



Calvin Christian School Courier

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From the Desk of Mr. Boonstra:

- Final plans have been put into place for our upcoming walk-a-thon, which is scheduled for next Wednesday (Oct. 23). CCS is partnering with Edudeo Ministries to raise funds for Msuzi Primary School in Zambia. A letter explaining more details was sent home last week. Thank you for your support!
- Our heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Boer and his wife, Talin, as they welcome an addition to their family. The Boer's have adopted a new born son and have named him Armani. We pray that God will bless this amazing addition to the family.
- This past Wednesday and Thursday I had the pleasure of meeting with families new to CCS. We spent some time exploring the school website and the newly updated CCS Parent Handbook. An updated copy of the handbook can be found on our website as well.
- CCS will be used as a polling station on Monday, Oct. 21. Please keep this in mind if you plan to visit the school. There will be increased traffic in our parking lot.
- Congratulations to our cross country teams as they participated in the All Ontario Cross Country meet today. CCS hosts the event and there were literally hundreds of participants and spectators gathered for the fun. Thank you to Mr. Hosmar for organizing the event, as well as to our coaches Mr. Wensink and Mrs. Reid. Thank you also to the many parents who helped by volunteering at the run today. A special congratulations to our runners who represented CCS so capably!

UPCOMING AT CCS

ELECTION DAY! Don't forget to vote!	Mon. Oct. 21
EDUDEO Walkathon	Wed. Oct. 23
Edvance Educators Gathering (no school)	Oct. 24 + 25
Building Committee	Tues. Oct. 29
Photo Retakes	November 6
Progress Reports Issued	November 8
Parent / Teacher Conferences	
Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Thursday, Nov. 14 (evenings only)	
Friday, Nov. 15 (morning only)	
CCS Bazaar!	Saturday, November 16, 2019
<i>Have you signed up for your volunteer shift yet?</i>	

- You may notice more parent permission/consent forms coming your way. It was recently brought to my attention that schools should be receiving consent from parents for all school outings (class trips, tournaments, etc). The permission forms will provide trip details and a section for you to sign. The forms must be returned to school before any child goes on a trip.
- The school will be closed on Thursday and Friday (Oct. 24 & 25) for the Edvance Educators Annual Gathering. Teachers will be attending keynote addresses and workshops during those days at Redeemer University College. The theme for this year's convention is entitled "The Imperative of Love".

Employment Opportunity: CCS will require a Paraeducator beginning in February. If interested, please submit a resume, a statement of faith, and a list of references to aboonstra@ccshamilton.ca. Please be advised that while we appreciate the interest shown by each applicant, we will respond only to those selected for an interview.

Junior Kindergarten: Many thanks to the parents who joined us in the forest this week. Junior Kindergarten got to explore the forest for the first time and loved it. Already students are asking when they can go back. We enjoyed looking at the many colours that God has made. Thanks to Mrs. VanHuizen, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Addei, Mrs. Miles and Mrs. Skoutarou!

JH

Kindergarten: Thanks to Mr. Paterson, Mrs. VanderLaan, Mr. Hibma and Mrs. Vanden Dool for joining us on some wet, chilly days in the forest. God's creativity and imagination were displayed in all the different colours we saw in His creation! W²

Grade 2A had a wonderful time learning about soil and pumpkins at Dyment's farm yesterday. The weather was cool, but dry so we were able to participate in all the amazing activities. The students learned that the soil at Dyments farm is a clay loam, which is good for growing because the clay holds the water and the loam holds many nutrients. That soil sure is good for growing pumpkins! Thank you to Mrs. Blokker, Mrs. Nyman and Mrs. Vyn for joining us on our trip. Grade 2A still needs 1 parent volunteer to come in on Tuesday morning , October 22, to help us bake pumpkin cookies during pumpkin day. Please email Mrs. VanderWindt if you can help us out.

JVW

Grade 2B: A big thank you to all our parent volunteers on yesterday's trip to Dyment's farm! Mrs. Vandermeer, Mr. Kikkert, Mrs. Douwes, Mrs. Kraak, and Mrs. Garyfalakis all joined us as we explored, learned, and played.

MDV

Grade 3A: A big thank you to Mr. Stassen for visiting our classroom today. The students learned all about what an arborist does and the importance of taking care of God's gift of trees. We also had the bonus experience of watching Mr. Stassen perform a tree climbing demo. Thank you so much for talking to our class! Perhaps there are some budding arborists amongst our students.

RVV

Grade 3A and 3B: We had an *Appley Amazing Afternoon* yesterday as we celebrated the delicious gift that the apple tree gives us. Students tasted a variety of apples, created tree art, played *Apples to*

Apples and enjoyed watching Dr. Seuss' original of *The Lorax* which focused on the importance of conservation. Thank you, to all those who brought in an extra apple treat for us to enjoy. This was an enjoyable way for us to wrap up our tree unit and remind us of the many blessings God has given us through trees.

ME/RVV



Edudeo Walk a thon for Zambia: Next Wednesday is our walkathon. Please ensure that your child has handed in their pledge envelope (or had pledges done online via our webpage), has clothes suitable for being outside much of the day, and has extra snacks and drinks. To meet our goal of raising \$10,000 we need everyone to get at least \$20 in sponsors. Let's all do our best to help students who normally wouldn't be able to go to school, to get accessible education in Zambia!

Volunteer(s) needed: Please let Ms. DeJong know if you can help at the Tyrone/West 5th intersection from 9:30 to 11 OR /and from 11:12:30.

TRIP REMINDER: Edifide Convention - October 24 and 25. Fundscrip will be closed the week of October 21 due to the Convention. All orders, both Fundscrip and InHouse placed for the weeks of October 15 and October 21 will be received/delivered on Thursday, October 31st in the office. Thank you for supporting the TRIP program. It's never too late to start saving money! If you have any questions, please contact Lianna Reitsma at lreitsma@ccshamilton.ca

Lifetouch Canada has introduced a "Lifetouch Rewards" program. This program rewards every family and ensures you get the best value when making multiple purchases. Families who enroll in "Lifetouch Rewards" receive ongoing discounts that can be easily applied through the Lifetouch online ordering channel. Families of all sizes, including those with

students in multiple schools, will benefit from these rewards.
See more at: mylifetouch.ca

LOST and FOUND: This week and last, the Steel Beams Team displayed the items that had been turned in to the Lost & Found bin. It was overflowing with coats, sweaters, and lunch containers, but thankfully some items were claimed after they had been displayed by the Steel Beams Team. Many items were not picked up however, and will now be bagged up and donated to the Resource Thrift Store. Something to consider is to grab a magic marker and write your last name on the tag; doing so will ensure that your hard earned dollars are not wasted on having to purchase extra items of clothing due to things going missing. While it



may take a bit of time to label your (child's) belongings - once it's done - it's done, and we'll take care of the rest! :)

Please make the following changes in your CCS Directory:
On the Board of Directors page: Change Jonathan van der Heiden's email to jonathanv@ccshamilton.ca
Please change the D & M Spoelstra family address to: 74 Rembrandt Court, Ancaster,
Please change the Schutten family address to 80 Balsam South, Hamilton
Add Jacob in JKB to the Skoutarou family.
Mrs. Tesoro's email should be yahoo.ca, not yahoo.com

Calvin Christian School Bazaar!

Our annual **Christmas Bazaar** is just six short weeks away and we need volunteers! Head to the CCS website (ccshamilton.ca/bazaar) for more details on how you can volunteer. *New* sign up for a first shift and shop in the Christmas Room or Home and Style Room early from 9:10-9:25am.

To make our Bazaar a success we need EVERY family to participate. Please take a moment to sign up today!



Box Maze Room Construction: The box maze is in need of an overhaul and will not be available for use this year. As a result, we are hoping to create a box maze room/play area. Some examples of things we could use are large boxes (big enough to crawl through) or other play equipment such as a tube slide or other slides. If you have a good imagination and can help us make this room possible or if you have materials that we could use, please contact Susan at squich7@hotmail.com.

The Toy Room is in need of your donations!

We need toys! We are looking for gently used toys to sell at the CCS Bazaar. Please bring donations to school starting Monday October 21. There will be boxes in each class or you can bring them to the office.

The Bottle Room is BACK!

The Bottle Room is a highlight for many who visit the Bazaar. Will it be a sweet treat, or sweet relish? Will you walk away with a bottle of Iced Tea, or Shampoo? It's a surprise every time! We are beginning to collect bottles beginning Oct 21. Please send in one (or more) of the appropriate bottles, depending on your child's grade level. As always, additional prize bottles always welcome!

Grade 1: Lotions, hair sprays

Grade 2: Sandwich spreads

Grade 3: Shampoo, bubble bath etc.

Grade 4: Pop or large juice bottles

Grade 5: Ketchup, relish etc.

Grade 6: Simple craft supplies

Grade 7: Bottles filled with candy

Grade 8: Bottles filled with small toys

Again this year we have chicken and beef choices! 36 pieces uncooked/pre-cooked \$50, 72 pieces for \$85 un-cooked and \$90 for pre-cooked (beef only for uncooked). To place an order visit the Calvin Christian School website www.ccshamilton.ca/bazaar with various payment options available, or call Lisa at 289-439-3162. Pick up at the Bazaar, Saturday November 16, 2019 from 9:30a.m.-1:30p.m.! Deadline is November 11 so don't miss out!