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FROM THE DESK OF MR BOONSTRA

■ Our walk-a-thon date is getting closer - Monday, Oct. 23. Only a week left to get sponsors for this year's community fundraising event. CCS will be raising money for Road2Hope, a program sponsored by EduDeo Ministries. The funds raised will go towards solar energy for a school in Zambia. The date for the walk-a-thon is set for Monday, October 23.

■ Yesterday our cross country team competed in their first event, hosted by the Brantford Christian school. Although the weather wasn't that great, the students had a good day and performed well. Congratulations to the team for their efforts, as well as to their coaches, Mrs. Reid and Mr. Wensink. Next Friday, CCS is hosting the All Ontario Christian Schools Invitational Cross Country Event. Close to 20 schools will be participating.



■ I thought that I would also keep you informed of some CCS board of director agenda items. The BOD continues to piece together a plan for dealing with growth and expansion at CCS. The BOD is putting together a specific vision and mandate to guide actions in dealing with the growth. We will share this information at the upcoming membership meeting (Nov. 29) and also seek input from our community for names of individuals who might be able to help implement the goals as part of a committee. The BOD is also exploring our by-laws as they relate to membership. Please pray for the board as they deal with these exciting challenges.

■ Parents, you are welcomed to bring your K-3 aged children to the junior end of the playground by walking through the school building and out to the playground through the Junior door (south door) in the morning. We are aware of the older students playing basketball that make it difficult for you to go around the building.

■ This past Wednesday and Thursday, I met with new families to CCS. We spent some time going over the CCS Parent Handbook and dealing with questions that the parents had. An updated copy of the handbook can be found on our website. It was a pleasure sharing the good news regarding CCS programs.

■ Phone Update: I have recently cancelled my home phone contract. The best way to reach me is by email - aboonstr@ccshamilton.ca. For urgent concerns, my cell phone number is 905-515-6008.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay connected and up to date on the happenings at CCS. Links can be found on our webpage.

Upcoming at CCS

Pita Pit Orders Due	Friday, October 20
Cross Country Meet	Friday, October 20
Road2Hope Walkathon (Raindate October 25)	Monday, October 23
Pita Pit Lunch	Wednesday, October 25
Edifide Educators Convention (no school)..	Thursday and Friday October 26 and 27
Reformation Day Assembly 9:20 am	Tuesday, October 31
Picture Retake Day	Tuesday, November 7
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 25





Jubilee School: Special thanks to Mrs. Fiscaletti, Mrs. Wilms and Mrs. Vander Woerd who joined us in the forest during Outdoor Education this week. The children carefully explored the forest and discovered the amazing colours in God's colour palette. JH

Kindergarten: We enjoyed our wet mornings in the forest for Outdoor Education, exploring the many colours in God's colour palette. Thanks to Mrs. Groenewegen, Mr. Schilstra, Mrs. Skoutarou, and Mrs. Van Hartingsveldt for exploring and discovering with us. What colours will you see outside this weekend? We are looking forward to learning more about the life cycle of pumpkins when we visit Dyment's Pumpkin Patch next week. (We are all set for volunteers for those trips.) W²

Grade 2 We enjoyed a lovely trip to Dyment's Farm today where we learned more about God's gift of soil and how God made soil to produce many types of crops. Thank you to Mrs. Kim, Mrs. Speelman, Mrs. Proper, Mrs. Blocker, Mrs. Vyn and Mrs. Jasper for coming with us! Next week, we have the opportunity to visit McQuesten Urban Farm to learn even more! We still need one or two more parent volunteers. Please let your child's teacher know if you can come with. JVV/MV

Gr. 7 and 8 band classes: both classes are doing well. Please remember to look to the classroom calendar for all Music Test dates. MH

Concert Band: Rehearsals are every Tuesday at lunch recess. **Flute Choir and Jazz Band:** Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at lunch recess, alternating weeks. Please remember to look on the CCS website: tabs are "school life" - "music" - "band" for all the information about these ensembles, what to practice and upcoming performances. MH

Road2Hope Walk-a-thon. Students are encouraged to get pledges for the walk-a-thon coming up on October

23 (rain date the 25th). It would be wonderful if everyone got \$20 or more in pledges! At this time of reflecting on God's blessings to us, let's share our gifts with others!

Volunteers Needed: Please contact Ms. DeJong atjdejong@ccshamilton.ca or check out our website if you can help out with the Road2Hope walk-a-thon on Oct. 23 OR the rain date of the

25th. We still need 6 more people to stand along the route that day to ensure safety. Shifts are for about an hour and half each. Thanks.

In addition to our Walk-a-Thon, here is another opportunity to get involved! The Road2Hope Race is scheduled for Saturday, November 4 at Confederation Park. If you and your family would like to run or walk in the Road2Hope race, please consider joining the Calvin Christian School Community Team! Simply go to www.edudeo.com to register for the Road2Hope and join our school team. Use referral code:

offnj4 and you will save \$5.00 off of the registration fee. All money raised by our team, through sponsors for the race, will go towards the "Power Up" solar project our school is supporting in Zambia. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. D. Heeg at dheeg@ccshamilton.ca.

Spelling Bee 2017 - There is a "buzz" in the air. Why? It is time for the annual CCS Spelling Bee! This coming week, Grades 3-8 teachers will be posting sign-up sheets in their classroom. On Thursday, word lists and Spelling Bee instructions will be handed out to interested students. Encourage your child to pick up a list of 40 words and compete in their grade level, In-Class Spelling Bee that will take place on or before November 1. The top 4 spellers of each grade will compete in the CCS Spelling Bee on Wed. November 15th. There are three divisions – grade 3&4, grade 5&6, and grade 7&8. Don't be meek! Sign up next week! Mrs. Bosveld & Mr. Veldhuis



Mike Miracles: On a sunny and warm, October 5th Grade 6 participated in a soccer tournament hosted by Beacon Christian School called Mike's Miracles. This is an opportunity for 9 different Christian schools to come together, mix up, and play soccer together for the sole purpose of enjoying soccer and meeting new people. It has been a highlight for many of our students over the years we have participated. Mike's Miracles is a foundation that was created to honour the life of Mike Vandendool who was a student at Beacon Christian School. He lost his life to cancer while he was in 6th grade in 2008. Mike loved soccer but most of all he loved people and this is why Beacon continues to celebrate his life with this event. It is a blessing to our students to participate in this event and we continue to be thankful that we have the opportunity to honour the life of Mike while playing the game he loved so much.



Pita Pit Lunch: Our first monthly Pita Pit lunch is here!! Order forms go out today and are due back on Friday, Oct 20. The students will enjoy their lunch on Wednesday Oct 25.

Boys' Volleyball Update: We've had a great start to the season. Our first week of practices focused on basic skills and an introduction to positioning. We covered a lot of things volleyball, and encourage the boys to practice their serve toss over the weekend. The toss is one of the hardest things to do when serving, and can make all the difference in the

success

of your serve. :) Next week we will have a regular practice on Tuesday (3:30-4:30 pm). On Thursday we will be hosting a mini tournament (the CCS Cup) here at Calvin in the hopes of seeing the return of this trophy to our display case. The tournament will run from 3 pm to 5:30 pm. Please note the change of pick up time is an hour later than the regular practice pick up time. Parents are encouraged to come cheer their student-athletes on. Siblings that stay after school to watch the tournament must be supervised by an athlete as the teachers and coaches will be otherwise occupied at that time. ~ Coaches Bosveld

Cross Country: Yesterday we had a great cross country meet at Brantford Christian School. All of our runners gave it their all on a very challenging course. Congratulations to Jordyn for placing third overall in the junior girls race and to Joelle for placing first overall in the Grade 4 race. A special recognition to the senior girls team for coming second and the junior boys for come first as a team. Great job everyone! Just a reminder that our next and final meet is at Dundas on October 20. We are still looking for volunteers to allow this day to rCrossCountry Coaches



Come one, come all, it's time for the BAZAAR!

MARK NOVEMBER 25, 9:30A.M.-1:30P.M. AND LIVE AUCTION AT 6 P.M. ON YOUR CALENDAR!

We are looking for many hands to make light work and a successful day for our great school. Sign up for a shift at www.signup.com/go/hCjbiwx and don't forget to pre-order your croquettes online at www.ccs.hamilton.ca/bazaar.

We are always looking for cakes and cupcakes for the ever popular cake walk room and baked treats for the baked goods table. Don't forget to ask your child what theme their class has chosen for their classroom basket and help them fill it. Come see what's new at this year's **BAZAAR!**

Questions? Email Winona at winona_strikwerda@hotmail.com