

Perspective: Vancouver Christian School turns sixty

Vancouver Christian School has been marking an important milestone we all need to appreciate. During the weekend of November 13-15 the community took time to celebrate sixty years of service. This school was the first independent Christian school for BC and the third for Canada. I attended the Grandparent's Day celebration. A number of long standing teachers at the school were honoured. One of the former principals, Frank DeVries, spoke about the early years. His remarks and poetry was encouraging because it allowed me to see how the original vision for Christian schooling still remains strong; although the delivery of the vision in the classroom and school has changed so much.

Christian education in BC is but an infant in God's time frame; but in ours it seems that sixty years is a vast span of time! What a blessing to see VCS celebrate 60 years of service to Christian parents and students. Congratulations VCS teachers, old and current, for your leadership and commitment to Christian education. In many ways the story of VCS inspired many other communities in BC and Canada to take the challenge of starting up Christian schools. Today, well over a thousand teachers are serving or have served in the schools of our province. What a story!

For the staff meeting

- For "Prayer Matters" check the website for items we share as an association.
- Is the staff representative on the employee relations committee ready to address issues related to compensation? The compensation report will be arriving at the beginning of January. This year the matter of adequate pension funding will need to be addressed. Check www.christianteachers.ca/pensionplan.cfm
- The CTABC board met on November 20 and approved the following:
 - a. Welcomed new board members Paul Lukachin (White Rock) and Martin Rekers (John Calvin, Yarrow)
 - b. Approved the Compensation Committee recommendations.
 - c. Approved the mandate for the Professional Educators' Policy Committee.
 - d. Approved a CTABC poster to be placed in school staff rooms.
- The Bridging Cultures-Honduran Project is hoping to send a team to Honduras in July 2010. Currently the Canadian government has a travel advisory on Honduras.
- The website has become the CTABC's primary means of communication. Make it one of your "favourites." (www.christianteachers.ca) From October 16 to November 15, 378 visits were made to the website with an average time spent

on the site at 2 minutes and 45 seconds.

- The CTABC executive director is available to meet with teachers to discuss matters pertaining to the mission and vision of the organization. Check the website for topics.
- Convention follow up: Encourage teachers to share what has been learned at a workshop or touch tank.



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