

SPRING
2011

CELEBRATING the FIRST 50 BUILDING for the NEXT



▲ Jazz violinist and former JCCS teacher **Trevor Dick** wowed the audience with his multimedia performance.

Guests at the ▶
50th Anniversary
celebration enjoying
dinner at Guelph
Place.



▲ Growing to Serve Board Campaign Chair **Peter Kingma** updated the audience on the progress on our fundraising campaign.



Current Principal **Bob Moore** ▲ (right) and Past Principal **Ted Bootsma** (left) improvise a sign for "50".



▲ A grateful crowd expresses its thanks to **Hieke Klapwyk** and **Nicole Ensing** for their hard work organizing the 50th anniversary celebrations.



Former principal ▶
Harry Vander Windt
sang a song about his
years at John Calvin
Christian School.

◀ Emcees **Dawn Pinson** and **Adrian Kooy** entertained the audience and kept the evening moving.





GCCS Board UPDATE

GCCS continues to be richly blessed by the Lord. The GCCS Board of Directors, along with Principal *Bob Moore*, the teaching staff and parent volunteers, have been very busy with a lot of change and growth over the past year. We have experienced a year-over-year increase in enrollment from 160 to 200 students, which has entailed the addition of two new teachers, various support staff and a recruitment and retention leader. We have also added a second Arrowsmith class and a third bus route to better serve the south end of Guelph.

The main challenge at GCCS continues to be both the size and age of our current facility. Hence, the Board and Membership endorsed a Capital Campaign that was officially launched in late in 2010. Under the leadership of *Peter Kingma*, a 10-member Cabinet and a team of 15 canvassers have now raised \$2.5M towards a target of \$3.5M in only 9 months – God is good. To support the overall facility process, we have also established a Facility Committee, led by *Jack Tacoma*, and a Finance



Committee, led by *Chris Burkhart*. Each committee includes a team of support volunteers. We are now in the process of submitting a bid to the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) to purchase the former College Avenue Public School, which is a 37,000 square foot facility on 10 acres of land. This is a competitive process; and the UGDSB is setting a confidential minimum bid price. By the time this article is published, we should know whether or not we are the successful bidder.* If so, we expect to move into College Avenue for

September 2012. If not, we will continue to look for God’s guidance. During the facility review and fundraising process we often refer to Isaiah 54:2, which states “Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.” Please continue to pray for God’s guidance and His blessing on the work being done at GCCS.

Brad Wallace, Board Chairperson

*As we prepare to go to press we have learned that we submitted the highest bid, but we did not meet the reserve price and the school board is extending the sale process.

GCCS NOTABLES



- In this Spring’s Track and Field Day, Nicole Hellinga broke the school record for Running Long Jump, covering 3.52 m. The previous record was 3.27 m, set in 2002 by Anna Hunse. Congratulations Nicole!
- The following students received perfect scores on all their Track and Field events: Andrew VanDyke, Jackson Wallace, Erin Ensing, Mitchell Penner, Nathan Slood, Brendan Koops, Victoria Bell, Michaela Hellinga, Kirstin Hofstee and Madison Visscher. Congratulations!

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Family Profile The Krygsman's



Lisa (grade 8), Seychelle Pagatpatan (Jeremy's fiancé), Jeremy, Sarah, Sharon, Pete

The **Krygsman Family** joined the **GCCS/JCCS** family in 1994 with the enrolment of Jeremy into Kindergarten. We can clearly picture the day Jeremy entered the school yard - with his backpack of supplies and his Dalmatian towel for "naptime" - and made his first venture into Mrs. Lapsley's class. Those were big little steps.

Two more children followed - Sarah in 1997 and Lisa in 2002. Sarah thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in many extracurricular activities - including music, drama, sports, etc - setting the stage for similar involvement in her years at **Woodland Christian High School (WCHS)**. Lisa is graduating in June, bringing our time as parents at **GCCS** to a close. Her grade 8 year has been another highlight - with a positive environment that promotes friendship, growth in faith, academic understanding, and development of leadership abilities.

Throughout the years, Sharon has participated in Fundraising and Transportation Committees, and

thoroughly enjoyed volunteering for Skate-a-thons and Grandparents Day. Pete has had the opportunity to chaperone class trips, with a highlight being the Grade 7 bike trip along the Niagara River. He also became involved with Education Committee, and later the Board and as Treasurer.

Our family has been richly blessed by **GCCS/JCCS** during the past 17 years. All the effort and care that the teachers and staff have contributed has been truly amazing. We have appreciated each one in their unique contribution. Our children certainly have been nurtured, educated and inspired in Christ-centred learning and serving.

Time waits for no-one, and we now can look forward to Lisa's participation in **WCHS**, Sarah's continuation of an undergraduate degree in Kinesiology at *McMaster University*, Jeremy's wedding in August and graduation from *University of Waterloo* for Urban Planning.

We will always remember and cherish the central role that the school community played in our children's early, formative years. We will miss **GCCS**, but will not forget to keep In Touch!



Noel, Byron Bright (son-in-law), Jane, Erica, Bob

inTouch Staff Profile Mr. Bob Moore

Bob Moore feels privileged to be completing his seventh year as Principal at **GCCS**. He first taught high school for eleven years, after which he earned his M.Ed.. He then became Principal in Lindsay for 15 years, during which time he also finished the Ontario Principal's Certificate.

He keeps coming back to school every day because he enjoys the enthusiasm and wonder with which students respond to discovering more about their Creator and His creation.

Bob has been married to Jane for almost 37 years. Jane is an R.N. at the *Dawson Road Medical Clinic*. They have 28-year-old twins, Erica and Noel. Erica

is interning as an architect in Brantford. She and her husband are expecting their first child in

September. Noel is a graduate of the Cabinetmaking program at *Conestoga College* and is currently studying furniture design at the Ontario College of Art and Design in Toronto.

Bob and Jane enjoy family history. In the summer, they like to travel to historic cities, find the cemeteries and dig up ancestors. Bob also enjoys restoring antique clocks.

The Moores attend Lakeside and belong to hospitality teams there serving coffee or staffing the info booth.

Grand River Advancement of Christian Education (GRACE) Foundation



GRACE Foundation was established a few years ago to address the long term needs of Christian Education in the Grand River region, and to support the participating schools both in raising awareness of those needs and in raising significant funds for the member schools. **GRACE** has set a target of raising \$20 million in 20 years. An endowed fund of that size will provide an alternative source of income that will sustain many schools for the next generation.

Connecting the vision of strong Christian education from one generation to the next is the goal of **GRACE Foundation**. Your gift to the foundation will enable your local Christian school to provide direction, guidance and opportunity for your children's children, to continue growing in the knowledge of God and to discover His direction for their lives.

GRACE Foundation was established for all Christian Schools in the Grand River watershed, and is partnered with **Christian Stewardship Services** (CSS, www.cssservices.ca). Contributions to the foundation can be designated for a specific school or purpose through an endowment. All interest from donations is dispersed to the school as designated by you, to programs such as technology, music, special education, tuition assistance, etc.



Christian Stewardship Services provides various free services to the member schools of **GRACE**:

- Individual home visits to supporters of the school to discuss making gifts to the **GRACE** endowment funds or to the school
- Free Home Visits to review will and estate plans with impartial and confidential advice for members of your community
- Presentations on gift planning and estate planning to school membership and Board
- Information and articles on gift planning and estate planning for **GRACE** or individual schools publications and website

GRACE is run by a Board of Directors representing the member schools and operates an Endowment fund for the benefit of each individual school. CSS manages those funds for **GRACE**.

Jeff Buisman is the Board member representing **GCCS**. For information on how to support **GRACE**, please contact Jeff at jbuisman@vanharten.com, or Maynard Wiersma at maynardw@cssservices.ca.

What's Coming Up

June 21, Grad Night

June 22, last day of school



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