



2018 - 2019 THEME:

MISSION POSSIBLE

BEING GOD'S AGENTS OF CHANGE

WHAT I LIKE ABOUT KCS:

- I like playing intramural hockey. **-O.K.**
- I liked when my grandparents came to school. **-J.G.**
- I like sharing about how God works in my life. **-A.V.**
- I like how they tell us about God. **-S.H.**
- I like that every month we get challenges to try and do them. **-T.R.**
- KCS is the best, most epic school ever! **-L.K.**
- I love that Jesus is growing our school. **-Grade 2/3 student**

WORDS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This year our school theme was *"Mission Possible: Being God's Agents of Change."* Throughout the year we looked at ten different ways that we can be Kingdom agents in God's world. We studied how to be community builders, God worshippers, justice seekers, servant workers, beauty creators, creation enjoyers, order discoverers, earth keepers, idolatry discerners, and image reflectors.

We called these "Biblical Throughlines" and they describe how we were challenged to serve and learn. They describe, exactly and profoundly, what we should "be" as a result of our Christian school education.

These Throughlines clearly encompass all things. We aren't God-Worshippers only in church, any more than we are Creation-Enjoyers only when awed by a beautiful sunrise. Biblical truth clearly states that the world, in every way possible, belongs to God. God is always present in everything. We need to focus on unwrapping or revealing the joined nature of the faith and learning relationship. God's Word clearly describes this connection in **Colossians 1:16-17**; *For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

God created all things. And even after the Fall, which did affect and infect all things, creation remains good. Christ's redemption impacts all things, redirecting them to the purposes God intended. And someday, all things will be fully restored, because God will not let sin have the last word! This work of restoration, of transformation and renewal, was the work of every student at King. It was very exciting this year to see how each student mirrored God's image as they worked out how to be community builders, God worshippers, justice seekers, servant workers, beauty creators, creation enjoyers, order discoverers, earth keepers, and idolatry discerners.



We began the school year with an emphasis on community building and we want to end the year with this same theme. As I pass the torch of leadership on to Maureen Jarvis, I am profoundly thankful for the opportunity to serve the King community for this school year. I have been blessed by being a part of God's Kingdom work in this place and will hold you close in prayer as the King community continues to serve God through Christ centered education.

Blessings,
Donna Veenstra
KCS Principal

WE ARE A COMMUNITY... THAT CARES!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



On Friday, May 10, KCS was home to the Special Olympics! Students from several local public, Catholic and Christian schools attended this wonderful event where they were cheered and encouraged by our student body while they participated in a variety of activities like an obstacle course, bowling, bocce ball, and basketball. It was an honour to host these incredible kids at our school.

Thank you, KCS community, for supporting in many different ways. Thank you to the families who baked cookies for snacks. Thank you to the students who led events, made signs, served lunch, cheered and most importantly showed love to these extra special visitors. Thank you, KCS community, for sharing the love of Christ with your neighbours. You shone brightly as community builders, servant workers and image reflectors of our amazing God.

JEREMY BENJAMIN

In February, Jeremy Benjamin led a special time of worship where the student body had the opportunity to create a song together. He came as an ambassador for World Renew, the mission organization of the Christian Reformed church. He talked with students about what they could do, as justice seekers, to help end world poverty.



COMMUNITY WORKERS

Throughout April and May, the JK and SK classes at KCS visited with a variety of important people in our community. As a group, they visited the Bradford fire station where they thanked the fire fighters for all of their good work. From there, they headed to the library for a tour and heard one of the librarians read two great books. Since that time, they have been visited by several people who shared about what they do in our community to be a blessing.



A TRIP TO THE FIRE STATION



**A VISIT FROM PILOT
ZACHARY VEENSTRA**

Mrs. Veenstra also loves to pop in to our classrooms and connect with the students. Recently she joined the JK/SK classes as her son, Zac Veenstra, came to share what it is like to be a pilot. She had such a look of love and pride for her son that he had grown into this wonderful man, now a leader in the community and teaching the next generation to be a blessing.

While her own four children will always have a very special place in her heart, many of us at KCS feel like she has welcomed us into her family. She rejoices with us in victory (and she really does like to win!) and comforts in our sorrows. She has prayed for us by name and encourages us to live honest lives that glorify God in all we do and say. Thank you, Mrs. Veenstra, for being such a blessing to us in a very short period of time. We are truly thankful that God has allowed our paths to cross for such a time as this. You will be missed!



A VISIT FROM A PARAMEDIC

PASTORS' BREAKFAST

WE ARE A COMMUNITY...

THAT APPRECIATES

OUR LEADERS

At the end of April, we gathered to honour the many pastors and youth workers from our local church communities. The Community Relations Committee hosted a delicious breakfast and then everyone gathered for a time of worship in the gymnasium. A highlight of this chapel was a child from each congregation prayed over the minister or ministry team that was present. Here are some of the prayers that were given:



God,
I pray for this special couple, my dad and mom. I pray that together their lives speak of one love, one faith and one purpose. I thank you, God, for the gift of them and their ministry. Amen

Aidan - Gr. 1

Dear Heavenly Father,
We thank you for today. We thank you for all the pastors that could make it here today. We ask that you be with all the pastors who could not make it. We thank you for the special calling that you placed on each of the pastors. We are thankful for the role that our pastors have in both our lives and the church community. We are thankful to have had the opportunity to serve them today. We ask that you, God, continue to be at work in each of their lives and that you bless them in all that they do. In Jesus' name we pray.



Zac - Gr. 2



Dear Heavenly Father,
Please bless Pastor Mike Borgert and give him the confidence to preach in front of other people. Please bless him and his family especially in difficulties. Please keep him from getting sick especially on Sundays so that he can teach me and my family about Jesus Christ my Lord. Please bless him in the work that he is doing in our church. In Jesus' name, Amen. **Anneke - Gr. 3**

STUDENT LEADERS AT KCS

In the first semester of the school year, KCS was home to a co-op student named Megan. She assisted with the Grade One and SK classes. When the semester ended, some other high school students came in to help with



primary classes. Megan, Hannah, Erica and Emma have been a blessing to our school. Thank you ladies, for all of the good work at KCS!



As the second term of school came to a close, we said good-bye to Mrs. Rumble as our grade six teacher and welcomed Mr. Thomas Kooy to our school. Mr. Kooy is an alumnus of this school and has been a wonderful addition to our staff. We also rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Rumble at the birth of their first daughter Charlotte. Please keep them in your prayers as they raise this little girl to know and love God.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT

TREATS EVERYONE AS IMAGE BEARERS OF GOD

While the snow blew outside, inside the school building there were warm hearts listening and learning about the stories of the lives of the people who faced unique challenges. Students were invited to walk in other people's shoes and see the beauty and diversity in all the people that God has made. During this special theme week, students rotated to different classrooms to learn about a variety of topics.

A guest speaker, Mr. Graham Robinson, came to talk about his autistic son and how he processes the world around him. Another speaker, Pastor Harry, shared his family's journey with Down Syndrome. Paralympian Stef Reid's story was also shared. She has a powerful testimony of how God worked in her life following a boating accident.



Students were challenged to think outside their own box and create musical instruments to accommodate for a variety of needs. Primary students learned the alphabet in sign language. Students were given glasses that distorted the text on a page to help understand dyslexia. The JK and SK classes met Audrey and Melissa from the War Amps and discovered fascinating things about the many different prosthetic limbs that are designed specifically to help with riding bikes, throwing and catching a ball, doing handstands and much more.



Students were asked to share what they had learned during the week at a final assembly. Some presented the musical instruments or posters that they had made. Some also wrote written responses about what their "take away" from the week had been.



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THOUGHTS ON THEME WEEK

GR. 6 & GR. 2/3

What I learned today that I found interesting was Mr. Geertsema's session. It was cool because we got to put our fingerprints on paper. We learned that every fingerprint is unique. Sometimes we think that we all have to have certain qualities to be "normal," but really we are all different so we are all not "normal." **Emma S.**

When Mrs. Wright read the parable about the party no one went to ... It teaches us again that we need to always remember we aren't above certain people and certain people are not below us. Hospitality is also a good virtue to remember. **Madison B.**

I found Mrs. McKinley's class interesting because she read us a few books and one of them was a story about Susan and she had a disability. However, the book shows Susan's

ability first. The books gave me a message that don't judge people by their looks. This topic is important because usually people see how they look and bully them if they have a disability. This book showed me to not see the disability first but recognize that everyone has abilities. They are different, not less. **Jisoo S.**

In Mrs. Schenk's section we talked about people following their dreams despite their disability. One of the people we talked about was someone who couldn't walk or talk. He and his father entered marathons and triathlons together. This topic is important because it shows that even though people can't do something by themselves, it doesn't mean they can't do it. We need to help people who can't do certain things. I want to learn more about the different disabilities so



that I am not ignorant and know how to help and respond to others. **Kaitlyn H.**

It's not what you see on the outside but what's on the inside that counts.

Joel S.

Treat people with Down Syndrome with respect and kindness. Do not be mean or unkind. **Lilianna S.**

God invites everyone to heaven. It's like an invitation to a big party. **Zac B.**

If your heart is empty, Jesus can fill your heart up. **Claire W.**

People who are deaf can still listen to songs using sign language or by taking their shoes off and feeling the vibrations. **Victoria W.**

You can use art to show how you feel. **Nathan S.**

During Theme Week, students in grades 1-8 were asked to illustrate what God's incredible, unending, love looks like to them. The artwork is based on **Romans 8:38-39**: *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*



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WE ARE A COMMUNITY...

THAT WORKS TOGETHER

AS A TEAM!



Give me a K-K! Give me a C-C! Give me a S-S!

What does that spell? KCS! At KCS we cheer one another on and help each other out. This has been evident this school year as students have worked together in amazing ways.



Each classroom was given the assignment to colour portions of Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Night* picture. Students worked diligently to complete it, sometimes with multi-aged children working on the same paper as learning partners.



Students in grades 6-8 worked together for several months reading 9 books, preparing for the great Battle of the Books,

where they would compete against other local Christian schools to remember even the smallest details from these stories. They were strong competitors and remembered an impressive amount of information from these books.



Senior students in grades 7 and 8 have also represented the school well this year in badminton, volleyball, and basketball. They have worked hard to do their best and encourage each other on. The badminton players had great success in the individual and doubles' events.



Senior students also had the opportunity this year to learn a new sport--curling. Under the direction of Mr. Ed Sikkema, students were taught the fundamentals of a quintessential Canadian sport. Many thanks to Mr. Sikkema and the wonderful people at the Bradford Curling Club for their work with our children.



Whether KCS students have competed in a classroom, remembering details from a book or on a volleyball, basketball or badminton court,

they have learned something far more important than what happened on page 53 of the book *Undergrounders* by David Skuy. They have learned important life skills about supporting one another in stressful life situations and encouraging each other to do their best.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY...

THAT CELEBRATES OUR LEARNING



On Tuesday, May 7th the community came to KCS to get a glimpse into the learning that has taken place over the past several months. Families gathered in the gym to hear about how the school has worked to be community builders, justice seekers, creation enjoyers, God worshippers, idolatry discerners, order discoverers, and beauty creators, servant workers, and earth keepers. Stories, songs, and Bible verses were shared. Then everyone headed to the classrooms to see visual displays of the children's work.



Students presented their learning about Arctic animals, butterflies, pioneers, countries of the world, and community helpers. Senior students worked in groups to create proposals to the board of directors that would significantly enhance our large playground space with new equipment, trees and spots to gather in small groups.

POEM & POSTER CONTEST

Every year students from KCS participate in the Bradford Legion's Remembrance Day poem and poster contest. This year Allison won second place for her poem and Owen won first place for his artwork. Their work is now entered into the next level of competition. Congratulations to these two students. Read for yourself Allison's beautifully written poem **"Missing in Action"**:

*We knew he may not return
We didn't want to say goodbye
We knew that he would volunteer
To fly on that plane*

*We tried to hold back our tears
But they flew away
He left with saying many words
As we watched him disappear*

*We got many letters
Until that dreaded day*

*We got one last letter at the end
Of the day*

*It wasn't from him
It was from the office
Saying that he was MIA
Missing... in... Action*

*We were sure he was gone
So we were very surprised and glad
When he came home on that
Wonderful day*

*We all ran out to meet him
They ran faster
I knew they wouldn't of survived
Without their beloved father
They jumped into his arms*

*I will remember the day he was lost
And the day that he was found*



LOOKING AHEAD...

Monday, May 27

23rd Annual Golf Marathon

Wednesday, May 29: 7:30pm (Please note the date change)

Membership/Society Meeting

New Principal Maureen Jarvis will attend

Friday, June 7

KCS Fun Run

Friday, June 14: 7:00pm

Grade 8 Graduation at Westside Community Church

June 17-20

Grade 8 Ottawa Trip

Friday, June 21

Last Day of School, Report Cards Go Home

Wednesday, August 28: 6:00pm

New Year's Party!

Tuesday, September 3

First Day of 2019-2020 School Year

BLAST OFF INTO LEARNING!

Spring into Kindergarten and join us for a fun-filled morning of space-themed activities.

When: Tuesday, June 4th, 2019

Time: 9:00-11:00 am

Who: Curious children who want to explore what Junior Kindergarten is like.

RSVP to office@kingchristian.ca if your child is able to attend.

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