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# ROCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

April 2021

Learning, Loving, Living for our Lord



## Mission Statement

Rocky Christian School is an interdenominational community of Christian believers dedicated to developing and pursuing excellence in Christ-Centred education.

## Vision Statement

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the home, church and school will work together to equip students to live lives that honour and serve God and contribute to society in a positive way.

Visit our website at [rockychristian.wrsd.ca](http://rockychristian.wrsd.ca). There you will be able to find:

- Latest news from the school and calendars of coming events
- Newsletters (past and present)
- All of the current forms needed for school use
- Hot lunch and Moo Club forms
- School Council information

Like!! us on Facebook for all current information

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please be sure that you stop by the office to sign in and pick up a "Visitor" tag before you go to any other part of the school. We are responsible to show proof that we can account for everyone in the building.

Please try to remember to phone the office when you know your child is going to be absent or late. This saves me from having to phone you to check up on them.

You can also email me at [marie.aasman@wrsd.ca](mailto:marie.aasman@wrsd.ca)

Please be sure that you obey the **No Parking** signs on the front of the building.

**THANK YOU.**



# LEARNING CURVE

Robert Duiker

## Community

The proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child," has been expressed in many ways over the centuries. Some people believe the saying originated in an ancient African proverb while others contend it came from a North American tribe. Versions of the proverb from various tribes include, "A child does not grow up only in a single home," "A child belongs not to one parent or home," and "Regardless of a child's biological parent(s) its upbringing belongs to the community." Many Christian parents will cringe a little at the prospect of sharing their children to the degree suggested by these proverbs. However, we cannot escape the fact that **our children are nurtured and encouraged by many people**. Unlike the African or North American tribes from whom the proverb originated, parents today make choices about the community which will raise their children. Our community is like a modern-day Christian tribe. Who will you allow into your village?

A majority of Rocky Christian School parents have chosen to live in a rural setting. The decision to live in the country is, at least in part, a decision about the community that will raise your child. Signing up for minor sports or a club is a decision about the community that you consent to raise your children with you. The degree to which you decide to participate in your church and school communities is a set of decisions about the community that will raise your children with you. Who do you depend on to live in the same village as your children?

Hebrews 10:24 & 25 (NIV) says, "***And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.***" At the heart of the passage is the injunction to keep meeting together, or as expressed in other translations, "Do not forsake our assembly", "Do not neglect church meetings", "Do not avoid worshipping together", and "Do not forget to gather as a community." **But we should be careful not to miss the purpose and character of that community.** Our children must live in a community where we "***Spur one another on toward love and good deeds***" and encourage one-another. Again, other translations of this passage are helpful as a Christian community is described as a place where we "***Provoke unto charity and to good works,***"(DRA) "***Comfort one another,***"(NLV) "***Outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good,***"(TBL) "***See how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out,***"(MSG) and "***Inspire each other to greater love and to righteous deeds.***"(VOICE) We and our children are intended, and indeed instructed by God to live in a community like that. With our brothers and sisters in Christ we form a village like that!

Our children will be raised by a community. By their actions parents will choose that community. You can try to avoid it by sheltering them from everybody but trusted family members if, in the words of our passage, you, "give up meeting together." Look at any child and you will see signs of the village that is raising them. Are the children left to raise each other on the streets of the village or are they being spurred on and encouraged towards good deeds and love? Rocky Christian School seeks to be the kind of village where we seek to "outdo each other in being helpful and kind." It is not a village of children 'only', but rather a place where **we are deliberate about being a community in which one generation is connected to the next.** It is not a village of children 'alone', but rather one of fellowship, where children and adults encourage and inspire each other towards loving and helping one another. It is a community that invites Christian families like yours.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Please see a full report of committee updates throughout this newsletter. If you have any questions about any of the reports, or are interested in joining any of the committees, please feel free to contact any board member or the office.

### **Capital Management Update**

Some days it seems as if spring is here and other days not so much, but our thoughts have been turning to summer projects at the school. The Capital Management committee has been working on regular maintenance, installation of LED lights in the hallways (thank-you to Gord and Peter for doing the majority of this work), and preparing projects for this summer. This summer we plan to construct a quiet room in the school, repaint the shop exterior, have stucco repaired on the building, and possibly renovate the upstairs boys/girls washrooms. Stay tuned for how you can help or reach out to a committee member for more information.

### **PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE**

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The Promotions Committee has outfitted our amazing staff and coaches with school vests. We had a parade float built that we are excited to decorate for our next parade! We sent out prayer cards to our school families, which we hope were encouraging and uplifting. We are praying our school families



will all send out their beautiful ArtCards for Grandparents Day!

### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

On behalf of the fundraising committee, we want to extend a big thank you to everyone who participated in our fundraisers this year!



We were able to meet our goal of raising money to purchase hockey nets for the outside pad and basketball nets for the outside court.

### **ART CARDS BY KIDS**

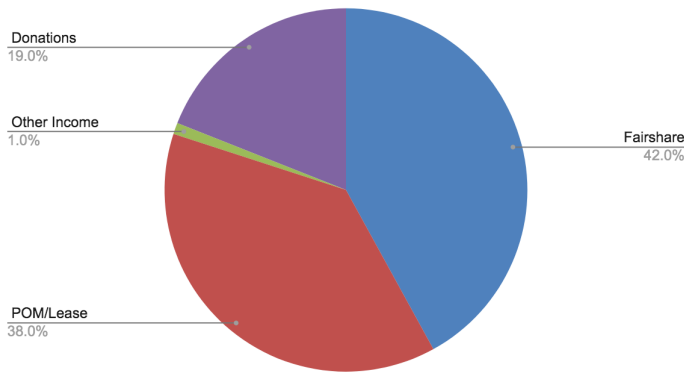
Last week your child should have brought home their Art Cards - they all did such an amazing job!

The deadline to order packages or other keepsakes is Friday, April 30, so be sure to not miss out on this special project - order today and help spread some joy to the special people in your life by sending them a very personalized card.

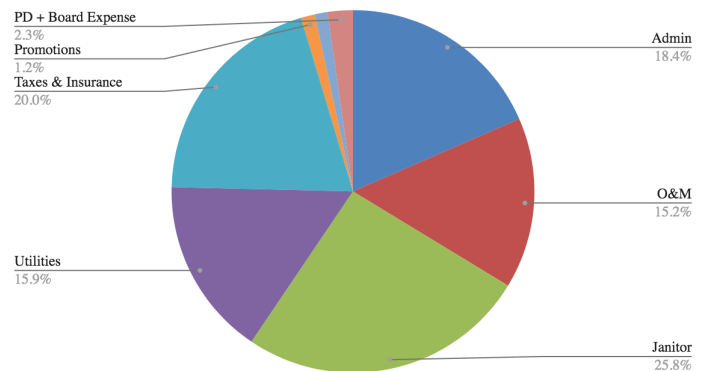
## FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Board wanted to share some information about the Society's finances. We want you to know where our income comes from and where it goes. The RCS Society receives income not only from fairshare contributions but also from donations, fundraising and from WRSD in the form of lease money and POM (Plant, Operations, and Maintenance.) The largest portion of our expenses are used to operate and maintain the building. Any surplus goes into saving for future developments for our school. We currently have \$1,104,000 saved! The graphs below are calculated from September 2020- March 2021. If you have any questions we'd be happy to discuss them with you.

RCS Society Income as of March 2021



RCS Society Expenses as of March 2021



## SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

We are looking at putting together an RCS hoodie order for this Spring. It has been a few years since we have ordered and we wanted to extend this opportunity to all new students and families. Hoodies will be available to order in several colours and will have our RCS Royals logo printed on the left chest. You will have the option of having your name embroidered on the right sleeve as well. In order to have the hoodies back before the end of school, we will need to have all orders in by Friday, May 14. Order forms are coming home with this newsletter.





## ANNUAL FLOWER FUNDRAISER

Flowers will be ready for pick-up **Thursday, May 6** (note the date change). Pick up will be done the same as last year - **one person from the order sheet will be allowed to pick up the entire order**. A schedule of times will be sent home/emailed to those who ordered flowers; if your scheduled time doesn't work for you, please let the office know so that a more suitable time can be arranged.

West Country Greenhouse wanted to recognize the Brouwer family for their fantastic flower order! Ryan and Jason each received a coupon to pick up a strawberry basket for their efforts.

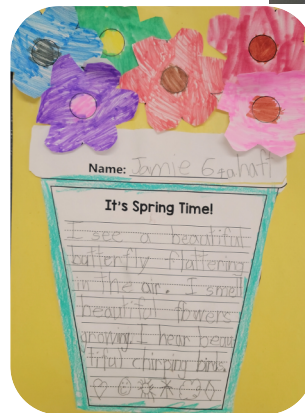


## SPRING IS IN THE HALLS

### CHUBBY DOGGO

BY KOLIN MAYER

There was a dog his colour was black  
whenever I call he runs right back  
He is very chubby I love him that way  
He jiggles around all through the day  
He still can run and go get the ball  
He can't come inside he'll track mud through the halls  
Whenever you pet him he lays on his back  
If you look away he will run and attack  
He loves the attention, the pets and the pats  
They put him on a diet so he gets less fat  
He's pretty big  
He reminds me of a bear  
If he sneaks up on you he'll give you a scare  
I love that dog  
He's really nice  
If you see him  
You won't think twice  
A thing I love about him  
That I think is grand  
Is that when you pet him  
He will want to hold your hand





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Hot Lunch	5 Kindergarten Day	6	7 PD Day No school for students	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 No school for students or staff	22
23	24 Holiday	25 Western Day 	26 Kindergarten Day	27	28	29
30	31					