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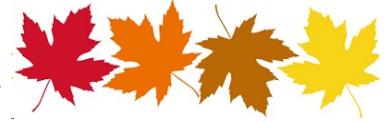
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• This coming Monday we will have our walk-a-thon for CityKidz. Students have diligently obtained pledges and it is our hope that through these pledges and through the walk-a-thon CCS will be able to raise much money for the needs of children coming from low income and impoverished homes.

• As per my eblast of this past week, I informed you of the passing away of Mr. Simpkins, the dear husband of Laura and dear father of Gavin (7A) and Jaidyn (5A). We commend this family to the Lord and may they richly experience His nearness. Here are the details for the visitation and service:

Visitation:

Tuesday, October 25th, 2016, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
McKersie-Kocher Funeral Home
114 Main Street E. Milton, ON L9T 1N5

Service:

Wednesday, October 26th, 2016, 3:00pm
Granite Ridge Golf Club
Address 9503 Dublin Line Milton, ON L9T 2X7

A book of memories is available at:
<http://www.mckersie-kocher.ca/book-of-memories/2729278/Simpkins-Robert/service-details.php>

Upcoming at CCS

City Kidz Walkathon	Mon., October 24
Fundraising Meeting	Mon., October 24
Finance Committee Meeting	Mon., October 24
Building Committee Meeting	Tues., October 25
PICTURE RETAKES - New date!	Tues., October 25
Pita Lunch	Wed., October 26
Grade 7 Immunizations	Wed., October 26
Edifide Educators Convention (no school) Thursday and Friday October 27 and 28	
CCS Bazaar	Saturday, November 12

• Today was Mrs. Winkel's last day prior to maternity leave. We pray everything will go well for her and soon she and her husband will be able to hold their newborn child in their arms. We welcome Miss Wyatt to the grade 5B class and wish her a good school year.

• We recently learned that our grade 2 teacher, Mrs. Dekker, and her husband, were blessed with the birth of a baby girl, Everly Hope Francine. Mother and child are doing well. May the Lord grant the parents wisdom as they raise Everly, and Elise and Bennett to His glory.

• We applaud and thank all those students who campaigned for a "seat" on Student Council. The posters were wonderful. Part of their campaign included well delivered speeches and, of course, accompanying pledges. I was impressed with the confidence and zeal of the candidates. The students (grs. 4-8) were given an opportunity to vote for their preferred candidates. The process went very smoothly and we thank Mrs. Wikkerink for organizing the campaign. The successful candidates for a place on Student Council are: Deborah Peace D., Gideon S., Jack D., Matthew B., Jane J., Rebecca D., Kara D., Emily E., and Hannah W.



• We also congratulate our CCS spelling bee participants from grades 3-8. The fact that each of them was part of the spelling bee is a testament to their spelling abilities. Thank you to the organizers and volunteers of this event.

• The school will be closed on Thursday and Friday due to the annual Edifide (teachers' association) convention. The teachers will be attending keynote addresses and workshops during those days at Redeemer University College. The theme for this convention is "Leading with Love." The theme scripture is from Colossians 1:15-17 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and



on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and on Him all things hold together."

• Our Fall Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22. We will be presenting the financial statements and various reports. The main feature for the evening will be a couple presentations about the facilities and grounds. We have several increasing needs and have come to a point where you need to know what the BOD is discussing. Included among the presentations will be a section on CCS demographics (static and trends) by Mr. Harry Meester, program needs (PBL) by Mr. Arn Boonstra, and I will round things up by discussing various options. You are strongly encouraged to attend. The meeting starts at 7:45 p.m. and will take place in our gym.



Kindergarten: Thanks to Mrs. Zimmer, Mrs. VandeKuyt and Mrs. Colyn who joined us on our Outdoor Ed trips to the forest this past week. The children all found the creek very intriguing. Where does the water come from? Where does it go? We climbed some hills and clambered over big roots. "Are we going again tomorrow?" W²

Grade 2B: What an orange, pumpkin filled day! Grade 2 enjoyed exploring all things pumpkin today. We heard a pumpkin patch parable during devotions, estimated how many seeds are inside a pumpkin, then opened it up and cleaned it out to count them all. We made pumpkin art with chalk, and played pumpkin games in the gym. We even made pumpkin cookies and then tasted them. Also thank you to our Reading Buddies for helping us make a pumpkin full of facts! We look forward to seeing our buddies again on Monday for the walk-a-thon. Be sure to dress for the weather. JVV/KT

Spelling Bee News: On Wednesday, the Music Room was "buzzing" with excitement as our CCS Spelling Bee took place. After hours of practicing 100 very challenging words, the twenty-four competitors were ready to begin. We would like to congratulate the following students for advancing to the CCS Spelling Bee. Representing the grade three and four level were Arren DB., Catherine G., Andrew K., Joshua S., Rachel C., Brayden M., Joshua R., and Lex VB. For the grade five and six level, Micah B., Deborah-Peace D., Irene P., Chukwuka U., Ife A., Caleb B., Kirstyn B., and Alena R. competed in this bee. Samuel S., Eli S., Karis S., Chibueze U., Oyin A., Ruth Ann, Allie B., and Ben K. represented the grade seven and eight level. The top three spellers from each division were noted on the CCS Facebook page. Be sure to check it out!



Because of scheduling difficulties at Lifetouch, please note that Picture Retake Day at CCS will now be TUESDAY instead of WEDNESDAY.

If you would like to have your child's picture retaken, please let his/her teacher know.

The first and second place winners are gearing up to compete at the Niagara District Spelling Bee which will be held here at CCS on Friday, Nov. 4th at 12:30pm. The third place winners will also prepare for and attend this event. Students will receive a pizza lunch, followed by some great competition from the other area schools. Keep up the great work!

We would also like to thank Mrs. Sennema for being our guest spellmaster as well as Mrs. Hunse and Mrs. Kloet for being our judges for this event. JB/PV

Student Council: Introducing your student council representatives for the 2016-2017 school year: Deborah-Peace D., Gideon S., Jack D., Matthew B., Jane J., Rebecca D., Kara d., Emily E., and Hannah W. Thank-you to all student council nominees for a good campaign and well-done speeches. We look forward to a great year together! MB

WALK-a-THON



Citykidz Walk-a-thon: Please ensure that your child has comfortable walking shoes, a water bottle and extra snacks for Monday's walk-a-thon. See the chart to see when your child(ren) are walking. Younger students will only be doing 1 km loops close to the school, while the older students will also do a longer route across the road. All students are encouraged to try raise \$20 /each for Citykidz. If you are able, we ask that you send in a cheque to cover any cash. Please send in the pledge envelopes next week. Thanks for your support! JDJ

Volunteers Needed!! Please contact Ms. DeJong at idejong@ccshamilton.ca if you can help out between 11:00 and 12:30 OR if you can help between 1:15 and 2:30 for this Monday's walk-a-thon. Thanks for considering!

Boys' Volleyball: the team has started practicing, and will host the first CCS Cup invitational tournament on Monday! Come out after school to cheer on the home team as it takes on squads from Timothy Christian, Providence Christian, and Oxford Reformed Christian schools. The tournament will start after school and run until about 5:30. Go Blazers, Go!!! ~Coaches: Mr. and Mrs. Bosveld

Cross Country Volunteers: Thank you so much to the many parents who gave of their time to help our Dundas Cross Country Invitational run smoothly. We really appreciate all the volunteers who helped before the races, during the event, and who helped clean up afterwards. This event wouldn't be able to happen if it wasn't for you!

Please make the following change in your **CCS Directory:**
 PARK Family (Su-eun Cho) - 17-6 Atessa Dr. Hamilton, L9B 0C6

Update from the Principal Search Committee

We have entered the next phase of the search process. The Principal position has been advertised in a number of places (e.g., our school's website, the websites of the OACS, CSI, etc.), and in the coming weeks we anticipate receiving applications from potential candidates and beginning to discern their fit with our school's mission.

We ask for your support in two ways: First, please pray for God's guidance and wisdom during this process – for both the search committee and the candidates who will discern where God is calling them to serve. Second, if you know of anyone who may be qualified for the position, please invite them to consider applying or suggest their name to the search committee. Email can be sent to principalsearch@ccshamilton.ca or aaron.schat74@gmail.com.

If you are interested in seeing a copy of the position advertisement or Principal Profile document, you can find them at the following link on our school's website: <http://ccshamilton.ca/principalsearch>.

Prayer for the Week

Dear Father,
 You are holy, perfect and all-knowing. You give and you take away. You give many good gifts to your people. You gave us your Son to give hope and life. In your wisdom you also take away. Lord, we're saddened by the news of our brother, Bob Simpkins. We pray for the Simpkins family. We pray for Laura, Gavin and Jaidyn. Comfort them. Give them peace. Hold them close. Thank you that Bob was a believer - thank you that you sent Jesus to die for him. We cling to the hope and security of the resurrection. Thank you for Calvin Christian School community. We pray specifically this week for the ongoing search efforts for a new Principal. We commit this process to you and ask you to provide the right person at the right time. We also pray for a blessing on the fundraising efforts for City Kidz. We pray sufficient funds will be raised for a new school bus! Bless the efforts of this ministry as they bring hope and love to children across Hamilton. We pray all this in the precious name of Jesus, Amen

From the Fundraising Committee: Reminder that our first Pita Pit lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26. Orders must be in by Monday. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any late orders.

CITYKIDZ WALKING SCHEDULE: Monday, Oct. 24th (rain date- Wed. 25th)

Students will be walking at three different blocks of time. Before lunch, students will be walking with their buddy classes (or another class) for some of the walk.
 Students in Jubilee through grades 3 will ONLY do route A (alleys past N2N)
 Students in grades 4-8 will do route A (alleys past N2N) AND one or two turns of route B (the 3 km lap going past Captain Cornelius Park)
 Note- one lap of route B is just over 3 km.
 Students in Jubilee, SK and grade 1 will only do 1 km.
 Students in grades 2 and 3 will do 5 km.
 Students in grades 4-8 will do 10 km.

Starting Time	Grades Walking Together	Number of laps/kms
8:10	3 8	3 4
9:20	2 7	3 4
9:30	Jubilee 4A & 4B	1 4
9:40	SK 6	1 4
9:50	1 6	1 4
RECESS	-----	-----
11:10	2 4	2 3
11:20	3 5	2 3
11:30	6	1 lap of Route B
11:40	7	1 lap of Route B
11:50	8	1 lap of Route B
LUNCH	-----	-----
1:30	4 5	1 lap of Route B
1:40	6 7	1 lap of Route B
1:50	8	1 lap of Route B

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A reminder that the **Books 4 Eternity** orders are due on Wednesday, October 26. The online catalogue and order form can be viewed and downloaded at www.ccsHamilton.ca/books4eternity Thanks!