



The Monthly

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THE SACREDNESS OF THE DINNER TABLE

By Principal Paul Marcus

For many families, the one time that everyone comes together is at the dinner table. It's a place where the world stops for a moment. Every family member puts down their device, stops their work, and gathers for a meal. When I was growing up, and my own memory isn't dissimilar to many other families, it was where our fights happened, tears were cried, jokes were shared, events were celebrated, and memories told and retold.

One of our speakers at this past week's Edvance Annual Teachers Gathering told of a family table he was invited into. He wasn't part of the family, but he was invited to be. It was an invitation that turned into a regular occurrence. Lasting, meaningful relationships were

formed. Beauty was uncovered. The dinner table became a sacred space.

We wondered aloud as a staff how we share a dinner table of sorts with our students. In what ways do we draw together into the a sacred space to share humanness and to

metaphor for how we include people, and how we form relationships with others clearing the path for formational change.

We were inspired to look inwards to discover new ways of extending the sacredness of our dinner table to more

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uncover beauty. More importantly, though, we pondered how we can make our dinner table longer. How do we invite more people to the gathering spaces of our classrooms and our school? The dinner table is a rich

and more of our neighbours. How do we get to know others so that they can become more known? As one of our speakers said "It is delicious to know, but even more delicious to be known."

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



IN REMEMBRANCE

Mrs. Feddema's grade 8 class created a beautiful Remembrance Day Chapel to help us remember the sacrifices of so many. All the students created beautiful artwork that was displayed throughout the halls of the school.



SIX BABY CHICKS

Mrs. Jones' class learned about the life cycle of a chicken. They did some chick art by painting with broccoli! They welcomed Dave, Dennis, Dazzle, Fluffy, Flappy, and Peckerton to their class! The students had the opportunity to watch Dennis hatch from start to finish! Such an amazing experience for these students to witness God's miracle of new life!



FALL FESTIVAL

Mrs. Van't Slot's JK class had two great days celebrating God's creation of pumpkins! They were able to bring the Pumpkin Farm Class Trip to the school by enjoying a presentation about pumpkins by Mrs. Morowetz. They also played some outdoors games, went on a pumpkin hunt in the woods and had a taste test of pumpkin pie, pumpkin bread and pumpkin muffins! The winner of the taste test was pumpkin pie!! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out and to Knox Pumpkin Farm for the pumpkins!



EDVANCE ANNUAL TEACHERS GATHERING

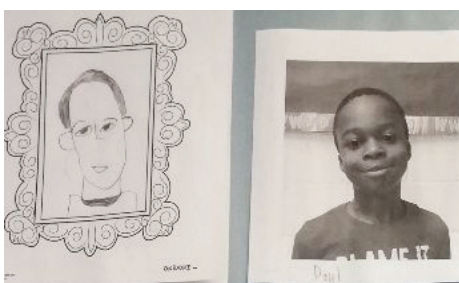
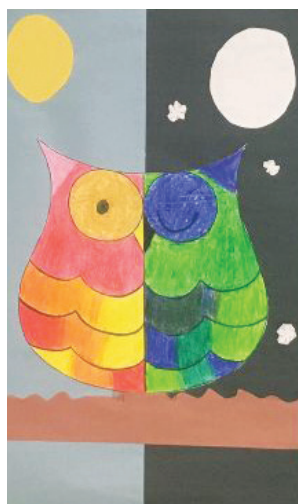
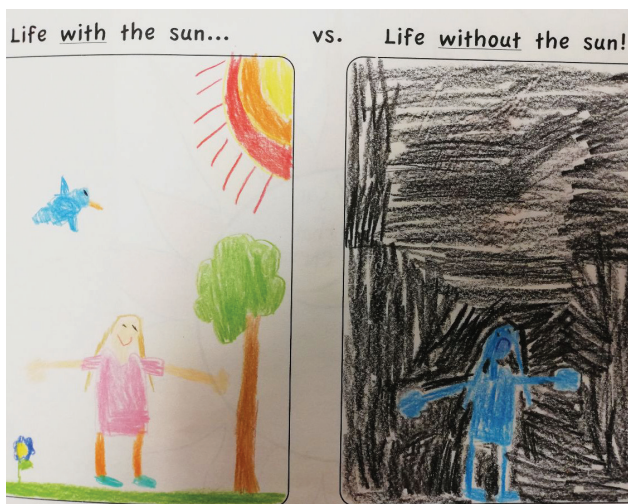
Our teaching and support staff were not able to travel to their annual conference this year so Mr. Marcus and a few helpers set the gym up to look and feel like they were physically at the conference. It was a good day for staff to team build and learn new ideas and skills from the virtual presenters. Praise God for technology.



SHOWING GRATITUDE

Mrs. McDowell's and Ms. DeBolster/Mrs. Snyder's students also wrote letters to our soldiers and plan to continue to throughout the year. What a blessing that will be for those keeping our country safe. They also created beautiful art to help us remember to pause and thank our soldiers past and present.

KNOX'S AWESOME ARTISTS!



CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 23** KCSS Fall Membership Meeting. KCSS Members will have received a meeting package and link to the virtual meeting
- Dec 4** In Service PD Day
No School
- Dec. 5** Drive-Thru Christmas Market & Bazaar.

PRAISE and PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise for a good start to this unusual year.
- Prayers for teachers, students and families to stay healthy.
- Prayers for the ongoing decisions and planning needed for the school year.



Our regular Christmas Market & Bazaar has shifted to pre-order and drive-thru this year. Submission of orders closed on November 20th. Pick-up will be **Saturday, December 5th** in the Knox School parking lot with two different time slots that you need to sign up for **10:00 am to 12:30 pm** or **2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**. It's not the same, but it's going to be great!

BOARD UPDATE: OCTOBER 2020

An engaged and active Membership is one of the keys to a thriving Christian School society. We, as Directors, are Members who you have entrusted with overseeing the strategy and direction of Knox Christian School. We take this role seriously and invite you to engage in this important role as well. Recently, we were pleased to welcome 17 new Members to the Society and to this important work.

One way that Society Members get involved in strategy and direction of the school is by attending semi-annual Membership Meetings. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, November 23rd. At this meeting, Members will hear about the exciting things happening at the elementary and the secondary Christian schools, will get an update regarding the financial activities of the school, and will even 'meet' Tony Kamphuis who is the Executive Director of the Christian School Foundation. It's a great opportunity to 'get in the know' and to be involved, even from a distance.

We continue to be thankful for the amazing support of our Christian school

community. This year has a lot of unknowns and you help us to move ahead with confidence. You support us through your words, actions, and prayers, but you also support us with your hard-earned dollars. We are happy to report that our Golf Tournament was successful again this year raising approximately \$35,000. We are also excited about the response to our modified Drive-Thru Christmas Market & Bazaar. Whether it's ordering croquettes, or giving to the 15for15 Matching Campaign, you continue to give in big ways. Thank you.

We are thankful for each day and eagerly anticipate what God is doing at Knox through the hardwork and dedication of our amazing staff. Please join us in praying for them, as well as for the continued health and safety of our school community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions, concerns, or encouragements.

Blessings,

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