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**"Learning and  
living in Christ"**

**Time Flies - Doesn't it?**

As we mark the passage of another year it struck me again how fast time seems to pass! I believe that the older I get the faster time seems to progress.

When I speak with students they often perceive time as passing very slowly - it takes forever for Christmas or a birthday to arrive! Experience tells me that their perspective on this matter will change - eventually.

The marking of time, as we celebrate during the New Year, allows us to pause and reflect, and it is good for us to encourage our students / children to do the same. In my own life it is often only as I reflect on the past that I see God's hand most clearly in my life - I often miss it in the moment, but I see it clearly when I reflect on the past. Reflecting on the past is a good way of reminding me of God's unfailing love and mercy in my life. The passage of time also allows us to look ahead and to make plans and commitments for the future. While we know that future is a fickle creature that cannot be predicted the New Year allows us to recommit to living lives of faithful service to God, fellow human beings and to being good stewards of God's creation.

If you haven't yet engaged in some healthy New Year reflection with your children I would encourage you to do so as this time of the year presents a unique opportunity to point us all to a faithful and loving God who desires for us to know him and his purpose more and more clearly. The Bible is full of God's words and promises regarding his plans for his people (Psalms, Job, Ecclesiastes, Prophets, Gospels and Epistles), but I always find the words of Jeremiah 29:11 to be a great source of encouragement:

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

May your New Year reflections cause you to rest in God's plans and prosper in his love, and may you be filled with his hope for a bright future!

Ed Noot

Principal

### *UCES Students go to Ballet Victoria*

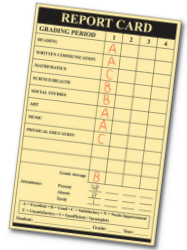
*On Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, the K-6 students will be heading to Agassiz Christian for a performance/demonstration by Ballet Victoria. Students will be introduced to classical ballet, see some excerpts from some classical ballets and have a time to ask questions.*

*Parents are welcome to come and join us for a 1:00 pm start time. Students will be bused back to UCES and will be dismissed as normal at the end of the day.*



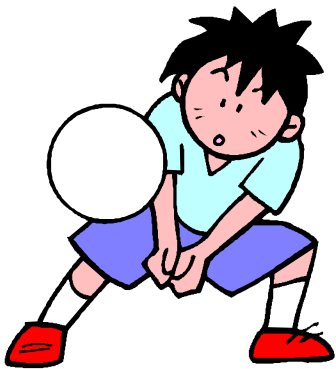
### Report Card Reminder

If you have not already done so, please be sure that you return your child's report card folder and envelope. Please ensure that you sign the page attached to the inside of the folder. You may keep the report card checklist and comments pages.



#### **NEEDED!!**

WE OFTEN HAVE USE OF PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS AND OUR SUPPLY IS RUNNING VERY LOW. IF YOU HAVE ANY EXTRAS THAT YOU CAN SEND TO SCHOOL, WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT! THANKS!



The tumultuous roar of the home crowd greeted the Grade six boys' volleyball team as they returned from a long, one-game road trip. The trip didn't go as planned for the boys, who put in strong effort against their 'across-the-street' rivals from Little Mountain but, in the end, The Flames came up a little short. When asked about the loss, Benji Morrison, a towering power forward, stated "The ball just came outa nowhere!" But, last night despite the lack of practice and bellies full of turkey, stuffing and eggnog, the boys from Unity came together to defeat Bernard two games to three. With sweat dripping off of his forehead, Dylan Both told the press, "Yeah, we ah just kept our eye on the ball and hit it over the net; sooner or later good things happened." Well said, Dylan, well said.

The girls volleyball team is made up of grade five and six girls. We began our season back in November with matches against East Chilliwack and Strathcona. In both games we have seen great attitude, sportsmanship, improvement in skills and some great rallies! We also have appreciated our fan support from family and friends. We are looking forward to the month of January when our team will be playing a game each week. Go Unity!



## UCES CALENDAR

### JANUARY

4 <sup>th</sup>	Girls' Volleyball game at Bernard Elementary 2:50 pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Chapel 8:50 am
10 <sup>th</sup>	Boys' Volleyball game @ Rosedale Elementary 2:50 pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	Girls' Volleyball game here Rosedale Elementary 2:50
13 <sup>th</sup>	Ballet Victoria Performance at Agassiz Christian School 1:00 pm; Leave Elementary @ 12:15 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Boys' Volleyball game @ Robertson Elementary 2:50
18 <sup>th</sup>	Girls' Volleyball game @ Robertson Elementary 2:50
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Special Chapel by Mrs. Gorter's Grade 4/5 class (tentative)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Boys' Volleyball game here against E. Chwk. 2:50 pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Boys' Volleyball game @ F.G. Leary 2:50 pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Girls' Volleyball game @ St. Mary's 2:50 pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Science World Presentation in the afternoon for Kindergarten to Grade 6

### FEBRUARY

6 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day
20 <sup>th</sup>	Special Chapel by Kindergarten 8:50 am (tentative)
20 <sup>th</sup>	Langley Christian Highschool Band Concert
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Student Led Conferences

### MARCH

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Report Card Writing Day - No school for students
8 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards go home
9 <sup>th</sup>	Pro-D Day - No school

## WET/COOL WEATHER REMINDERS

WELL, IT'S BEEN A SOGGY JANUARY SO FAR, AS THIS TIME OF YEAR OFTEN IS IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. IT RAINS A LOT. IF IT'S NOT RAINING HARD, WE OFTEN HAVE STUDENTS OUTSIDE SO THAT THEY CAN GET SOME FRESH AIR AND RUN AROUND. IF THE FIELD IS REALLY WET WE WILL CALL A PAVEMENT DAY, BUT STUDENTS ARE OUTSIDE.

PLEASE TRY TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL WITH A COAT THAT CAN KEEP THEM DRY AND WARM. GLOVES ARE ALSO HANDY WHEN IT'S A BIT CHILLY OUT. GOOD FOOTWEAR IS ALSO A HUGE BENEFIT...IT PREVENTS WET SOCKS AND COLD FEET!

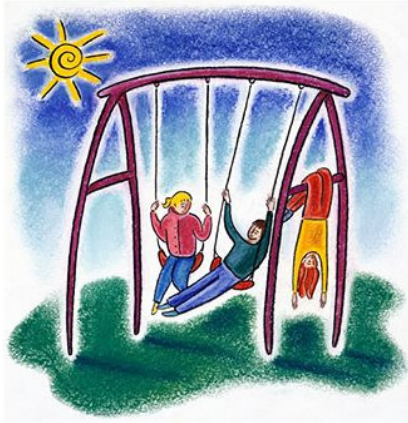
WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU SEND AN EXTRA PAIR OF SOCKS AND PERHAPS PANTS TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD IN CASE OF SLIPS, FALLS AND WET FEET. THIS ALLEVIATES STUDENTS HAVING TO WEAR WET CLOTHES DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY. SENDING THEM IN A LABELED GROCERY BAG IS PROBABLY THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE THAT THEY STAY SAFE HERE...AND THEN THE WET CLOTHES CAN GO HOME IN THE SAME GROCERY BAG SO THEIR SCHOOL WORK DOESN'T GET WET! THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.



### PROGRESSIVE FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

Since beginning in March 2011, the Progressive Fundraising program has brought in \$4198 of profit for Unity Christian School. We are so thankful to our families who support this program and encourage even more of you to get involved! We are now starting up again and orders will be due back at either campus on **Jan.13th**; orders will be placed every two weeks until June.

If you have any questions, please contact [mi-huberts@unitychristian.ca](mailto:mi-huberts@unitychristian.ca). Thanks again for your support!



## NOON HOUR SUPERVISOR SCHEDULE

January 5<sup>th</sup> – February 29<sup>th</sup>

If your name appears on this list at any time in the school year, please make sure you have filled out a Criminal Record Check through the RCMP. Forms are available in the school office. If you have filled out one last year, please check if it is still valid as they are only good for one year. Thank you.

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Miriam van den Brink	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary Vander Hoek
6 <sup>th</sup>	Carmen Langbroek	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marlene Kooyman
9 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Kooyman	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stephanie Vander Kooi
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Vander Hoek	6 <sup>th</sup>	No School
11 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Van de Kamp	7 <sup>th</sup>	Karryn Folkerts
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lizette Deacon	8 <sup>th</sup>	Arlene Haan
13 <sup>th</sup>	Rhonda Morrison	9 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca Semke
16 <sup>th</sup>	Leanne Bestebroer	10 <sup>th</sup>	Alma Oostenbrink
17 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Kingma	13 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Kooyman
18 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Raap	14 <sup>th</sup>	Jen Van Egdome
19 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Vroege	15 <sup>th</sup>	Colleen DeJong
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Ann Van Ryk	16 <sup>th</sup>	Miriam van den Brink
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cynthia de Visser	17 <sup>th</sup>	Karin Kooyman
24 <sup>th</sup>	Laura Kampman	20 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Kooyman
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Elgersma	21 <sup>st</sup>	Cheryl Kingma
26 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Luteyn	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Diane Van de Kamp
27 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Vandebek	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lizette Deacon
30 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Vander Kooi	24 <sup>th</sup>	Carmen Langbroek
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