



## Principal's Post

It's June and the school year is quickly coming to an end. We are enjoying summer weather this week and the Lord answered our prayers for rain. What a beautiful sight it was to get a time 24 hour steady rain. It is amazing how everything has turned so green since then.

With the end of the year comes announcements around staffing. We want to congratulate and wish all the best to Miss. Saunders, Mrs. Priebe, and Mr. Weber on their retirement at the end of this year. All three have spent the majority of their career here at VCA and we are very appreciative for the lives they have touched, the relationships they fostered with students in class and out of class, and professionalism they have brought to their teaching. They will be greatly missed by all staff and students.

Pertaining to staffing for next year, we are happy to announce the transfer of Matthew Erickson to VCA from Blaine Lake. He will be teaching some middle year math, physical education, and science. We also are excited to welcome back for this coming school year Heidi Foth from maternity leave, and Jessica Braun from medical leave.

It has been a challenging year for us as administration, for teachers, for students, and for you as parents. But we have made it with only one short interruption of home learning school wide. Even with a positive outlook coming, we are still uncertain of the future and what September will bring, but we are reminded in Galatians 6:9 "...let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due **season** we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

So our prayer, as we move into the summer months, is that each student will have met the learning objectives before them, that more normal days are ahead, and that through this year relationships will not have been impacted negatively beyond repair, in a year where people's passionate views have been expressed and shared.

Mr. Laskowski



### Dates to Remember:

- June 7: Prep Day (no students)
- June 21: Awards Day (we will be videoing the award presentations and sending the video to the classrooms and parents)
- June 24 & 25: Grades 10-12 Finals
- June 25: Graduation
- June 25: Last day of classes for High School students
- June 28: Last day of classes for Elementary students (will receive their report cards this day) **\*\* please note the date is different than the date on the fridge magnet \*\***
- June 29: Prep Day (no students)  
Grades 7-12 can pick up their report cards from 9-12  
No busses

## Around the School....

The grade 7 science class has been studying aquaponics and hydroponics. They have been growing mint by reusing water with nutrients from their fish .



The grade 4 class has been humming along, learning something new every day as we head into June. The kids have spent the year learning about the four different kinds of paragraphs and will be displaying their favorite pieces next week. We have been studying rocks in science and enjoying learning tasks like making rock collections and testing the properties of those rocks. Soon we will study fossil rocks! The kids have been toppers about following health guidelines and earned a pizza lunch for their efforts! In Christian Ethics, we are studying a unit on authorities as the kids will be the authorities of the future. We spent the year studying Saskatchewan in social studies. Unfortunately, we cannot go on a field trip to Batoche like we traditionally do in grade four, so if you need a family outing idea for the summer, take the drive out there! Happy summer everyone!

- Mrs. Priebe

We have had a wonderful year in Grade 1 at VCA! Although these kids "missed" half of Kindergarten last year, they haven't skipped a beat and have far surpassed all my expectations for them this year. Grade 1 has a lot of learning packed into it, and it has been so fun to watch the students progress from only knowing how to read a few words to reading entire books (and even some chapter books)! They have managed to keep positive attitudes through all the twists and turns that this year has brought, and I am so proud of them for that. Some of our favorite memories from this year have been participating in all the elementary house team events (we have a very competitive group in here ☐), doing some student-directed research into penguins and the Titanic, any time we have gotten to paint, and building houses for The Littles out of recycled materials. I have also challenged the class to see if we can learn to say all of Psalm 23 for Bible memory this month! I am so thankful that I have been able to spend the whole year with these students, and I am so excited to cram lots more fun and learning into these last few weeks before summer!

- Mrs. Clarke

# Around the School....

A note from Mr. Weber....

I started teaching at VCA as my first job when I was 23 years old. I applied for a 20% position to teach Accounting 10. Since I was the only person to apply for the job I got it. Needless to say I was the best person that applied for that position! VCA has been such a great place to work and for me to grow in my faith. I have to thank Mr. Bill Neudorf, a former teacher and founding member of VCA, for mentoring me in my faith and encouraging my spiritual growth. VCA has been the best (Ok – only school - but still the best!) school I have ever worked at and every year of my 28 years was amazing. I had thought that I would be the first teacher to spend their whole 30 year career at VCA, but God had other plans.

I have nothing but positive memories of my years spent teaching at VCA. I remember all the laughs, learning, and bad jokes I got to tell. I also remember all the soccer players I got to coach. For me fall will always be soccer season. I will never forget all the gifted players, great teams, 4 gold medals, and many other provincial medals. The most memorable times were getting to coach my own kids and when we won our first provincial medal. It was a bronze medal and we won in overtime shootouts. When I got back to the dressing room after the game the guys were singing 'Ring of Fire' as loud as they could. Naturally, I joined right in! The friendships forged in the battle to win soccer games will last me a lifetime.

I thank the local VCA school board and parents for trusting me to teach their kids. With God's help and lots of prayer I did my best. Some of things that I learned in teaching were to make the most of my opportunities, to encourage all students in what I say, and to try and make every student want to follow Christ. I am somewhat known for telling corny jokes – and here is why. Christians are to have the joy of the Lord to be their strength. I hope my students saw this joy in me.

I will miss VCA. The staff members were always thought of as friends. I will miss the comradery of being with God's people at VCA and the good times we had together. They were the iron that made me sharper. I am thankful that I can go from something that I love (VCA) to something else that I love (being an entrepreneurial partner with my wife). This last year I have been working at home on our dog business. I get to spend time outside in nature, enjoying our yard, and our beautiful dogs/puppies with my amazing wife. I feel truly blessed at how God is leading me into this next chapter of life.

Richard Weber.



## **School Supplies:**

Once again, parents have the option to go onto Staples website and order school supplies for their classes next year. The lists have almost everything, but you will have to purchase some items separate. To access this option, here are the steps:

1. Go to staples.ca
2. Scroll to the bottom and choose "Staples School Tools" from the Programs List.
3. Click on "For Parents" in the upper right hand corner
4. Type in "Valley Christian Academy" in the school spot and choose "Saskatchewan" in the province spot.
5. It will bring up a list of all the different grades supply lists. Choose which grade you are wanting and it will take you to your order screen where you can remove items or add items to your cart.
6. Enter your child's name at the bottom of the order and then add to your cart. You will be prompted to either finish your order, or you have the option to find another class to order.
7. Complete your order/payment.

This is only another way to purchase school supplies, and is not mandatory.