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BRANCHES

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....



Mike Stam

It seems like a short time ago that we, as Board, were wishing the teachers, students and members a blessed summer vacation. However, as the days now become shorter and the evenings cooler we already find ourselves ready to start a new school year. The time spent resting from the regular pace of school life is enjoyable and relaxing. However, the opportunity to once again take up the task of instructing our covenant children at Credo Christian Elementary School is also something to celebrate. We are very fortunate as members, parents, staff and students to be blessed with such a wonderful school: free to teach about God's beautiful creation and all the wonderful dynamics that exist in it. As we begin another school year let us all remember to pray in thankfulness for all that God has given us, and in request for a blessing on the great tasks laid before us.

We welcome all returning students and extend a special welcome to any new students that will be attending CCES for the first time. There are several families that have moved into the Langley area and are joining our school society. Specifically, we welcome the families of Dave and Tanya Prum, Ken and Susan Stam, Wilfred and Helen Bulhuis, Allan and Leanne Leyenhorst, and Ezeldine Bali and Charity Juma (Clement family). We also extend a welcome to all the families that are sending their first child to kindergarten this year. Although you may have been members for some time, there is always a certain adjustment with sending your first child out to school. We pray this adjustment period may be short for you and your child and that all may go well. We pray that each of the students at CCES may be strengthened to learn well and that they may all grow in the grace and knowledge of our Creator.

The required staffing positions have all been filled and we welcome each of the staff back to school. We hope your summer was a restful one and pray that you will be blessed with a full measure of strength, wisdom and guidance in your tasks here at CCES. A special welcome is made to Miss Jessica Dokter (Grade 3) who is joining us from Ebenezer School (Smithers). We hope that you soon feel at home in our midst. We also welcome returning Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Leslie Scholtens (Starts in January), and Mrs. Leanne Hofsink who has been hired as our new grade 5/7 Physical Education teacher. Mrs. Jane Deglint is not new, but is expanding her teaching repertoire from the music department to now also include some special education duties. We thank her for her willingness to work these extra hours.

As you tour through the school over the next few weeks please take the time to notice the tremendous amount of work that has been completed by the maintenance committee. Members of this committee and their helpful volunteers spent many hours working throughout the summer and especially on the annual "Work Bee". With only a small time frame of two months to work with, it is amazing to see what was accomplished. New bathrooms, freshly painted exterior doors/facia

trim/ outside gym walls, and upgraded basketball back boards are just a few of the many items that were worked on this past summer. A huge THANK YOU to all of those involved!

Improvements throughout the summer also require some extra clean- up work by our janitorial staff. We thank you Fritz and Corrie Dewit for all your work this past summer and wish you all the best in the busy year ahead.

A big thank you should also be extended to Credo Aid and the Playground committee. With a lot of work from volunteers, and finances provided by Credo Aid, we now have a new, brightly coloured, very durable playground. It looks great and will be well used by the students for years to come..

We would also like to highlight the beginning of this school year with a special welcome back to John Roukema. As you are aware, this

September starts the last year of teaching for our principal before he heads into retirement. John, we pray that the Lord gives you all that you require in your tasks here at CCES. May God grant you an enjoyable and memorable year!

As the Board and various committees begin to meet regularly, it would be good of us to also remember these individuals and the tasks that have been set before them. Much time is spent by these members on the affairs of this school. Many decisions are made on behalf of the membership, some of them easier than others. As we enter into a new year it is our prayer that the Lord will guide each of us and grant us the wisdom to govern this school in a way that pleases Him.

To all the students, teachers, volunteers, parents and members may this be a year filled with cooperation, encouragement, and learning.

School Calendar Update



Sept.	7	Labour Day
	8	first day of school Opening Day Assembly in gym (at 10:00 a.m.) K-Meeting (at 9:00 a.m. in the K-room) New Members Orientation (11:00 a.m.)
	21	school photos (K-7)
	22	alternate K-class photos
Oct.	6	Thanksgiving Day assembly



You are invited to join us for our
Opening Assembly

Tuesday, September 8, 2009
10:00 a.m. in the CCES gym

Our School Theme for 2009-2010 is

"I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders"

(Ps. 9:1)

Principal's Report



John A. Roukema

Another summer has come to pass. Students and teachers are eager to "get the show on the road" once again; it's time to get back into the rhythm of our normal daily affairs. And so, teachers were back at it for the last week (or two) to get their respective classrooms in order and to prepare their teaching/learning plans for the year. And ready we are! We thank God for his care over us during the past summer and for his guidance in preparing for another school year. We pray that God's Spirit will continue to go with us as we, teachers, students, and parents "travel" through another year of learning about his world and his works.

This year's school theme will focus on God's works and his wonders: "I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders" (Ps. 9:1). In spite of all our adversities in life, yet we will praise our Lord God. Indeed, during the past year or so there were many upheavals: a recessionary economy, causing much unemployment in some sectors; natural disasters, such as storms and forest fires. Some may have experienced serious illness or death in the family or among other loved ones. In other parts of the world we hear of war and strife and many lives lost. Many poor people around the world continue to live in poverty or be oppressed by ruthless land lords. In spite of all these things, we will praise the LORD, we will tell of his wonders and sing praises to his name. Because the Lord reigns forever and he will judge the world in righteousness. He is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in time of trouble, and he will never forsake those who seek him. We invite you all to come and join us in assembly --- starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8 --- as we open the 2009-2010 school-year.

Maintenance Matters

The title can be interpreted in two ways: "matters" can be read as a noun and therefore mean that reference is being made to matters

concerning the maintenance of the school. "Matters" can also be interpreted as a verb, meaning that it matters that we maintain our school facilities for the benefit of our students. And so we take note of some maintenance matters that will matter to us as students, teachers, and parents.

- As you drive in you should note the freshly painted walls of the gym. You should also note that the old fence along the driveway has been taken down and that a new (and higher) fence erected. You should also note fresh paint on the fascia boards and other exterior areas.
- Once inside, aside from the regular summer cleaning (thanks Corrie and Frits!) you will note a new and lowered drinking fountain by the boys' washroom.
- The big job was done in the boys and girls washrooms. A new floor was laid, urinals and toilet bowls were replaced, stall partitions were repainted, the walls and ceilings were repainted, and new sinks inserted. Great job! Debbie Travis and Mike Holmes would be proud.
- On the other side of the school building your eyes will pop out at the sight of the new playground centre, compliments of Credo Aid and a maintenance crew. This, no doubt, will grab the students' attention for quite some time. Try to supervise that one on the first day of school!

All in all, quite an activity-filled summer for many of you. A heartfelt thank-you to all who participated in these maintenance matters. You know to whom these matter the most.

New Families/Students

The CCES community welcomes several new families and students:

- Wilfred and Helen Bulthuis, from the WOCS, Cloverdale: Jodi (gr. 3); Derek (gr. 7)
- Ezeldine Bali and Charity Juma: The Clement family has 4 students transferring from the John Calvin School, Yarrow, BC: Emmanuel (gr. 1), Ann (grade 2), Dan and Ran (gr. 7)

- Ken and Susan Stam are also transferring from the JCS, Yarrow, BC: Shawn (gr. 1)
- Dave and Tanya Pruiim are moving in from Winnipeg Immanuel, Man.: Emma (gr. 1), Brooklyn (gr. 4), Spencer (gr. 5)
- Al and Leanne Leyenhorst are transferring from JCS, Yarrow, BC: Kaycie (K); Luke (gr. 1); Samantha (gr. 3); Levi (gr. 5)

A hearty welcome to you! It is our sincere prayer that these families and their students will readily adjust to their new school and be active participants in our school community. We pray that this school community will be a caring and sharing community to you.

While I have your attention, newcomers, please be notified that you are invited to a school orientation session for new members, immediately following the Opening Assembly on Tuesday, Sept. 8

The CCES community also welcomes new teachers:

- Jessica Dokter will be assuming the grade 3 teaching responsibilities. Originally from Ontario, Jessica has two years of experience in the Smithers Can Ref School.
- Mrs. Jane Deglint is not new but she will be adding teaching responsibilities to her repertoire: she will assume a 60% FTE position in the Special Education department. This is in addition to her 20% Music teaching responsibilities.
- Leanne Hofsink will assume the Physical Education duties in grades 5& 7
- Leslie Scholtens (Kang) is back for another year of Kindergarten teaching

A hearty welcome to you all. We hope and pray that God will give you the guidance and strength needed for your responsibilities here at CCES.

Class	# of students	Teacher
K1	13	Mrs. Jennifer Onderwater, Ms. Leslie Scholtens (Jan. 2010)
K2	12	Mrs. Jennifer Onderwater
1	24	Mrs. Mary MacDougal
2	25	Mrs. Diane Vanderboom
3	21	Miss Jessica Dokter
4	24	Mr. Michael Van
5	17	Mr. John Roukema/Mrs. Linda VanSpronsen (see below)
6	18	Mr. Jerry Scholtens
7	25	Miss Rachel .Vanderhorst
SpEd/LA		Mrs. Deb Huttema
SEA		Mrs. Allison Vandeburgt
TA		Miss Emily Boot
TA		Mrs. Jacqueline Spoor
Music gr. 4-7, TA		Mrs. Jane Deglint
PE gr. 5 & 7		Mrs. Leanne Hofsink
Total Enrollment	179	

The grade 5 teaching arrangements. will be as follows:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
a.m.	Mr. J. Roukema	Mr. J. Roukema	Mrs. L. VanSpronsen	Mr. J. Roukema	Mrs. L. VanSpronsen
p.m.	Mrs. J. Deglint Music	Mrs. L. Hofsink PE	Mrs. J. Deglint Music	Mrs. L. Hofsink PE	Mrs. L. VanSpronsen
	Mr. J, Roukema	Miss R.Vanderhorst Socials	Mrs. L. VanSpronsen	Miss R.Vanderhorst Socials	

School Closures

Should the school be closed due to inclement weather or adverse road conditions, this information will be relayed to the radio stations CKNW 980 (AM) and Praise 106.5 (FM). We will also post the information on our web site: www.credoces.org and on the phone messaging system at 604-530-1131. However, please note that you will not receive a phone call in the morning.

Assemblies Update

This school year we will not schedule weekly Monday morning devotional assemblies. Teachers will be leading devotions in their own class. Full school assemblies will be conducted for special days; such as, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, etc. (see the 2009-2010 school year calendar).

School Hours

You are reminded that school starts at 8:40 a.m. Please ensure that your child is there by that time. Students not on time will be marked late for the attendance records. We thank you for your support in this matter.

School Calendar Matters

Elsewhere in this issue is the 2009-2010 school calendar. You will note that events, such as special-days assemblies, are noted on this calendar. Kindergarten classes are scheduled for Mondays and Wednesdays of each week and every other Friday, and, for Tuesdays and Thursday and every other Friday. K-parents are invited to attend the Sept. 8 Kindergarten-Evening session with Mrs. Onderwater and Ms Leslie Scholtens who will take time to explain the regular routines of a K-day. Please make it your intent to attend.

Peanut-Free School

You are reminded that CCES has students who are allergic to peanuts. Therefore, CCES is a peanut-free school. Please do not take any products to school that contain peanuts or peanut products as a peanut-allergic reaction could be fatal.

Yard Supervision

Also this year we are asking for volunteers to

help us with noon-hour playground supervision. Please contact the principal if you are able to help us out in this regard.

Rain Recesses.

Please be advised that grade 4-7 students will be outside for recess even if it rains (excluding downpours). We ask that parents be attentive to the weather pattern of the day (week?) and have their children dressed accordingly. Yard supervision will continue during rain-recesses as well.

Reminder

You are again reminded that the following are not allowed at school:

roller blades; wheelies; scooter shoes; shoes that leave black marks; CD players, MP3 players, iphones, cell phones; walkmans.

School Emergency Preparedness

CCES has a school emergency plan in place. This plan outlines the many procedures taken for the health and welfare of the students. School emergencies included such as earthquakes, fire drills, serious accidents, bomb threats, etc.

School emergencies can be tragic and traumatic. For that reason CCES makes every effort to deal with emergencies in an organized and orderly manner as much as that is feasible or possible.

Parents and students should remain informed of the emergency procedures and practices in place at CCES. Should it be the case that the emergency is so severe that students need to be relocated, a Parent-Response Team will be charged with communicating and releasing students. Parents need to be aware that the Parent-Response Team will release only those students to whom authority has been given to pick up. In this case, too, a form will need to be completed by the parents. In most emergencies your children will remain and be cared for at the school. In the rare event of an emergency affecting the school that requires evacuation of the building (e.g., broken gas or water main, a fire, an earthquake, or a toxic spill) students will be transported to the nearest and most appropriate facility (e.g., another school, a local church).

We ask that you follow this procedure if you hear of any school emergency:

1. Turn on your radio to CKNW (980 AM). We will keep the media informed of any emergency.
2. Please do not telephone the school. We have limited phone lines. These lines must be used to respond to the emergency.
3. Please do not come to the school unless requested to pick up your child. Any emergency vehicles and workers must be able to get to the building. If the emergency necessitates relocation of staff and students, you will be informed via the media of the new location.
4. The school principal is the school's spokesperson and as such is responsible for all communication with the media. If the principal is

not available, the vice-principal will assume this role. All requests (from media people) for information about the events surrounding the crisis must be referred to the school's media spokesperson. We need to remember to do all things in good order. The media will try to get their information from wherever and whomever they can. Conflicting information or reports or insufficient or excessive information can easily lead to confusion and alarm. No one is required to be interviewed by the media; if the media wants to interview a teacher, the teacher's permission must be obtained. The media will not be allowed access to students or to roam the hallways or the grounds of the school.

Credo Aid Update



Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a fabulous summer holiday and are ready to dive into another exciting year of fundraising with us!

New board member: We'd like to welcome our newest board member, Angela DeBoer! You will have a chance to meet her and the rest of the board at the first Credo Aid general meeting, date to be announced soon.

Playground: The long talked-about, long-planned playground was installed over the summer months! We thank our heavenly Father for blessing our fundraising efforts and making this exciting addition to our schoolyard possible! We also thank everyone for all of their faithful fundraising efforts over the time it took to raise the necessary funds. Thank you!

Certificates: Remember these? Still our best fundraiser! We're sure that you're running low after a long, hot summer. Time to stock up! Please contact Shauna Stam @ 604.514.9805 or fill in the form to order today! Aldergrove church contact: Pearl Hoff; Willoughby Church contact:

Fiona Jansen. Please help us continue to support this wonderful program! If you're new to our school, please contact Shauna Stam with any questions.

Room mothers needed: Credo Aid is looking for room mothers for the new school year. We are in need of 2 mothers per grade. So far, we already have one mother signed up for grade 2, but are in need of many more. Please email or call Amy Rypstra @ 604.534.8786 or larypstra@shaw.ca if you'd like to help out in your child's classroom, or have any questions. Thank you!

Entertainment Books: These will be coming home with your children on the first week of school...a great source of valuable coupons and discounts, and a great fundraiser too!

Upcoming fundraisers: We have many other fun things planned for the fall: watch out for beautiful flower bulbs and delicious veggie packs!

See you all soon!
Your Credo Aid Board

CCES Supply List	grades 4&5	grades 6&7
3 ring binder 1 1/2" We will not accept or use big, humongous, zippered binders	1	2
looseleaf paper	✓	✓
binder dividers	✓	✓
HB pencils	✓	✓
erasers	✓	✓
pencil crayons	✓	✓
crayons	optional	
blue or black pens	✓	✓
red pen	✓	✓
pencil case	✓	✓
glue stick	✓	✓
Math notebooks/quad ruled/spiral back (2)	✓	✓
metric ruler	✓	✓
Grade 3: Please do not purchase notebooks, duo-tangs, glue sticks, portfolios or scissors. These items will be provided by the school		
Kindergarten, Grade 1 & 2: Please do not bring your own pencils, crayons, supplies, etc. These are purchased by the school. Activity centres will make use of communal supply boxes. Gr. 1 & 2 : Please buy some whiteboard markers for your child to use on his/her personal whiteboard. When buying indoor shoes, velcro or zipper closures are a much better choice than laces since students need to take them on and off each recess.		

Children's Theatre Group

As previously announced we are looking for eager young actors/singers (ages 8-15) to audition for a fun and exciting musical "The Elves and the Shoemaker"!!

Audition Information

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Time: 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: John Calvin School gym

Be prepared: to Sing "Oh Canada" and a Memorize Recitation of at least 4 lines (please bring a hard copy)

Note: a Parent or Guardian MUST attend audition. (if this is not possible, please contact the director) Please also bring your filled in Audition Form (contact a committee member for a paper form or email us for a form you can print out)

First Practice: Wednesday, October 7, 2009 3:45 pm - 5:30 (beginning time to accommodate those coming from the western part of the valley)

Please bring \$25 as a participation fee to cover costs (script, music, royalties, costumes, etc)

Don't want to ACT but still want to be involved ... kids, teens, adults alike!!

Key positions now available: pianist, treasurer, bargain costume shoppers, stage hands, artists, etc. For more information or to sign up, let us know!

For further information, contact us! Wendy Winkelaar (director) at 604-870-4838, Darlene Flokstra at 604-823-6520 or Jennifer Flokstra at 604-702-9883 or email us at elves.shoemaker@gmail.com

CCES School Calendar 2009-2010

Aug.	31	Staff meeting/orientation	
Sept	1-4	prep week	
	8	first day of school	
	21/22	school pictures	
Oct.	5	Thanksgiving Assembly	
	8 & 9	CTA Convention	no school
	12	Thanksgiving Day	no school
	26	Reformation Day Assembly	
	28	School membership meeting	
	31	Reformation Day	
Nov.	09	Remembrance Day Assembly	no school
	11	Remembrance Day	
	26	Report Cards	
	27	Professional Development Day	no school
	30	Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)	
Dec.	2	Parent-Teacher Conferences (evening)	
	14	Christmas Assembly	
	18	last day before Christmas Break	
	21-Jan 1	Christmas break	
Jan.	4	first day of school after Christmas Break	
	28	Science/Art Open House	
	29	Professional Development Day	no school
Feb	15	Change for a Change Assembly	
	26	Professional Development Day (combined)	
Mar.	3	Report Cards	
	4	Parent -Student Conferences (evening)	
	5	Parent -Student Conferences (all day)	
	8-19	March Break	
	22	first day of school after March Break	
April	1	Easter Concert	
	2	Good Friday	no school
	4	Easter	
	5	Easter Monday	no school
	30	Public Speaking Contest	
May	13	Ascension Day	
	17	Ascension/Pentecost Assembly	
	21	Grade 8 day	
	23	Pentecost	
	24	Victoria Day	no school
	26	School membership meeting	
	28	Sports Day	
June	21-24	Grade 7 Victoria Trip	
	25	last day of school; Report Cards; Graduation	
	28 & 29	Teacher Administrative days	



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Fee Structure 2008-2009

Membership	100.00
Kindergarten	240.00
Elementary (1-3)	430.00
Elementary (4-7)	450.00
Junior High	575.00
Senior High	625.00

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