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Mission Statement:

Our aim is to assist parents in educating covenant children in accordance with God's Word as we confess that in the Three Forms of Unity, to equip and assist them in developing their individual gifts and talents for a joyful life of responsible stewardship to God's glory.

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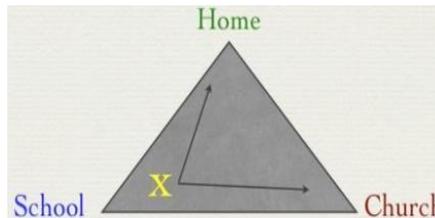
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FROM THE BOARD

By the time you read this there will be only a week left until March Break! Time flies! Recently we heard a sermon by Brother Torenvliet based on Ps 78:1-8. In the sermon we heard how parents have the responsibility to tell the next generation what God has done and that parents are accountable before God for this task. They may seek help in this mandate by sending their covenant children to Christian schools. However, there is more to this calling than just dropping the kids off at school as we heard in the sermon and is illustrated in the Home-Church-School triangle. School being an integral part in reinforcing what is taught at Home and in Church. We also were reminded that the whole congregation has the duty to assist parents in this task.



Our school society was started by members of the congregation and the doors of the school opened in 1994 with this express purpose in mind as outlined in our Mission Statement. "Our aim is to assist parents in educating covenant children in accordance with God's Word as we confess that in the three forms of unity, to equip and assist them in developing their individual gifts and talents for a joyful life of responsible stewardship to God's glory." Every day the covenant children at our school receive Christian instruction from a Reformed perspective as they study Bible and Church History. But there is a lot more

to being a Christian school than teaching Bible and Church History as important as these subjects are. The goal is to have every subject taught in school from Math to Phys-Ed infused with a Reformed Christian perspective. In this way Christ shines through in every class and our Heavenly Father is glorified. The vision statement for our school says:

"As parents and members of the supporting Reformed community, we acknowledge that we must raise our covenant children in an educational environment permeated with the Word of God. We have therefore established this school to assist parents in equipping the children with the tools needed to function in this world as prophets, priests and kings."

This is a challenging task that we are privileged to carry out year after year. We are blessed with great teachers that help our school to fulfill this calling. We can be so thankful that, though our culture seems to have no use for God, yet we are free to have our children taught in a parentally run Christian School. May we remember to thank the LORD often for this blessing and ask Him for His ongoing provision for this important task.

On behalf of the Board,
Calvin Kapteyn
Chairman



TREASURER'S REPORT

As I take over the role of treasurer, I have the privilege of seeing the internal operations of the school. What a tremendous effort by all, and what a blessing in this community! I continue to be amazed by the constant work of staff, volunteers, and committee members, for both operation and administration of all things Harvest. Truly something to be thankful for!

There are a few new processes being implemented at this time. You've seen the new child care tax receipt, which in some cases provides a significant benefit to those eligible. This year, having the information at hand for both 2014, and 2015 allowed for retro receipting. We can thank the OACS

for their guidance and support - what a valuable service they provide.

We're also working on an electronic payments system to pay staff, as well as reimburse expenses to the many who contribute to the daily operations and expenses of the school. We are excited that this will be a much more convenient, timely, and cost effective method of payment.

Also coming down the pipeline is the launch of pre-authorized payments for member fees, tuition, and donations. There are a few hoops to jump, so this is taking slightly longer than expected, but we're getting there!

We'll be sure to keep you up to date on this new feature. For now, please continue to provide post-dated cheques for the 1st or 15th of each month. Cheques can now be made out to "Harvest Canadian Reformed Christian School", or "The Canadian Reformed School Society of Owen Sound and District" as in the past.

Finally, we can be very thankful to the Lord for the continued financial support we receive through members, extended family, and businesses. Please also continue to keep Harvest in your prayers, for the ongoing education of our children in this Christ centered environment.

Mark Hutten

FEE SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 1, 2015

Category 1 (Junior/Student): **\$50.00/month**
Category 2 (Young Adult/Single/Retired): **\$150.00/month**
Category 3 (Regular members): **\$295.00/month**
Category 4 (Parental members): **\$675.00/month**

**Postdated cheques are required.
Please get these to the Treasurer as soon as possible.**

Please note: You can now write your cheques to either "Harvest Canadian Reformed Christian School" OR "The Canadian Reformed School Society of Owen Sound and District" - the bank now accepts both!

FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Ed Com we wish the Harvest staff and students strength and much encouragement in these (sometimes) wintery months! March break is quickly approaching!

We were very blessed a short time ago and want to thank Mr. Bart Vandenberg, who with fantastic results, built a new library stand to display books and thereby filling a need that we had for some time now. It's an

amazing thing to be able to work together in our community.

Currently we are getting the plans in place for the upcoming school year already, with ads out for a part time teaching position. In regards to that, contact with James Meinen is kept up quite regularly as well, keeping him in the loop to make the transition into his position easier for next year.

With all this planning in place and

the amount of work the Board, Ed Com and staff, volunteers and all the extra help we receive, it is amazing to see and good to remember how God answers prayers in providing us at Harvest an incredible team to continue praising his Holy Name in all things education!

On behalf of the Ed Com,
Ken Hutten

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN AND AROUND THE SCHOOL?!...

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness." Is. 40:31.

January was the beginning of a new year for all of us. Although we look forward to growth and exciting changes within our school, we can also rejoice in the comforting promises of God that never changes. God's love is steadfast, He will never forsake His children, He will always help those who call on Him, and He will bless all those who seek to bring Him glory. At Harvest we continue to see our teachers hard at work seeking to teach the students about the Lord in their subjects, but they also use many other opportunities to help them see that the Lord is the Lord of all life! May we as parents support these teachers and also call on God to help us to fulfill our task of teaching our children about their heavenly Father.

January was the beginning of a new virtue. Curiosity. Perhaps when you hear this word you may think of little children asking the question why over and over. Yet this virtue is a good virtue for us all to have. Dig deeper, wonder, ask questions, discover who our God is and be amazed! The students had the opportunity to learn how to ask good questions, how to inquire and learn something they were curious about. It is good to reflect with our children on things they may be curious about. Are we curious of what knowledge the Bible holds for us? Read, explore and learn each day about who our God and Saviour is.

During the month of January our students and staff had the wonderful opportunity to visit with the residents of the Lighthouse group. Thankfully the weather was good and they were able to safely drive to Owen Sound. They arrived around 11:00 a.m. and were greeted with coffee and treats. Then they had some time to join the students in their classrooms. They played

recorder with grade 3/4, Dave from Lighthouse played with the students, a beautiful gift to play music together. They also did some word searches together and some vocabulary exercises. A delicious lunch of soup and buns was served to everyone. The students were able to eat with the residents, a great opportunity to talk and have fellowship. For the afternoon the school and Lighthouse went skating at Keady Arena. It was nice to see some parents come and join us as well.

Clubs started February 1st. Thank you to all the willing club leaders. The students had a great selection to choose from. Students could join baking, string art, photography, skating or sewing. There are many positive comments so far the students about the clubs. Many are finding new hobbies to do; perhaps the students are able to explore the virtue of curiosity and learn more about their club!

Speeches were held on February 3rd for grades 5-8. They were very well written and presented - good work students! Thank-you to the judges who spent their morning listening and evaluating all the speeches. It was a difficult job to do and we appreciate your help! On February 10th the grades 1-4 presented their speeches. The students did an excellent job picking topics they were excited about and learning how to speak to an audience. Congratulations to those who placed in grade 5/6 Alyssa Gunnink was 1st, Aaron Kruisselbrink 2nd, Emily Guichelaar 3rd. In grade 7/8 Makayla Kruisselbrink was 1st, Lucas Gunnink 2nd and Emily DeVries 3rd. Makayla went on to Regionals on February 11th and placed first there as well, congratulations!

The grade 7/8's went to Blue Mountain on February 9th to enjoy a day in the snow. Thankfully the weather was cold and snowy to help

their ski trip be a success! Thank you to the many volunteers who joined the students for the day. Hopefully everyone learned a lot and enjoyed the snow!

This month will be a month of big changes for the grade 5/6 class. Mrs. Carol-Ann Hutten is expecting for March and will soon be changing roles. We will miss her cheerful, passionate character dearly. She has shared her love for the Lord openly with her students. She has also taught in a creative, exciting way. Thank you Mrs. Hutten for your hard work and dedication. We pray that the Lord will bless you and Mr. Hutten with all that you need as you become parents. Parents please be sure to read the letter regarding the classroom changes and if you have any questions do not hesitate to ask. A big thank you to Mrs. J. Vandenberg for taking up the role of teaching over the next number of weeks. The students should be encouraged too as they have approached these changes very positively and that is to be commended.

It is wonderful how the community is working together during this year of transition and many changes. Truly God has blessed our efforts. Let us not take for granted the opportunity to have our children in this Christian school. May the students continue enjoy Christian fellowship and leadership every day and see that as a blessing from God as well.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion." Ecc. 4:9,10a

Melissa Kruisselbrink



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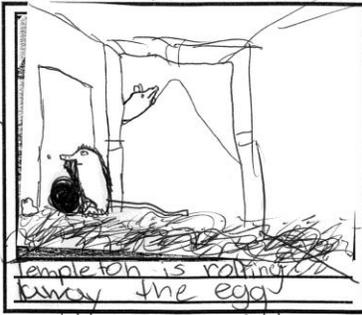
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Beware The Rat

Gabriel Krusselbrink (Headline)
Gabriel Krusselbrink (Byline)

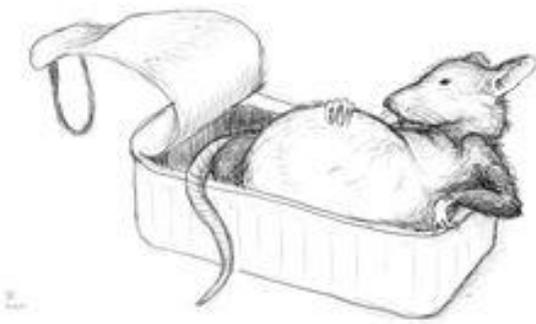
Templeton the rat is one of the most wanted animals in Mr. Zuckerman's barn. On October 17 2004 templeton came

and took one of the goose's eggs that didn't hatch in the middle of the night. He took it through his tunnels and under a pig trough. We asked some of the people who might of saw him. One person saw him and his name was Lurry. He saw him. Nobody knows when he will strike.



templeton is rolling away the egg

Ethan Guichelaar



Work by Grade 3 & 4

February has been a busy month for the Grade Three and Four students. Between speeches and a big social studies project, we also found time to begin reading the story "Charlotte's Web" by E.B. White. As a half-way-through assignment the students were asked to write a newspaper article on the picture they were given or a picture that they wanted to draw. The students were told that they needed to stick to the main facts of the book, but that they were allowed to embellish these facts as they wished. The students showed great enthusiasm for the project and have created some wonderful news articles, which you can now read!! Enjoy!
Miss. Jonker

Gabe Krusselbrink

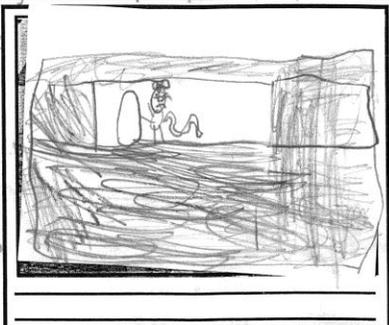
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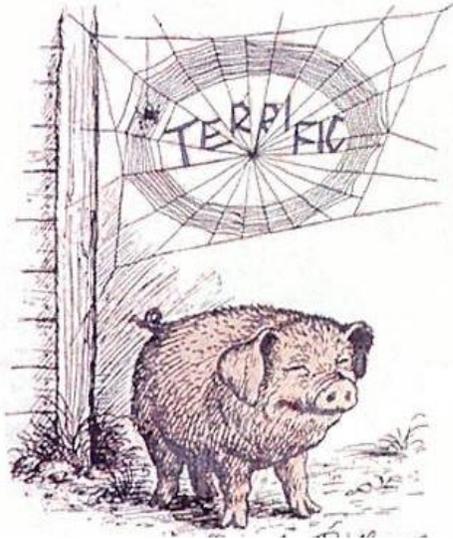
Templeton Strikes Again

By Ethan (Headline)
By Ethan (Byline)
On July 20 10 Templeton was hanging looking for food. So to eat Templeton took food from Wilbur's trough. On July 28 eggs were hatched from the goose however one was rotten. So Templeton in the evening

crept up to the nest and the egg and rolled it through his passage way to his home. On July 29 Mr. Zuckerman knew one egg got taken by Templeton he tried to trap Templeton. So he wouldn't steal lots of things. So far Templeton has not gotten trapped yet. No one knows when that sneaky old rat will steal or strike again!



Brody
Kruisselbrink



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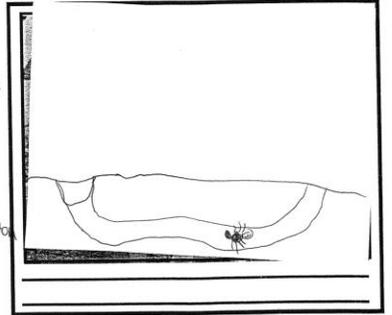
Here comes the Rat!!!

Brody K. (Headline)

(Byline)

Friday March 26 Templeton was creeping through his hole trying to get to the egg that the goose had laid suddenly he pounced then he grabbed the egg and ran

away. Saturday March 27 the goose woke up and noticed that her egg was gone then she gets templeton and attacked him and grab the egg.



templeton is now back in his ^{hole} egg. Who know what he will do next!

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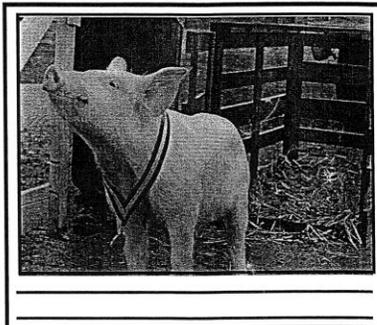
Pig tries to make a web

(Headline)

Jackson Spanniga

(Byline)

On July 26 2015 a pig named Wilbur tried to make a web. Unfortunately he failed because he's a pig not a spider. Then he asked a rat named templeton to tie a string on his tail. Then Wilbur jumped off a mangoe Piel and landed with a thump smash and crash and he got hurt. Then templeton grined because he knew that he would not be able to make a web. so Wilbur never tried that again.



Jackson
Spanniga



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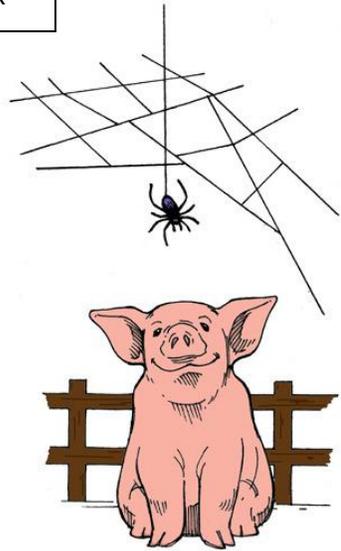
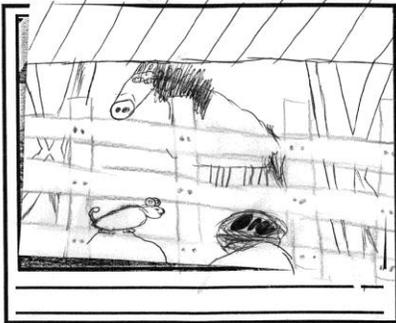
The Rat Strikes again

(Headline)

by Justin Gunnink
(Byline)

Justin Gunnink

Templeton the black rat in the middle of the night stole one of the gooses egg he rolled and rolled until finally 2 hours later the egg was in maze of tunnels he rolled it all through is tunnels until finally it hit a wall and cracked. All the animals woke up to a big stink but after a few years they got used to it. The people who saw it happen were mr. zuccerman and avery. Avey tried to shoot him with his sling shot but he missed. Nobody knows when the rat will strike again.



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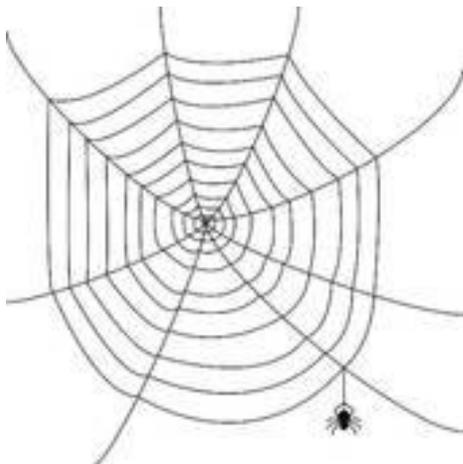
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the pig climbs to the top

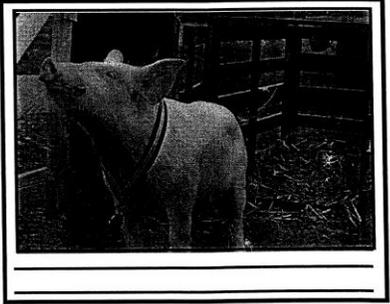
(Headline)

Benjamin Feenstra
(Byline)

Benjamin Feenstra



Further beginning Wilbur was born and then he got sold to Mr. Zuckerman who was fattening Wilbur to kill him. Wilbur is finding ways to escape and be free Wilbur tried to flee to the woods and be free but Mr. Zuckerman caught him and fixed the fence. The Wilbur tried to break but he fails each and every time. Charlotte said that he could not spin a web. Who knows when he will do it again?



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