## Taking Student Learning to New Levels at TCS!! Mr. Rod Berg

On the evening of the Fine Arts Concert and during Grandparents Day—something very special happened at TCS! Student learning flourished in the halls of the school. Yes, student learning often is alive and vibrant throughout the hallways of TCS; however, on April 23rd and 24th this learning happened with authentic audiences for students which included their parents, grandparents and family members.


As we strive to live our vision statement at TCS, we, as staff, push ourselves in new directions and this results in getting students excited and genuinely passionate about what they are learning at school.

Great things happen when students "own" their learning. This means they understand, present and teach others about what they learned and passionately internalize the journey! Good education needs to sparkle a bit to inspire.

The picture to the right shows the grade five students listening to the testimony of a new Christian named Sean in downtown Barrie. Sean is a member of Hope Church and embraced Christ several months ago. In his words, "he was lost, but is now in Christ!" It was powerful seeing the work of the Holy Spirit right
there at the five corners in downtown Barrie and seeing our students both see and hear God's handiwork!

Sometimes we need to get out of the classroom to see the bigger world that God created. Sometimes we need to get out of our comfort zone and talk with people. It reminds students that our God is alive and changing the hearts of people.
Learning is exciting and TCS is unpacking and

unfolding our Father's incredible creation to students....one class trip...one project...and one presentation at a time.

Inspiring children to be alive in Christ...we can't wait until next year!



## Grade 7 and 8 Electives

We had amazing leaders for our grade 7 and 8 electives this term! Mrs. Brouwer-a new parent to TCS offered to teach a cooking elective! Students baked cupcakes, apple crisp, and cookies, and cooked shepherds pie and lasagna! What a great "outside of the classroom" experience-and a way to learn to appreciate all that our parents do-making meals and treats for us through the week!

The artsy bunch signed up for the "Chalkboard Art" elective, led by Mrs. Overdijk! They made some beautiful works of art and let the creative juices flow freely!

Mr. Devries took a group to teach Self Defense. This is the first year we've offered this elective and it was a hit!

The Barrie Athletic Club let us use 3 of their squash courts to run a Squash elective as well! Mr. Wilcox went with some students who have never had the opportunity to play squash because you need a special racquet and a special court!


## Pastor Appreciation Morning

This year we had 24 pastors attend our annual event and it seemed everyone had a great time! Both choirs performed, and some grade six girls led everyone in an Easter song and did sign language while everyone sang along! Pastors were invited to join the staff at recess in the staff room to meet each other! It was such a successful morning!

 DAVID BUSBY CENTRE


A couple times each year, the grade four and five classes prepare lunches for those in need in our community. Students bring in supplies to make sandwiches
 and prepare lunches. To add a little excitement for those who receive the lunches, students decorate the brown bags with little messages of encouragement, add granola bars, fruits and

drinks, and then the Busby Centre comes to pick them up! This is a great way to help to show God's love to those in our own neighbourhood in a practical way!

## Basketball

Students played hard in back to back tournaments-one with a group South of Highway 9, and the following day with the "North of 9 " group! Both tournaments were a lot of fun!

The tournament at TCS ended up being mostly mixed teams, with only two all-girl teams from Holland Marsh and Timothy. The two girls teams played a game to determine the winner, and TCS ended up winning the trophy.

In the mixed group, TCS entered two teams and one of our teams ended up winning the victory in that game.


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Students played hard in a variety of teams! Matt Kiss \& Connor VanDyke played in the male doubles tournament and took lst place! Kate Borgert placed 2nd in the female singles tournament, and Mark DeLange and Cearra Bartley played against the other mixed doubles teams and took home 2nd place! Great job everyone!


## WaCKy tAcKy dAy!

Always a fun dress-up day is when students are asked to wear the tackiest clothes they can find! This year was no exception! Students and staff alike, rose to the challenge and it was an interesting day around the school!


## WATEKITHISWAY



The grade two class launched their community project called "Walk In His Way." We have been learning that even though our feet are very small we can still do BIG things to help spread the love of Jesus with our community. With this focus students have been brainstorming ways we can make a difference and help others. As part of our research we discovered that Barrie Food Bank is asking for 80,000 pounds of food this Spring. They have received 50,000 pounds so far but are in need of much more. The students decided as a class we could help them reach their goal. So we went for a walk to deliver Food Bank Bags to houses surrounding TCS on Monday April $20^{\text {th }}$. We then returned on Monday April $27^{\text {th }}$ to pick up the bags!


Another need in
 our Barrie community is for volunteers to clean the parks and nature walks around the city. We have talked to Bret Mosley - the recreational director of the City of Barrie and found out interesting facts about how much garbage is carelessly left by individuals throughout the winter months. So once again the Grade 2 class jumped into action to use their little feet and make a difference. We traveled to Marsellus Park in Barrie on April $29^{\text {th }}$ to do a full
spring cleaning of this large park. It was a fantastic day of service and fun.

We will be fulfilling more acts of service in May as we carry our Community project, "Walk In His Way" to the end of this year. The Grade 2's have been witnessing in this journey the ways in which Jesus blessed our world by sharing love and building community....and have realized it was not a clean, tidy or easy job for Him to do!


## Battle of the Books

Our Battle of the Books teams had a successful year! We have been reading and studying ten novels since November and completed our season with a "Battle

for this competition. We were extremely proud of both our Senior and Junior teams. They represented our school well, with positive attitudes and encouraging words-and many correct answers. It was a wonderful day. The Junior Team placed first in their division and the Senior Team placed fourth. Excellent results! Competition Day" at Holland Marsh Christian School on April 20th. The students need to answer comprehension questions and need to know details about each of the ten books assigned to their division. It takes a lot of dedication and determination to get ready

## CHARLOTTE'S WEB

After reading and studying E.B. White's Charlotte's Web, Grade 3 took a morning to make their own Wilburs. Each student created a terrific pig of his/her own to take home and love. Each new Wilbur took on a personality of its own and the students were thrilled with the results. It was a wonderful way to end our novel study.



## Bradford Greenhouses

If you're at Bradford Greenhouse (Bradford AND Barrie) make sure you mention that you're with Timothy Christian School and they'll give a portion of your purchase back to the school! This is a great fundraiser that costs us NOTHING! So, join us in this fundraiser because every little bit counts!


## TCS MISSION

Timothy Christian School develops children through biblically based educational programs by nurturing professionals equipping our children to be active Christians in God's world.

..inspiring children to be alive in Christ!

## TCS VISION

Timothy Christian School delivers a dynamic, vibrant learning environment offering leading edge programs that inspire children to be alive in Christ.

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