

A GLANCE AHEAD!

February 2013

s I sit here to prepare this newsletter, the Weather Channel has a wind chill warning alert. The temperature outside feels like -37 > brrrr that is very cold. It feels especially cold since just a few days ago we had weather above 0 °C. Glancing ahead at the 7 day trend I am encouraged to see weather again above freezing and look forward to warming up from this cold Arctic airmass that has settled over Ontario.

This strange weather we are experiencing of going from extreme cold temperatures to above normal warm temperatures makes planning in advance a little bit of a challenge. It is hard to predict what temperature a future day will bring.

I am so thankful that the God we serve is not like the weather! This may seem like a trivial understatement, but there is wonderful encouragement in this truth. The Bible reminds us:

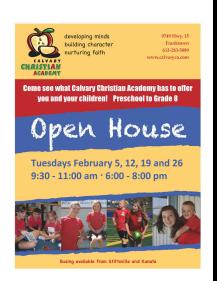
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Every day we can wake up knowing for certain that Jesus is the same as the day before. No matter how the previous day went, regardless of how our night sleep was, no matter what is going on in our life or the world around us, when we wake each day we are reminded that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever! He is gracious, merciful, compassionate, caring and abounding in love! He is our good shepherd that knows His sheep and His sheep know Him! May this encourage our hearts this month.

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Ps. 103:8

Open House

We will be holding our Open Houses every Tuesday during the month of February. Open houses are from 9:30-11:00am and 6:00-8:00pm. Please take the time to promote our school amongst your friends and contacts. We have prepared a flyer that you can hand out to anyone who is interested. It may be particularly useful to leave flyers at your church/youth program or MOPS program.



Assemblies

Parents are invited to join us at our assemblies each month as our children have different opportunities to bless CCA.

Wednesday, February 11th

Heart and Stroke Foundation presents on how to maintain a healthy heart.

12:00 p.m. JK-grade 4

12:25 p.m. grades 5-8.

Wednesday, February 13th at 2:30 p.m. Regular assembly Wednesday, February 27th at 2:30 p.m. Regular assembly



Band

The instrumental band is continuing with a solid core of dedicated students. They enjoy working together each Tuesday at 11:20 and are looking forward to a few performing opportunities this semester. <u>Take me out to the ball game</u>....coming soon to an assembly near you. Please contact Ms. Werner if you have any questions <u>jwerner@calvaryca.com</u>

Choir

On Sunday, February 24th CCA has been invited to sing the National Anthem at The Scotiabank Place in Ottawa for an Ottawa 67's game at 2pm. There are spots available for all of our children to participate even if they are not in the choir. Tickets are free to the students who are singing. All additional tickets are \$15.00 each. Please contact Ms. Martel if you have any questions cmartel@calvaryca.com.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs. Atkinson and our 7 students below for placing in the top 3 in the Legion Remembrance Day poster contest - great work!

Branch 192 Winners - Junior (grades 4-6)
Colour Category

Laura Lee Keating 1st place, Thomas Greer 2nd place, Jade Dekok 3rd place

Branch 192 Winners - Junior (grades 4-6) Black & White Category
Alyssa Fleming 1st place, Riley Wissink 2nd place, Brendan Greer 3rd place

Branch 192 Winners - Intermediate (grades 7-9) Black & White Category Tori Wood 2nd place

Zone G6 Winner - Junior (grades 4-6) Colour Category (Believe this is the Regional Division) Laura Lee Keating 1st place

Facebook

Yay, our Facebook page has reached 100 "likes". We are encouraging families to "like" us on Facebook to help promote CCA through social media. We consistently add photos and information about CCA.



Field Trips

Wednesday February 6th

We are excited to have Mrs. Marshall with us for the day to lead our students in Kindergarten to grade 5 in a puppet workshop.

Thursday February 7th from 1:45 - 2:45 p.m.

Our grade 6 - 8's will be travelling to the Carleton Place swimming pool to enjoy an hour of open swimming. The pool will be staffing the swim and will have lifeguards.

Tuesday, February 12th to Wednesday February 13th

Our grade 7 and 8 students will be participating in a 2 day/1 night retreat at Galilee Bible Camp. The theme of the retreat is Purity. Further information was sent home to the grade 7 and 8 families.

Giving

The picture to the right show grade 6 students presenting food to Nichole Anderson on behalf of the Susan Shirley Program in Smiths Falls. The food was collected during our food drive in December.

Holidays

No school on Family Day, Monday, February 18th.

Intramurals

Intramural basketball has begun on Fridays for children in grades 1-4. This is a great opportunity for our younger children to be introduced to the sport and have lots of fun. Our grade 8's are doing a fantastic job leading this initiative - well done grade 8's!

No Bus Afternoon

Friday, February 22nd (CCA Skate party. There will be a bus in the morning only.)

PD Day

Our next PD day is scheduled for Friday, February 1st.

Public Speaking

Our students have been working hard once again on their speeches. Please note the evenings when students will participate in our school Public Speaking contest.

Tuesday, February 19th at 7 p.m. - Primary (K-3)

Tuesday, February 26th at 7 p.m. – Junior, Intermediate (4–8)

Save the Date

CCA along with 4 other Christian schools in the area are teaming up to promote Christian Education and raise money for our schools. Part of the proceeds of each ticket sold will go to our school.

The event is titled Laugh Again and we are privileged to have humorist Phil Callaway in town. Tickets can be purchased in the office. Details are as follow:

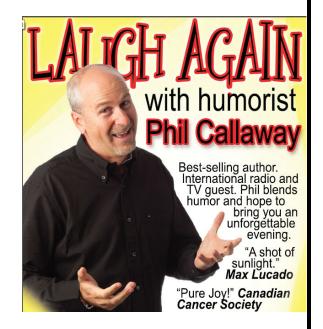
Date: Monday, March 4, 2013

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Ottawa Christian School

Tickets: \$10 Ages: 10 and up

To learn more about Phil Callaway - please visit www.laughagain.org



http://www.philcallaway.ab.ca/Audio%20Video/speakingvideo.htm - you tube clips here

Skating Party

Our annual skate party is scheduled for Friday February 22^{nd} at the Beckwith arena on 9^{th} line. Parents and families are welcome to attend. Please make sure your child brings their skates and helmet.

12:00pm - 1:00pm skating Kindergarten to grade 4

1:00pm - 2:00pm Staff student hockey game (grade 8's)

2:00pm - 3:00pm skating grades 5 to 8

Sports

School basketball has begun with a swish! All students are encouraged to participate if they choose. Please note the coaches if you have any questions. Tournament dates will be posted on our events calendar as they become available.

Jr. and Sr. Girls - Mrs. Reid Jr. and Sr. Boys - Mr. Bourne

Writing Conference

There is a fantastic opportunity for children between grades 4-8 to attend the MASC Ottawa writers/illustrators conference in April.



'The much-loved MASC Young Authors and Illustrators Conference, for students in grades 4 to 8 with a special interest in writing and illustrating, has been taking place each spring for twenty-one years. The conference allows students to live out their dreams of working with some of Canada's most recognized authors and illustrators of children's literature.' The deadline for registration is February 11th.

http://www.masconline.ca/en/events/young-authors-illustrators-conference.aspx

Jennifer Kelly, Jackson's (grade 3) mother, is one of the speaking authors. If you would like more information, please contact Jennifer jenniferryckman@yahoo.ca

Yearbook

Our Yearbook preparation has begun! Yearbooks are a great way to remember all the good times we had at CCA this year. Ms. Werner is leading the yearbook this year. If you have any pictures from sporting events, activities, assemblies, etc, that you can send in for the yearbook that would be great!

Have a great month!

Sincerely,

Tom Bourne - Principal

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