

IN·Touch

May 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 10 - Spring Concert
- May 12 - Grandparents' & Grandfriends' Day
- May 18 - Track & Field Day
- May 23 - Spring General Meeting
- May 27 - Community Fun Day & Vendor market
- June 20 - Grade 8 Graduation



My Favourite Day of the School Year!

Justin DeMoor

Principal

Grandfriends' Day has always been and continues to be my favourite day of each school year. In fact if the school year was ever only one day long I'd still choose to have Grandfriends' Day that year.

When I was a child my maternal grandparents almost always attended the day my elementary and high schools hosted and I remember so fondly spending those days with them. I was so excited to share with them what I was learning and doing in my classes! Each year the activities I did with them were different but that didn't really matter to me as all that mattered was that I got to share the time with them. Their interest in my work and my learning was very significant to me and it certainly helped me take an increased interest.

Over my 23 years as a teacher, vice-principal, and principal I've continued to love Grandfriends' Day and to seeing the intergenerational interactions which seem to be few and far between in our world today and yet they are so vitally important to everyone. Numerous published studies over the years have revealed so many benefits which for the older adults includes lower rates of depression and feeling isolated, better physical health, and higher degrees of life satisfaction. For the children in those relationships it can do much the same and has been strongly linked with better outcomes in school and in life in general. This can include better decision-making and less risky behaviours such as using drugs, getting involved in a gang, or even dropping out of school.

Recent research shows that children need on average four to six involved, caring adults in their lives to fully develop emotionally and socially but too often in our culture they do not have that and instead increasingly look to peer connections to make up for the deficit. Unfortunately this is not an adequate substitute for the mentoring that is possible when adults, and particularly older adults, are a consistent presence in their lives. At GCCS our Grandfriends' Day is only one day a year and yet ideally there are many more days each year for grandparents and older adults to spend quality time with the children they love as it really does make a difference – for everyone!

To Nurture, Educate and Inspire in Christ-centred Learning and Serving

Celebration Of Learning

On Thursday, March 2 between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. the parents, grandparents, friends and relatives were invited to our annual Celebration of Learning and Open House.

Our guests were able to get a taste of some of the exciting learning happening in our classrooms every day. They visited the classrooms and saw amazing projects, took in exciting presentations, and celebrated the learning of our students. It was an exciting event!



Weekly Chapels At Guelph Community Christian School





Our girls' basketball team participated in a tournament at RIM Park. After going undefeated, the girls played hard and finished in second place. Way to go girls!



Our boys' basketball team had a great day at the tournament at RIM Park. A big thank you to our volunteer coaches!

Guelph Community Christian School Teams



Our GCCS hockey team participated in a tournament in Fergus. It was a great day of learning and working together as a team.



The junior and senior Battle of the Books team participated a tournament recently. Congratulations to our junior team who won first place!

Class Trip Highlight



Grade 3 and 3/2 had a wonderful time at a Pizza Perfect experience. We explored Dairy, Soils and Vegetables, Meats, and Field Crops. So many volunteers from the Grand River Agriculture Society worked to put on a special day learning for us.

Class Project Highlight



We had an Easter experience in our grade 3 classroom complete with Bible passages, music, and drawing to create the Easter stones.

Special Events



We have had many special days here at Guelph Community Christian School! We recognized that people with Down Syndrome or Autism are equally valued and loved by God. We gathered together as a community for our third potluck dinner. We participated in an Earth Day clean up day. In celebration of National Anti-Bullying Day we had lots of staff and students wear pink shirts and sweaters.



Walk-a-thon 2023

Over \$50,000 was raised through our Walk-a-thon which means that Mr. DeMoor will spend a day working on the roof of the school, on another day he will wear a funny costume, and a donation of \$1,000 is being made to support The Guelph Food Bank.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered on the day!



GCCS Little Eagles Preschool launched in September 2021! This year we have 24 little ones in two groups, which is at capacity. There are spots available for September 2023. Please visit www.guelphccs.ca/preschool for more information.



Donate Today

Our school cannot thrive without prayer and financial contributions from donors like you! Please make a pledge to our Project Legacy campaign by sending an email message to legacy@guelphccs.ca.



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Support Us in Prayer

- We thank God for our staff and students
- We are thankful for our volunteers and they way that they serve at GCCS
- Give thanks for our very successful Walk-a-thon
- Pray for our Spring General Meeting
- Remember the work of Project Legacy and the construction of the Legacy outdoor classroom
- Pray for Community Fun Day on May 27
- Pray for health for staff and students

Coming in June!

Guelph Community
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 2, 2023

SPRINGFIELD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

REGISTRATION
12:00

SHOTGUN START
1:00

DINNER
6:00

EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION
\$140

AFTER MAY 1ST - \$150
DINNER ONLY - \$60

For more information, please visit: www.guelphccs.ca/golf/