us as we enjoy a time of refreshment and renewal during the summer months. May he bless our departing teachers (see Chairman's Report), with whom I was allowed to work - you will really be missed. To everyone returning: I look forward to welcoming you back on September 5!

CCRTC

As school society members had an opportunity to hear at our recent Spring Membership Meeting, Covenant Teachers College is undergoing a costly accreditation application process. They are also seeking regular financial support to contribute to the ongoing and normal costs of operation.

At the end of the PowerPoint at the Membership Meeting, the following information was shared, and is reprinted here for your convenience. Please send financial donations to the CCRTC through the following means:

- Through the CCRTC website donation page: www.covenantteacherscollege.com
- Through the Campaign page: www.supportcovenant.com
- Cheques mailed to CCRTC at: Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College, 410 Crerar Drive, Hamilton, ON L9A 5K3

Minutes of Membership Meeting

Credo Christian Elementary School
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of
Credo Christian Elementary School
with the Membership
May 31st, 2017 CCES Gymnasium

Opening and Welcome: The Chairman, Tim Bontkes, welcomed all those present and opened the meeting. He requested the membership to sing Hymn 44 stanzas 1 & 4, read from Ephesians 1:3-14, and followed with prayer. A quorum of members was present.

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the CCES membership meeting held October 26th, 2016 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes as presented was seconded and carried by a show of hands.

Matters from the Minutes: There were no matters from the minutes.

CCES 2017/2018 Budget: The Chairman gave the floor to the Board Treasurer, Oliver Hansma, to present the CCES Special Education and regular budgets for 2017/2018. The changes from the previous year were explained and the budget notes were further clarified. An opportunity for questions from the floor was given.

- Based on the special education budget, will we be losing a TA? No, we are simply reallocating the existing TA resources.

A motion was made to accept the Special Education budget and the regular budget for 2017/2018 as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by a show of hands.

Oliver Hansma presented an update on the current fundraising drive for the 5-year capital plan. The target is \$60k and currently \$48k has been received, with 45% of parents who have children enrolled in the school responding. The membership was reminded that we are targeting to receive all the funds by the end of the school year and was

encouraged to respond and provide support.

HVAC Systems Upgrades Update: The Chairman gave the floor to Board member Ron Scheper who presented an update on the HVAC upgrade. The project is currently on track to be completed within budget. There were some concerns that upgrades to the building's electrical system would be needed. This is no longer required, although a follow up audit on the building's lighting will be completed to potentially reduce the electrical load. The project is scheduled for July, and will be done by Fraser Valley Refrigeration who has been retained in a design-build capacity. An opportunity for questions from the floor was given. There were no further questions.

CCRTC Presentation: The Chairman gave a brief introduction to the CCRTC before giving the floor to Principal Otto Bouwman. Otto Bouwman gave a presentation on behalf of Ken Stel of the CCRTC who couldn't be present. Otto explained the history and background of the CCRTC and noted that the vision of the college is to be the definitive source for Reformed teacher training. He outlined the current process of accreditation, whereby the college would be able to issue a degree for their two-year program, and noted the various steps that the college is taking in achieving this goal. They are currently seeking \$350k for this initiative and are getting very close to receiving these funds. An opportunity for questions from the floor was given. There were no further questions.

Question Period: An opportunity for general questions from the floor was given. There were no further questions.

Thanksgiving Prayer: The membership was asked to sing Hymn 46 stanzas 1 to 3. Community member Geoff Hoogstra led in thanksgiving prayer.

Adjournment: The Chairman, Tim Bontkes closed the meeting and thanked all for coming.

Short Reports of Board Meetings

Short Report of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Credo Christian Elementary School
April 10th, 2017

- **Opening and Welcome:** The Chairman, Tim Bontkes, opened the meeting by reading from 1 Thessalonians 4 and prayer. He welcomed the Directors and Principal Otto Bouwman to the meeting. Erica Feunekes was absent with notification.
- **Agenda Approval:** The agenda for the regular board meeting was approved.
- **Minutes and Short Report:** The Minutes and Short Report of the March 6, 2017 Board meeting were adopted.
- **Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:** A letter was received requesting exemption from the entrance fee. A letter was received from the library coordinator regarding future plans and transition. One outgoing letter was sent regarding enrollment.
- **Principal's Report:** Otto Bouwman presented the Principal's Report for April 2017 and provided updates on student led conferences, special education matters, and the new school visitor's policy. A draft learning resources policy was reviewed and discussed.
- **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman's report for April 2017 was received for information. Tim Bontkes reported on his activities as chairman.
- **General Business:** A report from the CCRTC was reviewed and discussed. It was decided not to increase support for the CCRTC at this time, but if possible to invite a representative to speak at the May membership meeting.
- **Membership Committee:** Membership Committee minutes were submitted and reviewed. Neil Dykstra reported that the committee is currently working with other fundraising groups at CCES to coordinate efforts. New membership forms are being worked on and two cover letters were approved to be included with the membership package. It was decided to add a dedicated membership section in *Branches* to provide updates on new and departing members.
- **Education Committee:** Education Committee minutes were submitted and reviewed. Bob Huttema reported on the activities of the Education Committee. It was decided to amend the Classroom visit policy to increase the minimum number of visits per year. A letter and proposal from the library coordinator was considered. Further investigation will be done before a decision is made.
- **Finance Committee:** The income statement for March 31, 2017 was submitted and reviewed. The draft budget for the 2017/18 school year was reviewed. A decision was made regarding staffing for 2017/18 in response to budgetary requirements. A new Educational Assessments and Therapy Policy was adopted. A decision was made to waive the entrance fee for a family. Oliver Hansma provided a report on the current fundraising drive and noted that only 20% of the members with children in the school have responded.
- **Maintenance Committee:** Ron Scheper reported on the activities of the Maintenance Committee and provided updates on the HVAC system upgrade plan. The committee is on track to complete this work within the original budget estimates.
- **CCSTA:** Tim Rook reported on the activities of the CCSTA and noted that the finances of the association are looking healthy.
- **Valley Wide High School Planning Committee:** Tim Bontkes reported that the committee now has a work program and outline to move forward decisively, and plans to start the first phase of work immediately.
- **Next Meetings / Events:** The Combined Boards meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2017. The next regular Board meeting is planned for May 8, 2017. The May membership meeting is planned for May 31, 2017.
- **Closing:** Will VanOene offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Tim Bontkes closed the meeting and thanked all for coming.

Short Report of the Meeting of the
Board of Directors of
Credo Christian Elementary School
May 8th, 2017

- **Opening and Welcome:** The Chairman, Tim Bontkes, opened the meeting by reading from John 3:16-21 and prayer. He welcomed the Directors and Principal Otto Bouwman to the meeting.
- **Agenda Approval:** The agenda for the regular board meeting was approved.
- **Minutes and Short Report:** The Minutes and Short Report of the April 10, 2017 Board meeting were adopted. The record of the April 25, 2017 Combined Boards meeting was received for information.
- **Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:** One outgoing letter was sent regarding the entrance fee.
- **Principal's Report:** Otto Bouwman presented the Principal's Report for May 2017 and provided updates on program delivery for the 2017/18 school year and reported on a combined special education meeting.
- **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman's report for May 2017 was received for information. Tim Bontkes reported on his activities as chairman.
- **General Business:** A proposed conflict resolution policy was reviewed. The agenda for the upcoming membership meeting was finalized. A new learning resources policy was adopted.
- **Membership Committee:** Membership Committee minutes were submitted and reviewed. Neil Dykstra presented a proposal on fundraising coordination which was reviewed and discussed.
- **Education Committee:** Bob Huttema reported on the activities of the Education Committee. The Classroom visit guideline was amended to increase the minimum number of visits to twice per term.
- **Finance Committee:** The income statement for April 30, 2017 was submitted and reviewed. The proposed budget for the 2017/18 school year was reviewed and approved for presentation to the membership. Oliver Hansma provided an update on the fundraising for the 5-year capital plan. Revisions to the policy governing employment of staff were adopted.
- **Maintenance Committee:** Ron Scheper reported on the activities of the Maintenance Committee and provided updates on the HVAC system upgrade plan. The HVAC upgrade is schedule to be completed in July and should take three weeks to complete.
- **Next Meetings / Events:** The next regular Board meeting is planned for June 12, 2017. The May membership meeting is planned for May 31, 2017.
- **Closing:** Bob Huttema offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Tim Bontkes closed the meeting and thanked all for coming.

From the Treasurer

Oliver Hansma

Yearly tuition fees run from September to August. The current fees are payable for July and August for all members -including those with graduating students and those who are relocating. The only exceptions are families with international students as these assessments are payable over ten months.

Fees for the upcoming school-year (2017/18) will increase from the current year by \$15 per month in each tuition category according to the schedule below. Pre-Authorized Debits (PAD) will be adjusted to the new rates as of September 2017.

Kindergarten	320.00	Junior High (8-10)	695.00
Elementary (1-3)	530.00	Senior High (11-12)	745.00
Elementary (4-7)	550.00	Membership	125.00

From the Education Committee....

Mandy Dewit

The 2016/17 school year began with the return of all previous members of the Education Committee. We were chaired once again by our board representative, Bob Huttema, with Jennifer Onderwater again graciously filling the role of secretary. Her efficiency as well as her concise minutes clearly documented all of our monthly meetings and are greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Otto for his articulate monthly updates of the inner workings of CCES, as provided in his Principal's Reports.

CCES continues to be an environment of energetic growth, multi-faceted learning, and committed involvement on the parts of staff, students, and parents. Otto's reports revealed that behind the scenes many things are on the go. One of the changes implemented this year at CCES is the new BC curriculum, as mandated by the provincial government. The Education Committee has had many glimpses over the past couple years into how much hard work on the part of the staff and administration (and their local colleagues) has gone into making sure our school has adapted well to these new requirements. As a Reformed Christian committee made up of parents and educators, we recognize how important it is to interpret these government stipulations from a God-honouring Christian world-view. So one of the current goals of the Education Committee is to thoroughly review one subject of the school's curriculum per year.

After last year's fine tuning of the Education Committee's mandate, we were ready to "test-drive" the newly adopted Curriculum Review Protocol this year. We began the process of reviewing the current Math program used within the school. The object of this process is to offer recommendations to the board and staff which are based upon a thorough review of

the current practices and relevant materials used in Credo classrooms. A subcommittee was formed for this specific purpose with members Melissa VanPopta, Ivan Scheper, Bob Huttema, and Mandy Dewit. Relevant CCES materials such as course outlines, textbooks, and resource materials were gathered and reviewed along with a staff survey and government curriculum. The insightful contributions of staff liaisons, James Kanis and Amy Vanderhoek, were also greatly appreciated at the subcommittee meetings. Towards the end of the school year, the subcommittee shared a report with its recommendations to the staff and board. These were positively received by the teachers who look forward to evaluating options for an updated school-wide math program. The Education Committee commends the teachers for their ongoing commitment and professionalism which is evident in their work with the Math curriculum.

Throughout the school year we were also privileged to visit CCES and observe with our board partners the diverse learning environment happening within and around our school. Whether on the playground, in the halls or in the classrooms there is much evidence that God has richly blessed us with energetic students, dedicated Christian teachers and educational assistants, and a devoted administration.

Next year, we look forward to welcoming new agenda items as well as working with staff in reviewing the Church History and Bible curriculum currently used at Credo. At this time we say good bye to Ivan Scheper and Melissa Van Popta. A heartfelt thank-you to each of you for your efforts and contributions over the last three years. We look forward to welcoming two new community members to the Education Committee in September 2017.

Credo Aid Update....

The Mother's Day Fair is behind us but for those who have not already heard, we still have its fundraising results to share with you! Despite being indoors, and a little full, we can thankfully say that the event was still a success! Thank you to all who came out, to all our team organizers and to our slew of volunteers!! Thank you also to the many sponsors and Silent Auction donors who supported the Fair as well! Our combined community efforts resulted in a profit of \$14,758.16 (of which \$7952 was raised with the Silent Auction) for Credo Aid. Thank you for your support!

Also, for your interest, here are this year's Fair Contest Winners:

Lego Contest - Primary: Gabriel Den Hollander (gr. 3), Intermediate: Ruben Vandyke (gr.7)

Car Balloon Guess - Michaela Luiten, with a guess of 127 (actual amount was 129)

Mechanical Bull Showdown - Loretta Saide, making it all the way to 7th level!

And a special shout out to three ladies from the Fair's organizing team who are retiring: Petra Bontkes, Cindy

Luiten, and Mary-Anne Vanderhorst. Thank you, thank you, for all your hard work and efforts that went into the different elements of planning and organizing the Fair these last few years!

Credo Aid would like to send out a big THANK YOU for all your help and support through this school year! Whether it was through volunteering, organizing or giving financially, this did not go unnoticed and we greatly appreciate it! The list below is just some examples of where our fundraising dollars went into this year...

- ukuleles
- mats hanging on gym walls
- badminton supplies
- coil binding machine
- wall clock in gym
- field trips
- hot lunches
- school skating
- treats on various occasions

Supplies and Personal Items for September 2017

Primary Personal Items List for 2017-18	K	gr. 1	gr. 2	gr. 3
indoor shoes (NO LACES) (These are also gym shoes and should stay on firmly)	✓	✓	✓	✓
head phones for netbooks			✓	✓
towel or blanket (no larger than a beach towel)	✓			
box of tissues	✓	✓	✓	✓
Intermediate School Supplies List for 2017-18	gr.4	gr.5	gr. 6	gr. 7
good quality 3 ring binder 1 1/2"	1	2	2	2
looseleaf paper	✓	✓	✓	✓
binder dividers (pkgs)	✓	2	2	2
HB pencils	✓	✓	✓	✓
pencil sharpener, scissors	✓	✓	✓	✓
erasers	✓	✓	✓	✓
pencil crayons	✓	✓	✓	✓
blue or black pens, red pen	✓	✓	✓	✓
highlighter	✓	✓	✓	✓
white board markers	✓			
glue stick	✓	✓	✓	✓
pencil case -no magnetic pencil holders	✓	✓	✓	✓
Math notebooks/quad ruled/spiral back (+ .5 cm squares preferred)	✓	✓	✓	✓
basic calculator, USB Stick			✓	✓
metric ruler	✓	✓	✓	✓
indoor (gym) shoes	✓	✓	✓	✓

CCES SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-18

August	28-Sept. 1	Staff Orientation/Prep Week	
September	5	First day of school	
	12	School photos Kindergarten B	
	13	School photos	
October	5, 6	CTA Convention	no school
	9	Thanksgiving Day	no school
	25	School membership meeting	
November	10	Pro-D Day	no school
	13	Remembrance Day holiday	no school
	22	Report Cards	
	28, 30	Parent-Teacher Conferences	
December	22	Last day before Christmas Break	
	25–Jan 5	Christmas Vacation	no school
January	8	School reopens	
February	9	Pro-D Day	no school
	12	Family Day	no school
March	6	Report Cards	
	8, 9	Student-Led Conferences	
	19-29	March Break	no school
	30	Good Friday	no school
April	1	Easter Sunday	
	2	Easter Monday	no school
	3	School reopens	
May	4	Public Speaking Contest	
	10	Ascension Day	
		Sports Day	
	17	Grade 8 Day	
	18	Pro-D Day	no school
	21	Victoria Day	no school
	20	Pentecost	
	30	School membership meeting	
June		Track & Field Day Gr. 6& 7	
	22	Last day, report cards, Gr. 7 grad	
	25-27	Administrative days	no school

Credo Roots

A Student-Directed Endeavour

Issue 1

Monday June 12, 2017

Sports Day!

Letter from the Editor

Bethany Hoff

Sports Day - Dear Credo, Welcome to the first edition of *Credo Roots*. We chose this name because our logo is a tree and we already have *Branches*, *Leaflets*, and now *Credo Roots*. In this newspaper there will be lots of things such as school events, advertisements, interviews, jokes, comics, word searches, quotes and a "Featuring..." section. We hope that you enjoy the newspaper! We hope that we can do this next year and that we can feature more people and tell about more upcoming events. Stay tuned for the next edition!



Sports Day Success

Noah, Ryan & Tyler

The Preschool Race

The little kids had a BLAST! Make sure you bring your little pro in again next year so they're ready for Sports Day!

The Events

Hello fellow parents! Sports Day is over but here are some of the events : high jump, long jump, long run, short run, water relay, circle relay and much more. I hope your kids had a blast!

The Concession Stand

In case you didn't notice, there's a concession stand behind the stands. Make sure you keep your kids fueled!

Mother's Day Fair

Lauren and Eden

The Pancake Breakfast, hosted by Credo Christian High School, ran from 8:00 am to 10:30 am. The food was delicious, especially the pancakes! The games started at 8:30 and everyone had a ton of fun! There were even a few contests including: the Lego contest and teh Bungee Run. There were also events like a silent auction and a mechanical bull. Everyone had lots of fun and can't wait for next year!

HIKE FOR LIFE!

RAISE THE MOST MONEY FOR AN IPOD TOUCH ENDS MAY 27.



HIKE FOR LIFE
SECOND PLACE GETS AN IPOD IOS!
ENDS MAY 27 2017

Featuring...Mr. Scholtens

Savanna and Maria

Q: What did you want to be when you were young?

Mr. S: I wanted to be a pilot and fly big airplanes!

Q: How do you feel about leaving?

Mr. S: Both happy and sad. I like to teach but I am happy to retire.

Q: What is your favourite story to tell over the years?

Mr. S: The King with the Golden Leg

Q: How old are you?

Mr. S: 116. I was born in 1901.

Q: How long have you been teaching?

Mr. S: 25 years of teaching at Credo.

Goodbye, Mr. Scholtens! We are going to miss you, your clapping games and definitely your stories!

Interview with Mrs. Spoor

Brooklyn and Kaitlin

Q: How long since you started sorting out Sports Day?

Mrs. S: I started in April.

Q: How long has there been a Sports Day?

Mrs. S: Our school has always had a Sports Day.

Q: Is it hard to count up all the points?

Mrs. S: No because I use a chart on my computer.

Q: Do you like helping with Sports Day?

Mrs. S: I love it!

Q: What is your favourite part?

Mrs. S: I love watching all the students have fun!

Q: Where was Sports Day?

Mrs. S: It used to be at the school but now is held at Mcleod Park.

Q: When was Sports Day?

Mrs. S: Friday May 12, 2017.

Q: Why do we have Sports Day?

Mrs. S: Because it's good to use our bodies. It's a different way to learn. It's supposed to be a fun day!

Student Surveys: Favourite Events

Peter and Jaxon

Kindergarten: Tug of War

Grade 3: High Jump

Grade 4: High Jump

Grade 7: High Jump

**Get ready for the
LAST
DAY OF
SCHOOL!**

*Credo is glad you
had fun over the
year and we hope
you have a good
many years to
come!*

NATIONAL DAY IS COMING UP!

Be sure to wear red and white!

There will be school spirit activities in the gym at lunch!



Laughter is the Best Medicine

Pedro and Alexa

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?

Her class was too bright!

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Alaska.

Alaska who?

Alaska you only one more time to open the door!

What rock group has four men who don't sing?

Mount Rushmore

What do you call a rabbit that is owned by a beetle?

A bug's bunny!

Word Search

Jordyn and Kendra

o	a	m	w	n	o	a	z	s	n
p	a	n	c	a	k	e	s	a	a
g	s	u	c	x	l	x	s	u	p
b	r	f	g	z	u	w	x	s	k
a	l	e	a	d	m	x	r	d	i
c	k	l	p	o	m	m	u	g	n
o	f	s	s	e	y	e	p	e	s
n	a	e	t	r	j	i	s	s	x
m	w	o	s	y	r	u	p	q	u
a	u	b	e	d	y	d	n	o	c

Pancakes

Games

Fun

Awesome

Candy

Bacon

Sausages

Syrup

Fair

Napkins

	hit sub
	bacon cheddar
	beef bacon sub
	2 foot, 1 foot, and 12 inch buns plain, white bread, cheddar, and whole wheat
	vegen sub
deluc's sub	
breakfast sub	
eat fresh	
pizza sub	

Roots

Editors: Jeren, Jacob and Hannah

Advertisements: Aiden, Josh, Alexis, Dylan



Kindergarten



GRAD

Date: Friday, June 23 @ 9:30 am

Location: Credo Elementary

Relatives and friends are welcome!

Refreshments to follow.

The closing assembly is at Langley Church @ 11:00.



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Elem. (1-3)	530.00	Elem (4-7)	550.00
Junior High	695.00	Senior High	745.00

Graduation!

Please join us in celebration of the
CCES Grade Seven Graduation
Monday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Langley Canadian Reformed Church

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Jared William Bredenhof
Matthew Allan Faber
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