

THE WEEKLY

Monday, March 7, 2022



A Few Thoughts from our Principal ...

As I write this (on Friday), the sun is shining, the temperature is reasonable, and our Grade 6 students are away enjoying a wonderful day outdoors at Fair Glen Outdoor Education Center in Beaverton (a branch of Fair Haven Ministries). I'm sure they will come back with many stories about all the outdoor activities they were able to do (including having lunch around a bonfire) while learning more about God's amazing creation! I can't explain the amazing feeling it was this morning to stand with the parent drivers congregating outside in a circle with the very excited students and to pray together. I think it was the feeling of a little bit of 'normalcy' – finally!

There's a buzz in the air as I overhear parents and students talking about their March Break plans, registering for summer camps, and seeing family that have been separated for almost 2 years.

At a recent Principals' Conference I attended, one of the speakers reflected on the verses in Acts 1 where Jesus leaves his disciples and ascends into heaven. The speaker reminded us that the disciples were likely not happy about this – the person they had lived and travelled with for 3 years was leaving them. Everything they had known appeared to be gone forever. The future was not clear; in fact, it probably looked very scary. The disciples are so paralyzed by all this that verse 10 says, "They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going..." and then 2 angels suddenly appeared and asked them, "Why do you stand here looking into the sky?" They seem to have completely forgotten that Jesus will return again and they now have a great deal of work to do.

At the beginning of this pandemic, I must admit that I was worried that I, both personally and professionally, would be so paralyzed by fear or what will be and sadness about what was, that I would just stand still and gaze upwards. Fortunately, that is not the posture WCS has taken - we are moving ahead, looking forward, and finding new ways to do things. Field trips, Pizza & Pasta Lunches, Zoom/Teams learning, Open Houses, virtual speakers, booming enrollment, AND the launching of our E2F building campaign are all signs that we are not stuck somewhere between what was and what will be. As the speaker ended with, "God is still on His throne and we've got work to do!"



Wed/Mar/30 & Thu/Mar/31 ~ PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Attached to today's email, you will find the required information needed for booking your Parent-Teacher Conference/s online. Once you've scheduled your meetings via the online booking site, you will immediately receive a confirmation email from "School Interviews".

The email will also include the Zoom link/s you will need to "attend" your interview/s so be sure to save the link/s in a location that will be easily accessible come your interview time.

Please connect to Zoom a few minutes prior to your scheduled time. You will be placed in the 'waiting room'. When the teacher has concluded the interview immediately preceding yours, she/he will accept you into your meeting.

NOTE - Interviews are 10 minutes. If you're booking an interview with more than 1 teacher, you'll need to exit one meeting and then connect to the second one. IT IS ADVISED that you allow for a 10-minute break between interviews so you have time to transition.

Mrs. Cathy Sallows (Principal) - csallows@willowdalechristianschool.org

Mrs. Miriam Venneri (Office Administrator) - office@willowdalechristianschool.org

PRAYER @ WCS

- Wednesday Worship ~ Mrs. Barnes will teach us a new Name of God - El Elyon (The Most High, King of Kings).
- Please use the WCS Phone Directory to pray for 1 school family each day this week, beginning with *YANG (Peter)* today (Monday) and ending with *Ahlberg* on Sunday. (Yes, we've completed the Directory and are starting at the beginning again.)
- Staff of the Week ~ Mrs. Sallows

Parents Prayer Group (via Zoom) - Every Wednesday @ 8:00 pm

Contact Person ~ Surance Tunggal (WCS Parent) wcsprayerbox@yahoo.com. She will provide the Zoom link. When entering the meeting, TURN ON your camera. Once you've been admitted, you may turn OFF your camera.

NEWS

ANOTHER NEW FAMILY!

We are happy to welcome the FLOWERS family (back) to our school community! Hannah is in Mrs. Kim's Grade 6 class. Heather & Mark (a.k.a. Dad & Mom) can be reached at 416-898-4730 and/or heather.flowers@outlook.com.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION - THIS FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Report Cards cannot be distributed prior to Fri/Mar/11 @ 3:00 pm. If your child is going to be away that day, please let the office know. Any Report Cards that are not distributed will be mailed out on Wed/Mar/16.

EQUIP to FLOURISH (E2F)

[E2F](#) is embarking on a building transformation campaign to enhance students' learning experiences, renew the facilities, and create additional space ... and we are looking for volunteers!

1 - **FUNDRAISING** ~ Do you enjoy organizing events and fundraisers?

2 - **COMMUNICATION** ~ Do you have experience with Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.? We're looking for volunteers to help with social media marketing and update the E2F website.

Parents can count their volunteer hours towards the 2022/2023 WCS Volunteer Program. For more information, please email [Cherie Ahlberg](mailto:Cherie.Ahlberg).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	TAKE NOTE
Fri/Mar/11	—	SUNGLASSES DAY (Get out your shades!)	Dress Down Day
Fri/Mar/11	3:45 pm	2nd Term Report Cards Distributed	3rd Term begins Mon/Mar/28
MARCH BREAK ~ Mon/Mar/14 - Fri/Mar/25			
Wed/Mar/30	6:00 - 9:00 pm	Parent Teacher Conferences	Via Zoom
Thu/Mar/31	3:50 - 6:00 pm	Parent Teacher Conferences	Via Zoom
Wed/Apr/06	7:00 pm	Virtual WCS Open House (via Zoom)	Let your friends know!
Thu/Apr/14	—	Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day	Details to follow.
ONLINE AUCTION ~ Thu/Apr/14 - Thu/Apr/28			
Fri/Apr/15	—	Good Friday	NO SCHOOL
Mon/Apr/18	—	Easter Monday	NO SCHOOL
Fri/May/06	—	Sports Team Spirit Day	Dress Down Day
Wed/May/18	7:00 pm	WCS Spring Membership Meeting	New Date for Calendar