



BRANCHES

CONNECTING CREDO

We are all individuals but we are each a part of CREDO!

Kindergarten: The first letter of your name is a blue uppercase letter at the bottom of the puzzle.

Teachers: Find your LAST name and colour it in.

Students: Find your FIRST name and colour it in.

Grade One: The first letter of your name is a Purple uppercase letter near the bottom of the puzzle.



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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.

From the Chairman....

Tim Bontkes

September is always a very exciting time of year for me. I notice as my family gets older that it is the definitely the busiest time of year introducing the largest amount of change in routine and activities. I would hazard to guess that this is the same for most of us. Our children get introduced to new grades, new teachers, new friends and new opportunities, the teachers get introduced to new students and in some cases, new grades. As Board members we can't help but get caught up in all the excitement and activities around us as well. CCES once again has been able to welcome a large student population, and as Board we have been able to witness another well executed start to a school year.

School life is not the only aspect which picks up; our home and work lives as well as our extra curricular calendars fill up quite quickly. Thanks be to God for all these wonderful opportunities we are able to take part in in our daily lives as members of CCES!

By all indications things have started quite smoothly. With our growing student population as a Board we are very happy to have our principal at the CCES campus full time. Our administration team of Otto, Jennifer, Deb and Elma have our complete confidence as they organize, encourage and lead the students and

staff at CCES. Thank you for all your efforts in getting the year off to a great start!

It never ceases to amaze me at how dynamic our school is and how with varying class sizes and student needs we as a Board are continually working with administration to appropriately meet the needs of our students and teachers. This ever-changing environment also causes us as Board to work with our sister schools across the Valley as we attempt to be forward thinking, endeavoring to plan responsibly for the future. By now most of you would have had the opportunity to fill in the survey sent out by the Valley Wide High School Review Committee. This survey is another tool for us as school societies to understand the immediate and future needs of our members and we thank you for your participation in this part of the committee's work.

As we look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving I would like to wish you all the best as we acknowledge all that the Lord continues to sustain us with. Students, parents, teachers and staff all have so much to be thankful for as we all continue in our roles in providing our children with Christian education. *"Now our God we give you thanks and praise your glorious name."* 1 Chronicles 29:13.

Calendar Update

October	4	Thanksgiving Assembly	Gr 2 & 6	2 pm church
	5, 6	Teachers' Convention	no school	
	9	Thanksgiving Day	no school	
	25	School membership meeting		
	30	Reformation 500 celebrations		Langley Church/CCHS
	31	Reformation Day		
November	6	Remembrance Day Assembly		8:45 am gym
	10	ProD Day	no school	
	13	Remembrance Day holiday	no school	

From the Principal....

Otto Bouwman

With gratitude to God, I'm thankful to report that the school year is off to a great start. Students are arriving safely each day. Teachers are energetic each morning. And by the end of the day, everyone is feeling like a good day of productive work has been had. That is evidence of God's goodness, for which we daily need to give thanks. Apart from the Lord's blessings, we learn in Psalm 127, all our efforts will be in vain. Give thanks unceasingly to God for his care, and petition him daily for his continued protection and guidance.

One particular thing I should mention here is the staff's gratitude for the climate-controlled environment in which we have been able to do our work this year. Especially with the very warm weather at the start of the school year, we were delighted to be able to work in much more comfortable temperatures than previously. Thank you so much, CCES community, for the HVAC system that could be installed this past summer. The new system contributes to a more productive teaching and learning environment.

Staffing

At the beginning of this year, we sent out requests for volunteers to come to the school and help out in a variety of ways. We have been very thankful that numerous volunteers have in fact come forward and are helping out regularly in the school. The teachers really appreciate the work that these volunteers do, since more care can then be given to successfully meet the learning needs of all students.

There are several reasons that adequately meeting the needs of each student has been a challenge. One of these reasons is class size. With some class sizes hovering between 25 and 29 students, we are expecting a lot from a

teacher to ensure that everyone is using class time optimally. Though there are times that an EA (Educational Assistant) might be in the room helping the teacher, it's possible that the EA's focus is on just one or two students (who require that level of involvement). Class size is one of the factors which contributes to our teachers feeling "stretched."

A second factor is related to class composition. There are many students in every classroom who are able to work relatively independently (compared to their classmates); it's wonderful being able to experience that. However, there are also students who require significant levels of assistance and encouragement in order to experience continued success in the classroom. As a matter of fact, when they do not receive such levels of personal attention, frustration becomes evident and the positive learning environment becomes compromised. Some parents know all too well what it's like greeting their child at the end of the school day who was frustrated in the classroom because he could not read and comprehend as well as the other students in the class. Or for some reason had difficulty writing her answers down on the paper, because writing is such a hard activity - even though most of the other students in the class seem to be able to do it with relative ease. In a classroom with fewer than 20 students, it's entirely possible that the teacher is running off her feet all day, trying to ensure that enough attention is given to each student, only to conclude that some students still didn't get the attention that was really needed.

Consequently, we were very grateful to hear in early September that the Ministry will increase our funding for this school year. That enabled the board to agree to place an ad for EA applicants. We hope and pray for a favorable

outcome to this process, and so have our students receive more optimal levels of attention from the teaching staff.

Reformation 500!

Not only throughout the Fraser Valley, and not only in Canada is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation being celebrated; as a matter of fact, internationally (including within the Roman Catholic Church) festive commemorations are being planned. As was previously reported, our Covenant Teachers College and our seminary in Hamilton have worked together to provide some structure to the celebrations across our schools and churches, and we are delighted to join in with these. After all, after confessing in Lord's Day 21 that Christ gathers his church from around this world, our Lord's Day ends with, "And I believe that I am and forever shall remain a living member of it." Consequently, our teachers' prayer is that our students become aware and become grateful for our spiritual heritage.

Between now and the end of October, our students will have the opportunity to participate and submit something in the world of poetry, art, or writing in connection with the Reformation. As well, some of our students will be practicing plays to perform, which have been written around the Reformation theme. In this regard, we are very grateful for the enthusiasm and expertise that Mrs. Scholtens and Mrs. Winkelaar are evidencing, as they help students become comfortable with the dramatic productions.

Most of our valley schools are using the Reformation celebrations as another opportunity for regional collaboration; several of our schools are intending to host a regional Reformation Celebration on Monday, October 30, at the Langley Church, as well as at the

high school. Some CCES students will perform dress rehearsals of their Reformation-based plays in the Langley church that afternoon. In the evening, they will perform for the community. The intention is that in the evening there will also be numerous student displays of art work (with other work possibly as well) in the high school. Be sure to mark that evening on your calendars!

This year we are putting our "Open House energy" into this regional Reformation Celebration collaboration. After all, we concluded, a 500th anniversary of the Reformation doesn't happen very frequently. So grandparents and others: if you were waiting for an announcement of exactly when you should mark "CCES Open House" on your winter calendar, this school year we will not have one. Come instead to our Reformation celebrations at the end of October. Alternatively, drop in for a regular assembly or two during the year. And rest assured, we look forward to resuming our regular Open House tradition next school year.

Wrapping Up

For the rest, I'm happy to report that all is well. Almost all Canadian Reformed school principals from around the country, along with some colleagues from Australia, Brazil, and Holland, met together this past week in Ontario. The conference title was "Leadership for Excellence in Reformed Christian Education." Ongoing professional development and connecting with colleagues in the same field always prove to be wholesome activities.

Enjoy a blessed day. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Short Report of Board Meeting

Short Report of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Credo Christian Elementary School
June 12th, 2017

- **Opening and Welcome:** The Chairman, Tim Bontkes, welcomed the Directors and Principal Otto Bouwman to the meeting. There was no official opening, as this meeting was preceded by the Legal Authority Meeting.
- **Agenda Approval:** The agenda for the regular board meeting was approved.
- **Minutes and Short Report:** The Minutes and Short Report of the May 8, 2017 Board meeting were adopted. The minutes of the May 31, 2017 membership meeting were approved for publication.
- **Incoming/Outgoing Correspondence:** An email was received from a member regarding cancellation of membership. An email was received from CCHS providing notification of an enrollment decision. Two outgoing letters were sent to members whose last child is graduating from Grade 12.
- **Principal's Report:** Otto Bouwman presented the Principal's Report for June 2017 and provided updates on music program delivery for the 2017/18 school year and information relating to the librarian position at CCES.
- **Chairman's Report:** The Chairman's report for May 2017 was received for information. Tim Bontkes reported on his activities as chairman.
- **General Business:** The recent membership meeting was reviewed and discussed and a new dispute resolution policy was adopted.
- **Membership Committee:** Neil Dykstra reported on the activities of the Membership Committee and gave an update on the recent Golf Tournament fundraiser. A decision was made on an enrollment request. A mandate for the Ad-hoc fundraising committee was reviewed and approved.
- **Education Committee:** The minutes of a recent Education Committee meeting were submitted and reviewed. Bob Huttema reported on the activities of the Education Committee. A report on the Math curriculum review undertaken by the committee was presented and discussed. Will VanOene reported positively on a third term school visit.
- **Finance Committee:** The income statement for May 31, 2017 was submitted and reviewed. Oliver Hansma provided an update on the fundraising for the 5-year capital plan.
- **IT Committee:** Tim Rook reported that the new laptops models have been approved and ordered, and will be set up during the summer break.
- **Special Education Committee:** The minutes of a recent Special Education Committee meeting were submitted and reviewed. The committee plans to put together an information PowerPoint to be presented at a future membership meeting.
- **Ad-Hoc Valley Wide High School Planning Committee:** Tim Bontkes reported on the activities of the committee. The committee is planning to have the membership complete a survey in September and hopes to come to the Boards with recommendations in November.
- **Next Meetings / Events:** The next regular Board meeting is planned for September 11, 2017.
- **Closing:** Oliver Hansma offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Tim Bontkes closed the meeting and thanked all for coming.

Credo Aid Update....

Neufeld Farms:

Thank you to all those who ordered from Neufeld Farms! We will give you an update to what the profits are soon! Remember to come to the school on Wednesday, October 11 @ 2:30 sharp to pick up your order! And then enjoy the yummy treats!

Purdy's Chocolates:

Our Purdy's chocolates Fundraiser will be coming up soon! Please look for the brochures to come home late October. Credo Aid receives 25% back on the orders sold so every order helps! Many of our orders also come from businesses or clients. If you or your husband run a business and did not receive a business package from Credo Aid last year but would like to be added to our contact list please email Shelley Sikma - paulandshelley@shaw.ca. This is a super easy way for you to shop. Let us handle your order and we will deliver your chocolates right to you!

Croquetten:

We have a date for the croquetten production! This is happening on October 25th in the afternoon for the mixing and making and on the 26th all morning till they are rolled up and ready to take home! We will need many volunteers for the fun fundraiser, so please mark these dates on your calendar. The order forms will be available soon! We would love to have on more join our team so please contact us soon! Thank you!

The Croquetten Team:

Joanne DeWit
Rachael Hummelman
Debbie Lof
Tanya Prium
Rita Schouten
Ginny Vanderhorst
Angela Vanspronsen

Credo Aid Shop Easy:

This was the last week to get in your 12 post dated cheques of \$350 or more to qualify for the free coffee card! At time of writing we are still waiting on a few more to renew their cheques, but we would love to have some more participants. Post dated cheques are a great way to never forget, but we also accept cash, and are experimenting with doing E-transfers as well, so if that method is better for you, we would love the practice!

Last year our total profits were \$24,600! We want to give a big thanks to all the businesses that have participated and made it such a great year. We also want to give a big thank-you to the residents of Manoah Manor, who last year purchased over \$10,000 in gift cards for a profit of \$625! This is the result of one person who spread the word among her contacts. Can you imagine if all 50 of our regular participants did the same? Please contact your rep for any questions or orders!

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For Aldergrove:

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Gift Card Order

Name:

Phone:

Date:

email:

Grocery Stores (always available)				
Name	%	\$	#	Total
IGA	5	50.00		
Safeway	8	50.00		
		100.00		
Save-on-Foods (Pricesmart)	8	50.00		
		100.00		
Superstore	5	50.00		
		100.00		
		250.00		

Coffee & Treats				
Name	%	\$	#	Total
Esquires	10	25.00		
Starbucks	5	10.00		
		25.00		
Tim Hortons	5	10.00		
		25.00		

Restaurants				
Name	%	\$	#	Total
Boathouse	5	25.00		
Boston Pizza	5	25.00		
Cactus Club	10	25.00		
Earl's	7	25.00		
Keg	5	25.00		
Kelsey, Milestones, Montana's, Second Cup	3	25.00		
Moxie's	10	25.00		
Old Spaghetti Factory	5	25.00		
Olive Garden	5	25.00		
Red Robin	5	25.00		
Subway	5	10.00		
White Spot	5	25.00		

Department Stores				
Name	%	\$	#	Total
HBC	3	25.00		
		100.00		
Sears	2	25.00		
		100.00		
Walmart	2	25.00		
		100.00		

Home Improvement				
Name	%	\$	#	Total
Home Depot	2	25.00		
		100.00		
Home Hardware	3	25.00		
		100.00		
Rona	5	25.00		
		100.00		

Specialty Stores				
Name	%	\$	#	Total
American Eagle	5	25.00		
Best Buy	2	25.00		
Canadian Tire	3	25.00		
Chapters	5	25.00		
Chevron	2	25.00		
Children's Place	5	25.00		
iTunes	4	25.00		
LaSenza	7	25.00		
M&M Meat Shops	3	25.00		
Mark's Workwearhouse	5	25.00		
Old Navy	5	25.00		
Petro Canada	2	25.00		
Shopper's Drug Mart	3	25.00		
Spa Utopia	5	50.00		
Sport Chek	4	25.00		
Staples	3	25.00		
Winners	5	25.00		

Send your form to the school (marked Credo Aid)



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Mr. Will VanOene (2019)	Secretary/Finance
Mr. Oliver Hansma (2018)	Treasurer
Mr. Neil Dykstra (2017)	Development
Mrs. Erica Feunekes (2019)	CCHS/SpEd
Mr. Tim Rook (2017)	CCSTA/IT

Education Committee

Mr. Bob Huttema	Mr. Mindert Deboer
Mrs. Mandy Dewit	Mr. Ivan Scheper
Mrs. Wenda Sikma	Mrs. Melissa VanPopta
Mr. Otto Bouwman	Mrs. Jennifer Onderwater

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	Mr. Otto Bouwman

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Staff

Mr. Otto Bouwman	Principal
Mrs. Jennifer Onderwater	VP, Kindergarten B
Ms. Leslie Scholtens	Kindergarten A
Mrs. Mary MacDougal	Grade 1
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Mr. Stephen Chase	Grade 3
Mrs. Debora Minderhoud	Grade 3
Ms. Amy Vanderhoek	Grade 4
Mrs. Linda VanSpronsen	Grade 5
Mrs. Natasja VanRhee	Grade 5
Miss Jenn Harink	Grade 6
Miss Diana Nobel	Grade 7A
Miss Nadine Krikke	Grade 7B
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Miss Mekayla Knol	Music 6,7
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Mrs. Jen Sikma	Mrs. Leona Huttema
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Mrs. Kait Scheper	

Fee Structure 2017-2018

Membership	125.00	Kindergarten	320.00
Elem. (1-3)	530.00	Elem (4-7)	550.00
Junior High	695.00	Senior High	745.00



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Grade 5



September 2017