



Regent Christian Academy

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OUR VISION

To train children according to Biblical principles, in partnership with Christian families.

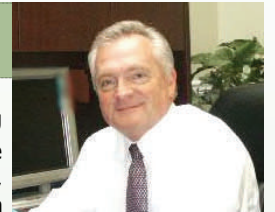
OUR COMMUNITY

Committed to excellence in education in a nurturing environment.

OUR CHALLENGE

To build Godly character and equip students to respond to God's call as Christian leaders in our community.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE




I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all those who have supported our MISSIONS drive over the past two months. The response from students, staff, and parents has been overwhelming. In addition to financial gifts, over 40 high school students have signed up to go on a mission outreach this spring break.

Our BENEFIT DINNER, held on the evening of January 31st, was a resounding success. Over 250 people came out to hear the message of missions at RCA and to support the SCHOOL-BUILD in Kijabe, Kenya. Over 2300 bricks have been purchased (\$17,250 raised) to build the next two classrooms. Our ongoing project in Kijabe will provide us the opportunity to send teams of students there for many years to come. Please continue to pray for this year's team of students under the leadership of teachers Lana Kennelly and Adrian Falcon. They will be traveling to Kenya as our ambassadors on March 5th.

Our Mexico missions trip is right on track. We have sent teams of students to the Baja each year since 1993. This year's team will build a house for a poor family in Vicente Guerrero, Baja Mexico. Six adults and 18 students, under the leadership of Don and Gail Sullivan, will board the school bus and begin their journey down the I-5 on the evening of March 5th. To date, about \$1500 has been donated towards the HOUSE-BUILD through our CHANGE FOR MEXICO campaign where students of all grades bring loose change and larger donations in. Please keep this team in your prayers as well.

Missions is a very important facet of Christian schools. RCA is proud to have been one of the pioneering schools in missions endeavours in British Columbia. As I was able to share at the Benefit Dinner, missions is a powerful strategy to transform the hearts and minds of students. Students are provided with the opportunity to put into practice the lessons from scripture they have learned. They experience first hand the lives of those living in another culture. They see the power of God working through them in supernatural ways. They come back to the school enthused about what they have witnessed and this has a positive impact on the school.

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE: FEBRUARY 9—13, 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
	Middle School Etiquette Week	Tues + Wed Switch timetable to accommodate Fete d'Hiver Chapel today Regular Dismissal Snowshoeing Gr 4/5 + 5	FETE D'HIVER Grades K—7 No Chapel 2:40 pm Dismissal	All School OPEN HOUSE 9:00 am to 1:30 pm Regular Dismissal	Primary Swimming	

ESL DRAMA STUDENTS

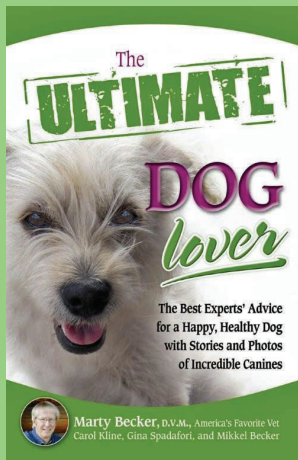
On Friday, January 23rd, Drama ESL students read two books by Laura Numeroff – “If You Give A Moose A Muffin” and “If You Give A Mouse A Cookie” – to a number of primary classes. They had spent the last few weeks illustrating the story and practicing their pronunciation, projection, stage presence, and eye contact. The primary students were WONDERFUL listeners and the drama class LOVED the opportunity to read. All that was missing were the muffins and cookies!



KNITTING CLUB ~ “Stitches For the Saviour”

Every Tuesday at lunch time a dedicated group of 40 students gather in the Grade 5 classroom to knit ‘Stitches for the Saviour’. Under the guidance of Ms. Bean, Mrs. Roseweir and many parent helpers, these students are developing a new skill while they seek to bless others. The goal is to knit as many squares as possible and then sew them together to create warm blankets for those less fortunate in our community. Any donations of wool would be gratefully accepted.





MRS BARBER ~ The Ultimate Dog Lover

The *Ultimate Dog Lover* is receiving rave reviews at www.amazon.com, and our own Mrs. Barber has a story in this recently published anthology of dog stories and tips for dog owners.

Those students who went camping with her over the years, will know one of the main characters--Wolfie. If you get a chance to pick up a copy, be sure to read Mrs. Barber's story, *A Circle Unbroken*.

The book would make a great gift for the dog lovers on your Birthday List or Christmas list--they are available at Chapters book stores.

Congratulations Mrs Barber, how wonderful.

100 NIGHTS OF READING — Primary & Middle School

We have started our 100 Nights of Reading program, and we would love to see more kids decide to reach for "Classic Kid" designation.

It is impossible to come up with an exhaustive list of children's books we call "classic" however there is a list posted in our library which includes books that have stood the test of time and show the craft of writing for children at its finest.

It is also impossible to create a list that every family at RCA would agree upon—parents please help your children make selections that reflect your family's comfort level.

We have some of these books in our school library, but you will need to look for the rest in other places—the public library, bookstores, etc. To become a "Classic Kid," simply choose books from this list. Remember, parents are encouraged to read to their children—it is an opportunity for children to enjoy literature written above their reading level. Have fun!

