



The Monthly

KNOX NEWS

MAY 2019



CELEBRATE LEARNING!

By Principal Paul Marcus

On May 30th, we hosted our annual Celebration of Learning event. We had a few goals in mind as a staff when we designed this event. First, we recognized that we have many opportunities for our community to see extracurricular events, but not a lot of opportunity to see the academic work that our students are doing. Second, we wanted to give students an authentic audience to view their work. Often it is just their teachers that see their work and we thought that an audience of adults adds motivation and authenticity to their work. Third, we wanted to give students an opportunity for meta-cognition – which is to say an opportunity for them to think about how

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and why they do learning. We believe that it's important for students to understand the process of their learning and the reason for their learning.

As we worked through the stages of preparing for the Celebration of Learning, we saw that our students are getting it. They are children who are beginning to think about their work by answering such questions as:

“what was most challenging about this?”, “why did I enjoy this?”, “what did I learn about God and His creation through this learning task?”, etc. It was exciting to see that they are beginning to understand themselves as learners who are involved in a process, not simply receptacles of skills and knowledge. Being a community of learners means that we are all learners involved in the process of learning that our students are undertaking. It should be assumed that we will learn something as the students share their learning, as opposed to assuming that we as adults have learned it all. We are here as a whole community to learn together and to come closer to God through the process.

GALLERY

SOME OF THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF OUR STUDENTS AT OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LEARNING



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNOX IS CERTIFIED BEST CHRISTIAN WORKPLACE

This year we decided to use an organization called the Best Christian Workplaces Institute to help us gauge our effectiveness as a Christian workplace. To gain certification, an organization must achieve at least an average of higher than 4/5 on all scoring areas. We can and will continue to get better, but it's great to know that our hard work has been paying off!



GRADES 3-8 TRACK AND FIELD AND KNOX TRACK MEET

Many great showings and fine sportsmanship all around. We had 5 broken records this year which is very impressive. 49 of our students attended the Regional Christian Schools Track and Field. Congratulations to those who represented Knox at the Christian School Track and Field Meet.

GRANDFRIENDS' DAY

Over 300 of our closest Grandfriends visited Knox on April 26th for our annual Grandfriends' Day celebration. The gym was decorated beautifully, we worshipped together, enjoyed student performances, and ate a delicious lunch. Thanks to everyone who came and to the volunteers for organizing another memorable event.

KNOX SPIRIT WEAR

Knox spirit wear with our new logo is now available by visiting the following website: <https://knoxgear.itemorder.com/sale>



VISIT WITH MPP LINDSEY PARK

Our Grade 7 and 8 students spent a day in Toronto this month which was capped off with a visit to Queen's Park and a conversation with our MPP, Lindsey Park.

CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 11 - JK-2 Track and Field Day
- June 12 - JK-2 Track and Field Rain Date
- June 14 - Senior Kindergarten Graduation
- June 17 - KCSS Board Meeting
- June 19 - Grade 8 Graduation
- June 21 - Year End Assembly - 2:20
- June 21 - Last Day of School

PRAISE and PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayer for families who are considering Knox for their children.
- Prayer for the health of staff and students as we head into a busy last month of school activities.
- Prayer for the Board and leadership as they make decisions for next school year.
- Praise and prayer for continued support and love shown for our school.



SHARING THE GOOD NEWS WITH PUPPETS

On May 6th we were blessed with a visit from a special friend of ours: missionary Ed Skowron. Mr. Ed has dedicated his life to helping others hear the Good News of Jesus Christ with his puppet show. His show helped us understand our call to spread God's love to our neighbours everywhere. It was hilarious too!

BOARD UPDATE: May 2019

Greetings from your Board of Directors.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Meeting of the Knox Christian School Society. At it, we heard good news stories about what's happening at Knox and plans for next school year. The budget was set for 2019-2020 as was the tuition scale. We also welcomed two new Directors: Mark Ollerenshaw and Nicole VanGeest. We are delighted to welcome them to the Board and are excited at how God will use them in service to our community. At our next meeting we will be running an orientation session to help get them into the swing of things and will also be voting on office positions for the coming year.

Because of continued growth, our Human Resource Committee has been busy working to fill teaching positions for next year. We have made a number of hires and are looking forward to welcoming them to Knox. A part of our budget is also

the expansion of our Special Education Resource Program and the hiring of a part-time Vice Principal of Learning. God has a plan for Knox and for these positions which we give Him praise for.

Our annual Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony is forthcoming on Wednesday, June 19. This event is a celebration and exhibition of what God has been doing through Knox in the lives of these students. It is very much a culmination of their time at Knox and reason for excitement. Please consider attending as we celebrate their achievements and God's work.

As always, please drop us a note if you'd like to encourage us, or to offer us suggestions.

In humble service,
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BETTY-ANNE ROZEMA MEMORIAL COMMUNITY & LEARNING GARDEN

It is exciting to see that after just under one year, Phase I and II of the Betty-Anne Rozema Memorial Community and Learning Garden is complete. We are so incredibly thankful for the many volunteers who gave of their time and talents to bless our students and memorialize an amazing teacher. We can't wait for our students to start using this learning space.



SERVING OTHERS

Our whole student body had an opportunity to practice serving others by walking laps around the neighbourhood while carrying buckets of water. They did this because they were raising money to help build wells at Zambian schools where clean water is scarce. We're happy to announce that through their efforts they were able to raise over \$8,000 which will help build close to 2 wells. This combined with the dozens of schools around Canada and the US who were doing the very same thing makes a tangible difference for the sake of Christ.

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