

# the Community Link

SPRING 2016



## **From the Principal's Desk**

God has led the WCS hiring team and the Board of Directors in the process of searching for a new lead administrator. It is a privilege to welcome and introduce Mrs. Carol Verbeek to the Woodstock

community as our next principal. Carol Verbeek has been part of our staff at Woodstock Christian for almost two decades, having previously worked in Early Years programs and in social services in the public sector. Carol loves God and she loves the joy and challenge of working with students, seeing each one as an image-bearer of God, and seeing them grow in knowledge, faith, and wisdom. She is an educator at heart and is passionate about building community, exploring new developments in education, and providing the best learning environment for her students. She has demonstrated versatility in her time at Woodstock Christian – from developing the Junior Kindergarten program to teaching eighth grade – and most grades in between. Carol's background includes degrees in psychology and education. She holds current credentials with the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools and the Ontario College of Teachers and is currently involved in Master's level studies. As part of the administration team at WCS, Carol has encouraged staff development in the area of relevant, project and community based learning and student assessment. "It is a blessing to be part of a hard-working staff and a strong and supportive community at WCS." Carol will assume her new responsibilities on August 1st. **Bernice Huinink-Buiter** – Principal



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## **COMING EVENTS**

### **Saturday, February 27**

Benefit Banquet. Serving Jed Lau's famous Rijstafel (Indonesian style buffet dinner). Entertainment by Jacob Moon. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Tickets are \$60, available at the office.

### **March 1**

Science Fair – 4 to 7 p.m.  
Open House in the gymnasium.

### **March 9**

Hockey Tournament

### **March 10**

Easter Chapel at 8:30 a.m.  
Refreshments to follow.

### **March 14 – 24**

March Break

### **Saturday, April 2**

Spring Fest  
(details on back page)

### **Christian Education Week**

April 25 – 29

### **Wednesday, April 27**

### **Thursday, April 28**

Anne Of Green Gables  
Presented at 7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, April 28**

Grand Friends' Day

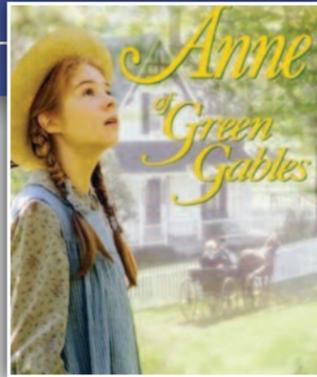
*Grand Friends' Day is scheduled for April 28th, 2016. We are excited to host our grandparents and friends for the day! Lunch will be provided, classrooms can be visited and to end the day several scenes from Anne of Green Gables will be presented. We would love to have you join us!*

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### Quest for Change

Early in 2015, our family embarked on a quest for change. We were over-worked and overstressed, and knew change was needed. We had no idea what that would look like or where it would lead us. However, one important part would be education. After a tour of WCS last spring, a decision was made by the summer. The Smith kids (grades 2, 5 & 7) would enroll at WCS. On jittery day one, we were nervous, but excited to begin the journey. It did not take long before we were blown away by the family at WCS. From core curriculum to solid biblical teaching with clearly defined learning outcomes, it was clear this was the right place for us to be. Grace, Liam, and Cole have each flourished under the attention of their caring, compassionate, Jesus-loving teachers. We look forward to many years at WCS, growing in faith, education, and ministry to our community. We are thankful for God's continual direction for our family and His provision which has allowed this new chapter for our family to begin.

**Jason & Michelle Smith**



### Christian Education Week 2016 April 25-29

A variety of celebrations will take place throughout the week. Anne of Green Gables will be presented Wednesday April 27th and Thursday April 28th, in the evening. Call the office to reserve your tickets. Also on Thursday, April 28th we will be hosting our annual Grand Friends Day. We welcome you for classroom visits, lunch and scenes from Anne Of Green Gables!

### SONbeams Program at Woodstock Christian School

One of the exciting programs we offer here at Woodstock Christian School is called **SONbeams**. Currently, our Junior and Senior Kindergarten programs are offered three days per week, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The SONbeams program is for students currently enrolled in either of those grades and whose parents would like their child to attend school on a more full time basis. This supplemental program runs on Tuesday and Friday. It does not replace the JK or SK programs, but rather reinforces what is already being taught. Families can choose to send their child on either one or both days for a small additional fee. By offering the SONbeams program, we allow each family to choose which options best suits the needs or desires for their child and family. If you are interested in SONbeams, please contact the school for further information or to register.



K is for Kindergarten



We would like to invite you to visit our Kindergarten classroom as a way to get ready for the new school year!

**Any child who is turning four in 2016 is welcome to join us.**

**When: Tuesday Mornings 9 -11, April 5, 12, 19, 26**  
**Where: Junior Kindergarten Classroom at WCS**

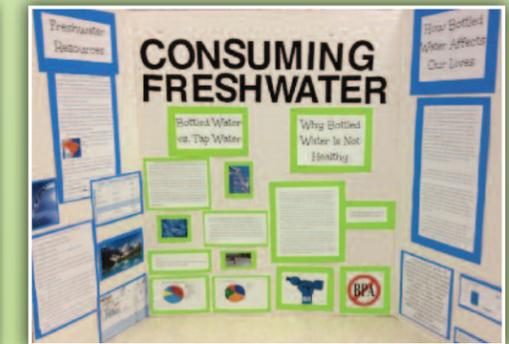
**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** and the deadline to register is March 9th, 2016. To reserve your spot register now at:

<http://woodstockchristian.ca/kisforkindergarten.php>

### WCS Grade 7 & 8 Students & the GM Green Environmental Education Program

This year at WCS, the grade 7&8 class is blessed to be included in the GM Green Program. What an amazing way to learn about the wonder of God's creation! This is a year long, fully funded joint venture between GM in North America and the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) to build environmental awareness and action among students.

During Phase 1 of the program, students donned boots and hip waders and tested the waters of Cedar Creek in West Woodstock for velocity, pH levels, dissolved oxygen, temperature, and phosphorus content. They caught and counted creatures and submitted their data to the UTRCA staff who analyzed it and came back to the classroom to "unpack" the information with the students. During Phase 2, "Getting to Know Your Watershed", we toured and learned about the Wastewater Management Facility, the City of Woodstock's Water Distribution Centre at Sweaburg, and the Wastewater Management Department at CAMI in Ingersoll. As we learn about the details of how water enters and leaves our homes, businesses, and industries, we are becoming more aware of what it means to be good stewards of creation. While we were exploring water in our community, we were also engaged in Project-based learning in the classroom, researching, writing and presenting water issues project to classmates. We presented projects to parents and our friends at the UTRCA at our Exhibition of Learning on December 16th.



As we enter Phase 3 of the program, we are investigating some of the environmental challenges and problems in our local watershed and selecting one specific problem to explore with our advisors from the UTRCA. Stay tuned for our spring research and our action project. A big thank you goes out to GM Canada and the UTRCA for inviting our students into this program! **Carol Verbeek - Grade 7 / 8**



# WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SPRING FEST

Save the date : April 2nd, 2016. 7am - 2pm  
Oxford Auditorium on Nellis St, Woodstock

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