



# In Touch

By Mrs. A. Benjamins, Librarian

Although Calvin Christian School has had a website for a number of years, it was ready for a change. After a few busy months of preparation, CCS launched its new website on August 15, 2007.

Many parents and students have already been on the new website, and initial feedback is

are four different levels of registration: community member, parent, student or staff member. You can register for a login and password on the homepage of the website. After you receive the confirmation email, and confirm the information you submitted, you are given access to secure areas of the website. The amount of access depends on the level of registration. This

website can find extensive information about the school, such as membership requirements and tuition structure. CCS parents and students have access to weekly updates and news posted in the individual classrooms. As teachers become more familiar with the new website, they are using the classroom pages to upload information like Monday notes and review sheets. As in

the past, homework for grades 7 & 8 is listed on the Grade 7 & 8 Homework Club page. The Events Calendar has events posted for the entire school year, for easy access to information such as dates for Spring Break, sports tournaments, and other school related events. The Library page lists kid-friendly search engines, website resources, and great websites for specific projects.



that the new website is attractive, easy to navigate, and makes information available that parents, students and community members are looking for.

As with the original website, a registration for a login and password is required. Please note that the registrations from the previous website are not valid on the new website. Currently, there

is done to ensure privacy for our students, making classroom news and photo albums available only to people who have been granted secure access.

The new features of this website are exciting, both for the CCS community, and for those who are curious about Calvin Christian School. Visitors to the

The new website is a great tool for communication within the CCS community. It has also been designed to make a memorable first impression for those trying to find out what Calvin Christian School has to offer. We think you will be impressed. Check us out @ ccs.hamilton.ca.

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## Mission Statement

*The mission of Calvin Christian School is to assist parents by providing for each student a Bible based elementary education in a supportive Christian classroom community that nurtures growth in knowledge, maturity and commitment to God for sharing in the life and work of His people in the world.*

# Principal's Ponderings

We enjoyed a very good start to our new school year. Our opening assembly was well attended by parents and friends. While the parents were waiting for the assembly to begin, they had the opportunity to view a video showing some of the highlights from last year. Yes, it was delightful to see once again such a wonderful array of programs and activities implemented throughout the school year. Many of our students were involved in spelling bees, Battle of the Books, sport tournaments, concert band, chamber choir, drama presentations, food and clothing drives, intramurals, Student Council, science fair, field trips, service projects... the list goes on! In the meantime, they also benefitted from quality academic education (the very good results of our Canadian Tests of Basic Skills, for example, support this point)! Most importantly, students received biblical instruction on a daily basis. This took place through devotions, assemblies, Bible classes, and biblical perspectives applied to the topics at hand. The year 2007-2008 will bring much of the same, the Lord willing!

At this time last year our students raised about \$17,000 for the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope. This year we will participate in Jump Rope for Heart to raise funds for heart/stroke treatment. But, as I reflect on the many ways our students learn to help others in our society, I cannot help but think about the last provincial election and the issue of faith-based funding. The government of Ontario could have, at the very least, done more to convey moral support for what Christian schools do to make Ontario a better place. We do educate our children to serve our God by being good and productive citizens in Ontario. As a sidebar, I regret the misleading comments (re. sociological repercussions and money drained from public schools) from some of the media and various political parties. It is always good to place our trust in God alone; he does not disappoint.

An important highlight from last year is that CCS achieved accreditation with the Canadian Hallmarks Institute (web site: [www.canadianhallmarksinstitute.ca](http://www.canadianhallmarksinstitute.ca) and check out the school profiles.) We

met CHI standards in the areas of governance, philosophy, administration, finances, curriculum, students, teachers, facilities, school culture and community relations. Accreditation serves to assure you that we are discharging our responsibilities properly. Ultimately, accreditation affirms that

*"...we are celebrating our new theme: One Body, Many Parts; One Spirit, Many Gifts."*

we are effectively engaging our mission statement. We know that we are wholly dependent on our God and so we ask Him to provide for all our needs to the glory of His name.

Currently, our family numbers are at budget projections and we praise God. Our total enrolment (448 students, including Jubilee School) is slightly higher than last year. Enrolment may fluctuate but our mission remains unchanged. CCS exists to essentially provide children of our supporting community with a Bible based education within a Christian environment.

During this school year, we are celebrating our new theme: "One Body, Many Parts; One Spirit, Many Gifts." This theme comes from two main Bible passages: Romans 12:4-8 and 1 Corinthians 12. Our plan is to explore and engage spiritual topics that relate to our arms, hands, mouth, brain, ears, feet and eyes. For example, the month of October saw a focus on our 'arms' and through our arms we can be 'sharing'.

We enjoy again and again the superb work of our many committee members, volunteers and staff members. Your efforts greatly contribute to making CCS a viable Christian school – offering quality Christian education. We give thanks to God for your competent and dedicated work. We extend a special welcome to Judy VanderWindt, our new Jubilee School teacher, and wish her God's blessings as she takes on her new tasks. During the past year, God has been pleased to provide Geraldine DeBoer with healing mercies as she has recovered from the effects of treatments designed to fight a brain tumour. Geraldine has resumed some of her responsibilities in the school's front office. Praise be to God!

Please pray that our vision and mission may be blessed, and that our students may be "thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:17.



## Calendar of Events

December 3	Hosanna Choir CCS Concert @ Rehoboth URC @7:45 p.m.
December 21	Christmas Assembly @ 9:00 a.m.
December 21	Last day of classes.
January 7	School resumes.

# Board Report

Greetings from the Board of Directors.

The beginning of another school year means a new term has begun for the board of directors as well. We welcome Mark Bassie, Marlene Knevel, Mike Steenbeek and Rob Vertesi to our table. The board chair has been passed from Henry Schilthuis to Tom Scott. A full list of board members and their various committee responsibilities is included in the telephone directory for your reference. Please feel free to speak to any these individuals or committees should you have a question or concern relating to a particular aspect of the school's operation. If you would like to direct a comment or query to the board directly, please contact the board secretary, Allan Buist, at (905) 772-9003 or [allan.alice@mountaincable.net](mailto:allan.alice@mountaincable.net), or drop us a note care of the school office. One of the

stated goals for this board term is to improve the lines of communication between the school's governance and its membership. A great forum for this communication to take place is at our regular membership meetings. Please mark Wednesday, November 28 on your calendar for the fall membership meeting and Wednesday, May 21, 2008 for our spring membership meeting.

Besides the regular work of overseeing of the school organization, the board has a number of special projects on its agenda for the current school year. We have recently undertaken a study to determine the feasibility of running a capital fundraising drive to significantly reduce or eliminate the school's debt. For the first time we have engaged an external accounting firm to audit our financial statements in accordance with

government requirements for charitable corporations. We are working on a strategic plan to chart out the board's view of where we believe the school should grow and develop over the next five years.

We praise God for the blessings which He is pouring down upon our school. Enrollment continues to increase, with a total of 239 families currently sending children to CCS. We have an experienced and devoted staff that is continually ranked by parents as the school's most valuable asset. While the recent political discourse surrounding funding for faith-based schools was disconcerting for many of us, we give thanks that God has continued to provide for our ongoing financial needs. In these and so many other ways, He has shown himself faithful to generations of the CCS family.



# CCS Computer Committee

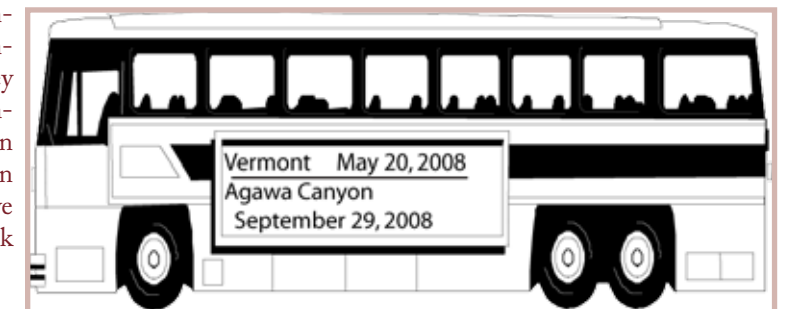
By Miss W. Wierenga

One Body - Many Parts; One Spirit - Many Gifts. That's our school theme this year. It takes many parts, or committees and individuals to keep CCS humming. Computers have become a big and growing part of the curriculum here. The lab is booked all day. Computers are now a vital means of communication. Report cards are computerized. Internet research offers endless possibilities. Computers allow financial and administrative record-keeping to be efficient. All of this would not be possible without a team of

dedicated and gifted people offering their time and expertise in countless hours of behind-the-scenes work. The inevitable trouble-shooting and updating are essential to keeping things operating smoothly. We sincerely appreciate the volunteer work done by our Computer Committee: Audrey and John Benjamins, Arn Boonstra, Glen Horning, Dave Rumph, Derek

Schuurman. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer may contact Arn Boonstra. It offers great learning opportunities.

Thank you very much! You're a gifted and valuable part of our body!



## BUS TOURS IN SUPPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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# TRIP

The Tuition Reduction Incentive Program has been operating for several years now. It is not only a superb fundraiser for the school, it also allows parents to get a discount on their tuition payment. Since September of this year, \$12,000 has been raised, much of it through or-

inary purchases at stores, restaurants, gas stations. If you'd like to get on board, or learn more about it, please call Mrs. Lisa DeKok, the coordinator, at 905-318-1659 or email her at [ccstriporders@sympatico.ca](mailto:ccstriporders@sympatico.ca). She'd love to tell you about it.

# Sports @ CCS

## CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

By Mrs. L. Sennema

We woke to the sound of rumbling thunder, but the skies gradually cleared as we made preparations for the 31st annual All-Ontario Cross Country Meet in the Dundas Valley Conservation Area. An early morning walk-through revealed clear, dry trails and a small family of deer that would soon be gone as the pounding of hundreds of feet would fly through their quiet forest.

The weather remained dry and balmy as 21 schools arrived from across southern Ontario and 450 students prepared for their races. After weeks of training, our CCS team ran well. Several individuals deserve special mention as they were among the top runners in their race. Out of the 119 junior girls running, Lorelei Wiebe placed 9th, Christina Kloet - 20th, Sierra Bassie - 25th and Colette Schotsman - 28th. For the junior boys, Kevin VanderMeer placed 12th out of 114 runners. Of the 105 senior boys who ran, Mackenzie Koning placed 5th, Derek Ellens was 11th, Bryan Mostert - 26th and Greg Kippers was 30th. The senior girls had a very strong team this year. All six runners placed within the top quarter of the 94 total runners. Audrey DeWeerd was 3rd, Nancy Fynn-Sackey

was 5th, Laura Mulder -11th, Bethany Schilthuis -14th, Chelsea Brouwer - 15th and Chantelle Heeg was 22nd. You can just imagine seeing those CCS jerseys coming in, one after another!

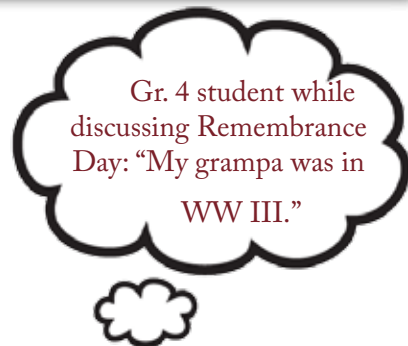
Team Results were also impressive! Both the Junior Girls and the Senior Boys placed 3rd overall. And the Senior Girls came

ted volunteers. Special thanks go to Mrs. Hagen, Mrs. Hornsveld, Mrs. Voorberg, Mrs. Langendoen, Mrs. Ellens, Mrs. Wiebe, Mrs. Vertesi, Mr. Earls, and Mrs. Mostert for helping out this year. We're glad that you stayed dry, and could join us in celebrating the determination and amazing abilities of some fine young athletes.



in first! With such great individual and team scores, it was no surprise to hear that Hamilton's CCS team won the tournament trophy once again. This is our 6th consecutive win. So CONGRATULATIONS all!

Since our school hosts this event each year, we would like to offer special thanks to Mr. Veldhuis who has coordinated the event once again. We could not run the event without the help of our commit-



Gr. 4 student while discussing Remembrance Day: "My grampa was in WW III."

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# Sports @ CCS

## BOY'S SOCCER

By Derek Ellens, Gr. 8A

CCS boys did very well in the soccer tournament on Oct. 2. The team was made up of Greg Kippers, our captain, Mackenzie Koning, Ryan Kippers, Ben Langendoen, Lucas Van Beek, Steve Voorberg, Nathan Hartman, David Scott, Braedon Lenters, Lucas Bouwers, Bryan Mostert, Trevor Spoelstra, Zach Fennema, Nick Lodewyks, Derek Ellens, and our manager, Isaac Bates.

We ended up playing four games in total. In our first game we played a close game

against Heritage. After we scored once, both teams played defensively and the final score was 1-0 Hamilton. We played Dunnville in the second game and the final score was 7-0 Hamilton. In the third game we faced Smithville and the teams were very evenly matched. Smithville scored two goals in the first half. Our team was shocked to have a team scored against us but the coaches told us it wasn't over yet. We responded by scoring two goals with five minutes left. This made us even with Smithville for games won. We almost had to go into a tiebreaker game, but when the points were added up,

Hamilton came out on top. So we went to the finals pumped for victory. The opposing team was St. Catharines and they were a very strong team. The game started off with St. Catharines scoring three goals in the first half. It was downhill from there. They scored four more goals to make it a 7-0 win for St. Catharines. Our team did great and we'd like to thank the coaches Mr. Boonstra and Mr. Langendoen for doing a great job and for supplying us with an exorbitant amount of Gatorade. We came in second place, had no injuries, and overall, had a terrific day!

## SENIOR GIRLS' SOCCER TOURNAMENT

By Coach, Mrs. A. Lammers

We were so close. The first place position was within our grasp but we lost by a point! The girls of the CCS Senior Girls' Soccer team played great! They were truly a team with good offensive cooperation and defensive determination. We also had a talented goalie. With dry field conditions and cooler weather, it really was an enjoyable day to play.

It was a day for scoring. With thirteen goals total there were many reasons to cheer and encourage! The "warm-up" game against Smithville was won 2-1. The second game, against Fruitland was a victory of 5-0 followed by a lengthy break for lunch. The final game, which helped secure our position in the championship game, was a solid defeat of St. Catharines with a score of 6-0. It was very enjoyable watching the girls work together as a solid team: passing, defending, pushing forward, supporting....

The championship game required much determination and perseverance as energy levels waned and spirits sagged following Heritage's point. Yet, the girls rallied, came very close to scoring and worked hard to defend our net with some great saves! Special mention goes to Michelle VanderMeer, who maintained several game shut outs!

It was a pleasure to watch you play, team! It was a pleasure to coach you.

## JUNIOR SOCCER

By coaches, Miss W. Smeding and Mrs. K. Taekema

After a foggy start on Thursday, Oct. 4, the Junior soccer team came out blazing. With absolutely amazing goal tending, superb goals and fantastic passing, the team had three wins and one loss in regular play. This was enough to get us into the final game. With a 1-1

tie after regular time, we began the overtime. Unfortunately, the other team scored a goal in the first minute. On the whole it was a great day. The team members were very dedicated in coming to 8 practices in 9 days and pulled it all together for the tournament. The team members were: Tim Payne, Derek Bevaart, Christina Kloet, Monica Ha, Tim Dada, Zach Hobers, Joel Bates, Teri Hartman, Danielle V., Lorelei

Wiebe, Sidney deGroot, Thomas Brouwer, Laura Heeg, Christina denBoer, Colette Schotsman, Kevin VanderMeer, and Derek Steenbeek. Many thanks to all the parents for their support, and special thanks to those who drove and cheered for us on the tournament day.

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**NO LONGER PRIMARY STUDENTS**  
By Serena Hosmar and Lynne Bruulsema, Gr. 4A

Grade four is a big change from the primary grades. Some things that are different are getting gym clothes, learning to play the recorder, and not being part of the primary choir. We feel special because we now are able to play in a lot more areas on the playground. We are also able to join new clubs for the first time: Cross Country, Bell Choir, Recorder Choir, Battle of the Books, and of course the Newspaper Club. We congratulate Trevor VanderMeer for being the only student from grade four to earn a spot on the CCS Cross Country team. There are things that we do not enjoy. For one, we are now considered to be too old for library stories. And the tests are quite a bit harder. Many

of us actually need to study for tests and to do HOMEWORK! Mekiah Capon likes being a "step higher" now that she is a junior student. Nicole Elgersma likes the fact that an agenda is written on the chalkboard each day. The students in Mr. Boer's class like being upstairs with "the big kids". We are growing up quickly.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
By Bethany Mostert and Ally Bevan, Gr. 4B

Look around the great world our God created. Everyday it becomes more and more polluted. Help take care of the world. Maybe if you live by a pond or a small lake you can take out all of the garbage. You can plant trees so the animals can have a home. You and your friends can keep your neighbourhood clean by picking up litter. Maybe you can walk or bike to school. This will spare the air of car exhaust fumes. Taking showers instead of baths will save water and hydro. In Grade 4B, we watched a movie by Dr. Seuss called "The Lorax." In it we learned what happens when we become greedy. So let's be more like the Lorax who "spoke for the trees" and not like the greedy Onceler who was always "figgering on biggering." Give a hoot, don't pollute!

**HEPATITIS SHOTS - PART OF THE GRADE 7 EXPERIENCE**  
By Jacoba Buist and Mekiah Capon, Gr. 4A

On Friday, October 12, students in grade 7 got their hepatitis shots. We, Mekiah Capon and Jacoba Buist, interviewed a couple of them. Most of the students said that they felt okay, nervous, or fine. Neisje Bassie said, "I feel nervous and I don't really want to get this shot." And then she smiled through the

whole process. Jenna Buist said, "Actually I want to get this shot just to be safe and not sick." After the shots, they told us that their arms felt heavy. They were given candy suckers afterward. The hepatitis shots are necessary because they help prevent liver disease which may lead to cancer. There are three types of hepatitis including Hepatitis A, B, and C. The shot the students got prevents hepatitis B. This year almost all of the students made it without fainting. I hope I don't faint when I get the shot.

**SPELLING BEE**  
By Esther VanderMeulen, Gr. 4B

This is the second year that I am participating in the Spelling Bee. As a school, CCS has been doing the Niagara District Spelling Bee for the last three years. Mrs. Guldemon has helped to put the Spelling Bee together to give kids who are good spellers a challenge. The spelling bee is an afternoon tournament that is like other clubs such as the Battle of the Books Club. The words are chosen by a spelling committee. First there is an "in class" spelling bee. Students have to learn how to spell 44 words. Classes in grades 4-8 each have a spelling bee and the top four winners from each grade compete in the CCS Spelling Bee. Then the two best spellers from each grade are chosen to compete in the Niagara District Spelling Bee held here at CCS. The winners have to learn a lot more words yet. The rules are that when you spell a word, you cannot start over unless you are spelling the same letters over again. You must also say the word before you spell it. I hope I do as well this year as I did last year.



## Student Work

**NIAGARA FALLS - HOLY GROUND?**  
By Mr. T. Boer

Students in grade four had October 10th circled on their calendars for some time. That was the day that they were to visit Queenston Heights and Niagara Falls. The purpose of the trip was to consider whether Canada was "holy ground." The idea for the trip was suggested by the writers of the curriculum currently being taught in our Socials classes entitled "Expedition Canada." What better place to visit than Niagara Falls? And while the ground may not appear as "holy" as the ground Moses was standing on when God called him from the burning bush, students and adult chaperones agreed that Niagara Falls was one of God's creation wonders. As a group of eight to ten students stood overlooking the Falls I asked, "Well, what do you think kids? Is this a holy ground moment?" Their response, a simultaneous and enthusiastic "Yes!" Here are some journal excerpts from 4B:

I got a Canada Goose to eat out of my hand. At the greenhouse we saw turtles fighting over a rock. I learned that Sir Isaac Brock fought for Canada against the Americans. My Dad said that when he was a teenager, he was allowed to climb up the Brock Monument.  
By Simon Hordyk, Gr. 4B

I learned that Niagara Falls is a very popular place. My friends and I noticed people there that came from Spain, Japan, Korea, India, and Mexico. The population of Niagara Falls is 82,202 people. The purpose of the Maid of the Mist is to get up close to the Falls. Niagara

Falls is also very polluted- beer bottles, kleenex, water bottles, styrofoam and paper littered the grass and sidewalks.  
By Aaron Boonstra, Gr. 4B

It took us a long time to get there but it was worth it! We got to see the Falls through a looking thing after Alison put her money into it. The greenhouse had beautiful flowers and pretty birds. I had a great time.  
By Nicole VanderWindt, Gr. 4B

Niagara Falls was very cool. We saw the Maid of the Mist and a ship that was stranded for a long time.

The Falls had a lot of mist and huge rapids. It was very loud.  
By Tyler Veld, Gr. 4B

I think that Canada is holy ground because God is everywhere. I can think of an example of "holy ground." I was at my cousin's house and we were playing a game called Sardines. I was hiding with my cousin Shawn when all of a sudden we saw three shooting stars speed across the sky. Psalm 24 verse one says, "All of the earth is the Lord's and everything in it." And this includes Canada.  
By Seth Hogeterp, Gr. 4B



**Willy Nilly**  
By Grade 1B

Milly went to Piccadilly and bought some piccalilli...

Jessica went to the mall to buy a ball.

Meagan went to the States to get some plates.

Liam went to the trees and got some leaves.

Alicia went to the mall and bought a new doll.

Eddie went to Mars to buy some chocolate bars.

Carson went to the mall to buy a soccer ball.

Alysha went to the States and got some gates.

Sarah went to the food mart to buy a tart.

Ryan went to Wal-Mart to get a new part.

Matthew went to Toys R Us and bought a new bus.

Anna went to the woods to buy some goods.

Maaikie went to Mars to get some 'R's.

Meaghan went to the book store to buy some more.

Justin went to Limeridge mall to buy a new football.

William went to the shop to buy some pop.

Justin went to the store to buy a '4'.

Ezra went to the outlet to get a new pet.

Noah went to town to buy a paper crown.

Ashton went to Mars to buy some cars.

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# Student Work

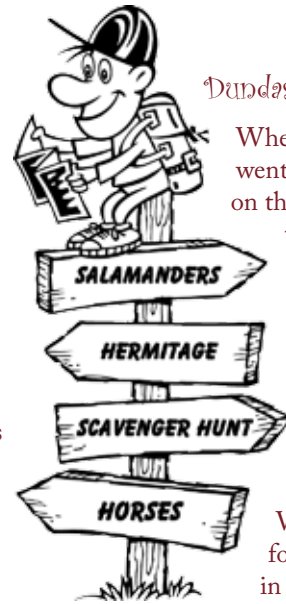
Instructions during grade one PE class: "Try to throw your ball up really straight and then catch it."

Gr. 1 student: "I'm doing it right, but my ball isn't."

During election day when our school was being used as a polling station a grade 3 student asked: "Are all these people coming to vote for our Student Council?"

## My Trip to Dundas Conservation Area

On my trip I played games. I played a game called sugar cubes where we had to carry sugar cubes from one person to another. I also played a game where we had to see how much water we could drink and think about how much a tree could drink. Trees beat us! I played another game where we made parts of a tree with our bodies and the different parts made different sounds. I played one last game where we had to drop paper onto a plate and see how many fell on the plate. This showed the leaves falling on the good ground. After that I played tag. We had to wear an arm band and when we got caught we had to take it off and sit down. I had a wonderful trip.  
By Hannah Stillman, Gr. 3B



## Dundas Valley

When we went to Dundas Valley we went to the Hermitage. We climbed on the rocks and had a good view of the old house. We had a scavenger hunt. We looked for pinecones, leaves, bugs under a log, and bark. When we looked under a log we saw a salamander. It was black with a red stripe on its back. We saw two big horses. One was black and the other one was brown. When we went by the stream we found a mitten with blue stripes in the stream. When we had tree-olympics we played lots of games.

I had a great time at Dundas Valley.  
By Kirsten Eggink, Gr. 3B

## The Dundas Valley

My favourite part of our field trip to the Dundas Valley was seeing the spot-

ted salamander. I also liked seeing the blue salamander and the red salamander. I enjoyed playing on the ruins of the Hermitage. The Hermitage was built by Mr. Leith. It was destroyed by fire. One of the Leith children, Mrs. Lauder, built a new house inside the ruins. I also liked the horses. At the springs I found a fish. My mom was my group leader.  
By Jonah Buist, Gr. 3B

## Our Trip

My favourite part was the walk. We got to see nice leaves and salamanders. It was cool to see the ruins. I liked the train station where we ate lunch. We saw a train and we got to go on the track. We saw horses that were very tall! They were cool. We also went on a scavenger hunt. We got all the things done.  
Victoria ten Brinke, Gr. 3B

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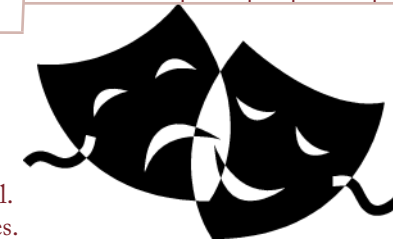
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## GRADE 6

In literature class we have been discussing the issue of perspective and how it takes on different meanings based upon the experiences and situations that we find ourselves in. Here are a couple of perspective poems based on a student's life in grade 6. Enjoy!  
By Mr. J. Hosmar

Being a student  
is a pain.  
I'm a student  
I'll gladly explain.  
I'm up way too early to get ready for school.  
I feed and let the dog out one or more times.  
Then I brush my hair, then go to the bus stop, and wait for the bus.  
When I get to school we have to do math.  
Then I come back in from recess and have to do my worst subject, Grammar.  
Next we might have to do a project.  
Then I have to get on the bus again.  
Before I go to bed I have to do my homework.  
Truly the student's life is the worst of lives.



Leah Koning, Gr. 6B

Being a student  
is a joy  
I'm a student  
I'll gladly explain.  
I wake in the morning and listen to music.  
I eat.  
Then I play.  
Outside I play basketball.  
Then I eat go out to play some more for recess.  
And maybe we get to go to the computer lab or the library.  
Finally we get to do gym, my favourite subject.  
When I get home I watch television and go to bed.  
Truly the student's life is the best.

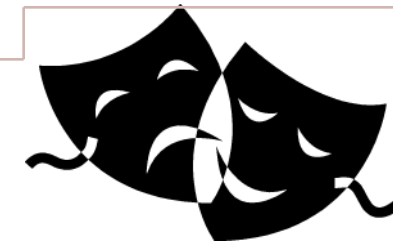
Being a student  
is a pain.  
I'm a student  
I'll gladly explain.  
I'm up at 7:00 making my bed  
Then I do spelling, math, composition, and grammar.  
Cleaning the desks, getting rid of the grime.  
I don't even have time that's mine.  
The rest of the day is quite a rush  
Then I go to the bus; it is a rush.  
Then I get on the bus.  
Then I unpack my lunch- not my idea of fun.  
Then when I get tired,  
I empty the dishwasher.  
Then I have a shower.  
Truly, a student's is the worst of all lives.



By Sarah Van Beek, Gr. 6B

Being a student  
is a joy  
I'm a student  
I'll gladly explain.  
When I wake up, I eat  
I'm clothed  
Then I do art and gym.  
The best part of the day is when I hear the teacher say we are going to the library.  
The rest of my day is very fun.  
Very, Very, Very Fun.  
I'm kissed and I'm hugged  
when I get off the bus.  
When I'm done with the kisses and hugs.  
I retire.  
for the rest of the day.  
Truly, a student's life is the best of all lives.

Being a student  
is a pain.  
I'm a student  
I'll gladly explain.  
I wake up  
then I feed the cats then I do the dishes  
I eat breakfast fast so I can do the laundry  
then I pack my bag and vacuum quickly  
my dad takes me to school  
then at school we work all day with no rest  
then I come home and feed the turtle  
then I go to bed dreading the next day  
surely a kid's life is the worst of lives.



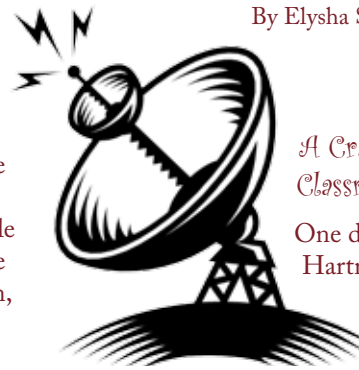
By Joel Bates, Gr. 6B

Being a student  
is a joy  
I'm a student  
I'll gladly explain.  
I wake up and feed the turtle  
then eat and play computer  
then I pack my bag  
my dad drives me to school  
We work a little bit  
then we get a rest  
then we work a little and rest a little more  
then I get picked up from school and  
unpack my bag and eat a snack  
then I go to bed waiting for the next day  
surely a kid's life is the the best of all lives.

# Student Work

## A Crazy Classroom

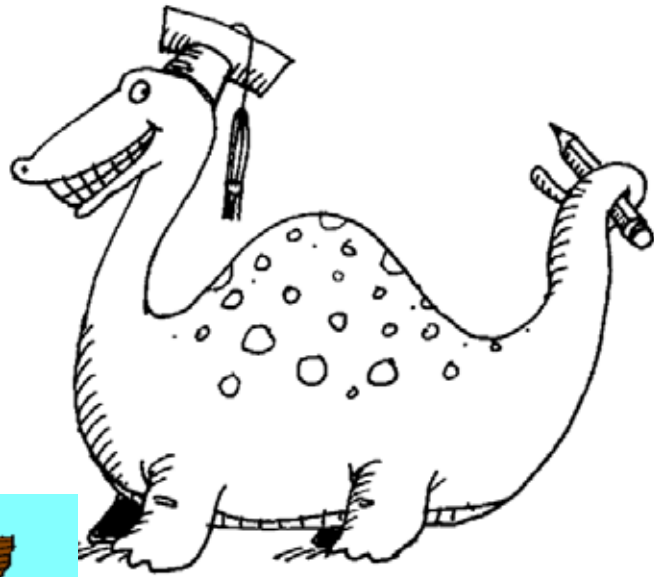
One day, I was imagining what it would be like in a future school. In the future there will be buttons on our desks. One will make a robot come out and it will get a pile of boxes! We will each get a pile of boxes. Inside there will be computers, a laptop, a screen, a CD player, and 100 CDs. Another button will make your desk turn into a jet! It will go really fast! I could get to places quickly. In it there would be a button that would make an arm come out. It would turn into a robot! It would find my library books for me. What a crazy classroom!  
By Timothy Bruulsema, Gr. 2B



## A Crazy Classroom!

One day Mrs. Hartman didn't come to school! The students were terrified. They didn't know what to do! Then Mr. Postma came out of the office and asked me to be the teacher! I didn't know what to do! But then I asked if the gym

would do. At math, I made them do what Mr. Postma asked me to do. When it was time to go home, I passed out everything. When I got home my mom asked what I'd done. I told her the whole story. She was impressed! I loved being the teacher!  
By Julie Luth, Gr. 2B



## CCS 2397

Imagine CCS 390 years from today! Will there be secret passages from one classroom to another? Will there be buttons on desks? Will there be special arms that do our work that we don't like? Will there be buttons on our desks that bring everything to us? Will there be elevators going into other classrooms? Will each classroom have 2 space shuttles and 18 satellites? Will we have a portable blackboard? I wonder what it will be like?  
By Matthew Doty, Gr. 2B



## A Crazy Classroom!

One day I was teacher for the day. We got to go in the rainy day cupboard. Then we got to go outside to

was occupied. He said it wasn't. I said, "Is it our time?" He said that it was. I said to call me when our time was done. Then we went in the gym! I made them do everything I thought Mrs. Hartman

Psalm 567  
A psalm of Lydia

I will praise the Lord all my life.  
I praise you for the freedom of speech so we can express our opinions openly. Thank you for the freedom to worship so I can learn more about you. I love that we have a free country so we can be an independent nation. I will praise the Lord all my life.

I will praise the Lord all my life.  
Thank you for the government and help them to make good decisions. I praise you for all of my friends because they are always there for me. I am thankful for my family because we love each other. I will praise the Lord all my life.

I will praise the Lord all my life.  
Thank you for your healing for you truly are the Great Physician. Praise Him for His protection. He is our Rock and our strength. I love your creation because your creativity shines through. I will praise the Lord all my life.  
By Lydia Vermeer, Gr. 5A

Psalm 151  
A praise song of Cameron for his wonderful teacher, made on October 12, 2007

I praise the Lord for all his gifts and blessings.  
I praise you for friends who help us in hard times. I praise you for clothes that keep us warm. I praise you for pets who always lighten up my day. I praise the Lord for all his gifts and blessings. I praise the Lord for schools that help us learn. I praise you for a free country in which we may praise you. I praise him for shelter in which we can stay dry. I praise him for his son Jesus who died on the cross for our sins. I praise the Lord for all his gifts and blessings.

By Cameron Brouwer, Gr. 5A

# P S A L M S F R O M G R A D E 5

Psalm of Praise

I will praise the Lord all my life.

Thank you, Lord, for family who care for me and comfort me.

I praise you, O God, for friends who play with me and stand up for me.

I adore you, Lord, for the gift of Christ Jesus who died on the cross for me.

I will praise the Lord all my life.

I will praise you, Lord, for food which you have given to me which makes me content.

I thank you, God, for animals which makes your world so much more interesting.

I love you, O Lord, for the seasons which make the world so much more beautiful after they change. I will praise the Lord all my life.  
By Caleb DeWeerd, Gr. 5A

Psalm 151  
A praise psalm

Praise God forever!  
I praise God for gymnastics clubs because I love to be active. I praise God for my family because they love and care for me. I praise God for pets because they lighten my day. Praise God forever!

Praise God forever!  
I praise God for food because it makes my body healthy. I praise God for schools because I can learn different things. I praise God for Jesus Christ because He took the pain of my sins. Praise God forever!

By Rebecca Powell, Gr. 5A

# Staff Highlights

## INTRODUCING MRS. JUDY VANDERWINDT

By Miss W. Wierenga

**M**rs. Judy VanderWindt is excited about joining the CCS staff as our new Jubilee teacher. She grew up in Pickering, Ontario, and has also lived in Huntsville. She and her husband, Mike, have three children who all attend CCS. Nicole is in grade 4, Elise in grade 1 and Adrian joins mom in Jubilee School.

Judy obtained a BA with an Art major and French and Psychology minors at Redeemer University College. She at-



tended Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to get her teaching degree. She

taught grades 2 - 5 for six years at John Knox Christian School in Fruitland before moving to Hamilton.

Judy has used her organizational skills in various coordinator roles at Meadowlands Fellowship Christian Reformed Church. She enjoys playing in a women's soccer league, downhill skiing and pilates. More sedentary enjoyments include scrapbooking, painting, and sewing.

We welcome Judy with her contagious smile and enthusiasm to our staff. May God grant all that is needed as you guide our sixteen youngest children in the wonders of learning.



Several exciting events have happened in the lives of some of our staff members. This past summer, Miss Annetta te Velde became Mrs. Lammers. We're getting used to the new name. We wish her and Paul much happiness in their marriage.



Mrs. Gallea and her husband recently celebrated 25 years of marriage and we wish them also continued joy.



Mr. and Mrs. Hoekstra are very happy and grateful for the safe arrival of their first child, a little boy named Sebastian. We pray that they may be blessed as new parents as they raise this little one.

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