



# CONNECTION

May 2016

Melissa Kruisselbrink  
Principal



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Principal - Mrs. M. Kruisselbrink

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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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## FROM THE BOARD

Here we are already in the month of May; before you know it we will be attending the School's Year End Program! Okay, maybe not quite before you know it. However, the end of the school year is less than 8 weeks away. ☺ Since you have received a number of reports from the Board recently there really isn't very much for us to report or expand on at this time.

We mentioned in our report of March 11 that we had received a request to consider other texts that may also fit with our new name. We asked for input from our members to have you be part of the process. An email was received recently regarding this request and a portion of it is copied here:

*"Matthew 9:35-38 (NJKV) And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*

When I read this passage, I thought about how great the harvest is; there are so many who don't know about Jesus. Our little school is raising little workers to go out into the harvest. To tell others about Jesus and share the Good News! Just thought I would share." -We are very thankful to receive input from our membership. As Board we have looked at passages with 'Harvest' and this is perhaps the only one that would work if understood correctly. We are a covenantal

community and our school has been established to assist parents in training the covenant children; we aren't out to evangelize our kids but rather to equip them for service. The Board hadn't pursued this text since it would take an explanation for those on the outside to get it. However, a focus on just verse 38 would fit well with what we believe regarding our covenant children. The verse obviously fits well with our new name and it would also tie in nicely with our school's vision statement: *"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."* It also fits with the imperative we find in 1 Peter 3:15, *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;"* as we seek to equip our students. We look forward to your comments and suggestions regarding a new official text to be associated with our school.

May the LORD continue to grant us His Blessings!

On behalf of the Board,  
Calvin Kapteyn



## TREASURER'S REPORT

We continue to be blessed with the financial means needed to operate Harvest. Thanks to all for your continued support! We're now successfully processing payments by pre-authorized debit, and have quite a few members signed up. I'll be happy to answer any questions on this at our upcoming membership meeting.

### 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 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

**"Shout joyfully to the Lord,  
all the earth; Break forth in  
song, rejoice, and sing  
praises."  
Psalm 98:4**

We can certainly rejoice and sing praises to our Father in Heaven! We welcome a new season of life blossoming before our eyes, and it is incredible. As Education Committee, we are excited about some of the changes happening in the school as well.

On May 16, the staff and students will heartily welcome

the new Grade 1 students of 2016/17 to the school. It will be such a joy to hear your voices and laughter. Welcome to Harvest!

We are also excited that a request for Study Bibles for Grades 5-8 has been approved by the Board and they will be purchased for September 2016. This will aid students in learning how to study God's word in the classroom during Bible lessons and help develop a life long skill.

Teachers are eagerly looking into professional development

over the 2016 summer holidays. We rejoice that our staff is able to take the opportunity to sharpen their educational skills to better educate our children. Thank you staff for your enthusiasm!

We are also currently reviewing the Science curriculum, so stay tuned... =)

On behalf of the Education Committee,

Jennifer Vandenberg

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

Spring is a beautiful time, a season of new life. It is a special season that reminds us so deeply of God's faithfulness. In the beauty of colourful flowers and buds on trees He continually shows us the promise of new life. Through the changes in this season we are reminded of His promise about the forgiveness of sins, and how God, through the Holy Spirit will work in us a new life. May our beautiful children grow in the grace of God, seeing His love and mercy in our lives, but also in creation all around us.

The past two months were again busy in the school community. Spring brings changes, but in our school there were many changes too! We can rejoice with Mrs. Carol-Ann Hutten that the Lord blessed her and her husband with a healthy baby boy! We can also rejoice that Miss Kottlenberg could celebrate the gift of marriage to Mr. Vantol. Despite an incredible ice storm the Lord blessed their plans and they had a beautiful day. Now we all need to get used to her new name, "Mrs. Vantol"! Congratulations to both Janelle and Carol-Ann, the Lord bless you in your new tasks!

We are very thankful that Mrs. Jenn Vandenberg could teach the 5/6 class for the past number of weeks. The students were able to learn about space and visit the Fox Observatory April 2nd to help make their learning come "alive". It was a great experience for students and the adults that joined them! Thank you Jenn for the time and energy you put into teaching the 5/6 class.

On that note we welcome Miss Erica deHaan to Harvest! The grade 5/6 schedule will return to the plan from the beginning of the year. Miss deHaan has worked hard to complete her courses at the Teacher's College and we are very thankful she is able to be here! Hopefully over the next few months you will have the opportunity to get to know more of

the parents and members of the community.

Since there is so much discussion about our staff, it is important to mention those who have faithfully "held the ranks" over the past couple months. Miss Anne Hutten and Miss Tiffany Jonker, thank you for the extra subjects and duties you have performed to ensure all students were looked after and all subjects were taught! God bless your work and may you find joy each day in your special task!

As we anticipate Mr. Meinen filling the principal role, it is good to remember Mrs. Rachel Sikkema and Mrs. Carolin Bosscher. They help out the staff and the running of the school in many ways. Thank you for the extra meetings you attend and the extra duties you look after behind the scenes! God bless your efforts!

It was exciting for our students to meet Mr. Meinen in March. He led the school in a devotion and spent time in all the classrooms. We look forward to him and his family being a part of our community. We pray that the Lord will bless them as they complete their time in Neerlandia and also as they prepare to make a big move.

The month of March started a new virtue. The staff and students discussed the character trait of integrity. This can be a difficult virtue to remember, but so important to have. Honesty and good motives assist us to honour God in our work. We can think of Proverbs 11:3a, "The integrity of the upright will guide them."

There were three exciting dress up days for Harvest the past couple months. They had a Dr. Seuss Day, Excessive Accessories Day and a day to dress up as an Ancient Citizen for Reading Week. These days are a fun way to show school spirit and have

joy in being together. Thank you to all those who dress up!! Also, thank you to the librarians for helping with the Reading Voyage this year. The students always look forward to their monthly incentive and they really enjoy the special lunch! There was an added activity this year of decorating swords as a class and using them to break open a piñata. Thank you to all those who worked hard to make this possible!

April 1st was the basketball tournament for grade 7/8. It is great to hear they displayed good sportsmanship and enjoyed a day of healthy competition. The students are busy preparing for the baseball tournament to be held on May 28th. Grade 7/8 also had the opportunity to play in the Kiwanis Festival. Thank you to Miss Hutten and Mrs. C. Kruisselbrink for organizing this and practicing with the students. The students did very well and were even given the opportunity to perform in the Festival of Stars. Congratulations!

The grade 5-8s enjoyed a very educational trip to the Ontario Science Center. Thank-you to our drivers!! The students were blessed with an opportunity to learn and see so many things about God's amazing creation. May we pause with our children and take time to reflect on what an awesome God we truly have!

We are starting our last section of this school year; seven weeks left, but who's counting! We can be very thankful for the many opportunities and blessings God has bestowed on Harvest. May He continue to guide and bless our school day by day and strengthen us as a community to live for His glory.

*"Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" Ps.34:8*

*Melissa Kruisselbrink*



## Work by Grade 1 & 2

Grade 1&2 has been busy with their novel study "The Drinking Gourd". The story ends with a family of slaves escaping by boat to their freedom! The students in grade 1&2 wrote what they thought happened after the story ended. Enjoy!  
Mrs. Vantol

Anya Hutten

### THE DRINKING GOURD

26

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Think of another experience that might have happened to Little Jeff's family on the trip north to Canada. Write about it.

Baby Pearl's first steps  
By Anya Hutten

While on the boat, Little Jeff and his family were in the boat and Vinnie was getting tired of holding baby Pearl. So she put baby Pearl down and then Vinnie looked at Little Jeff. Then big Jeff wondered if he could try and make baby Pearl stand. So he lifted baby Pearl and stood her up and she stood up! Then she took one step then a second step and after awhile baby Pearl had taken 10 steps! she kept on walking then Vinnie said "oh she can walk!"

The End

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### THE DRINKING GOURD

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Think of another experience that might have happened to Little Jeff's family on the trip north to Canada. Write about it.

Tommy

They were on the boat. They bumped against the grass. Little Jeff got out of the boat. Then they heard voices coming from the bush. It was Tommy! Thank you Tommy!

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By Curtis

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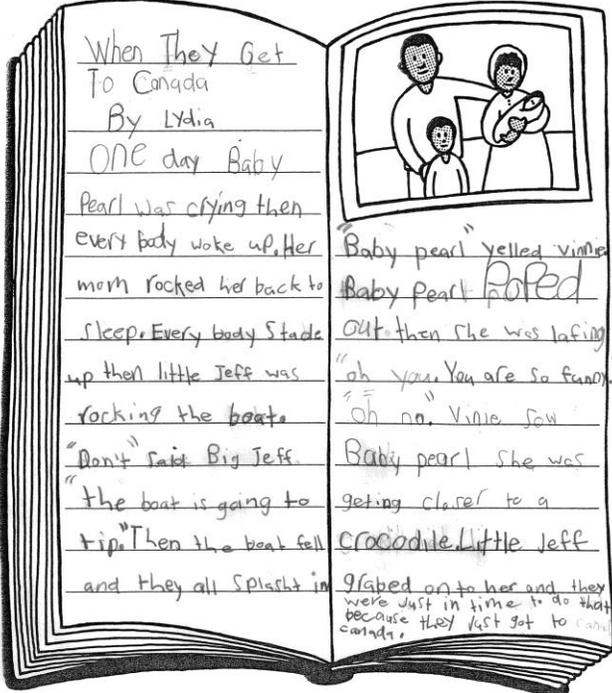
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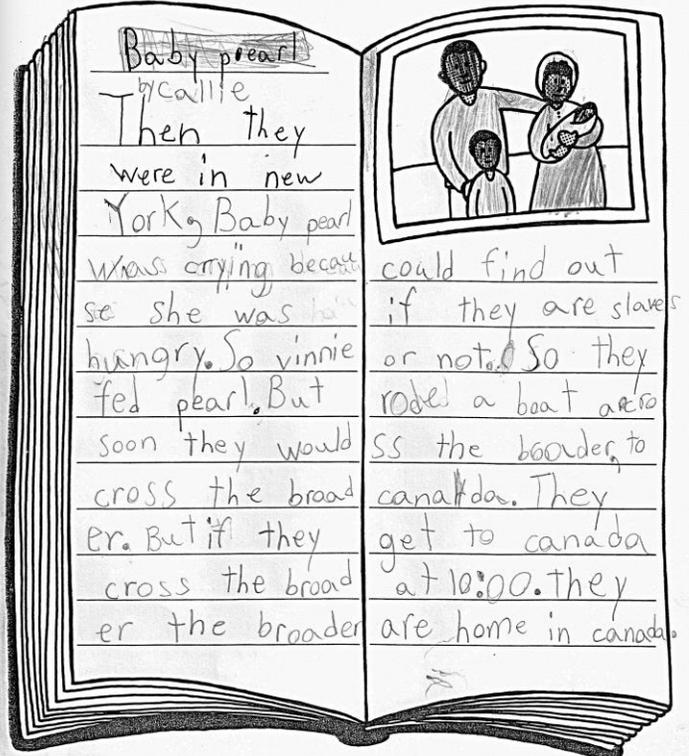
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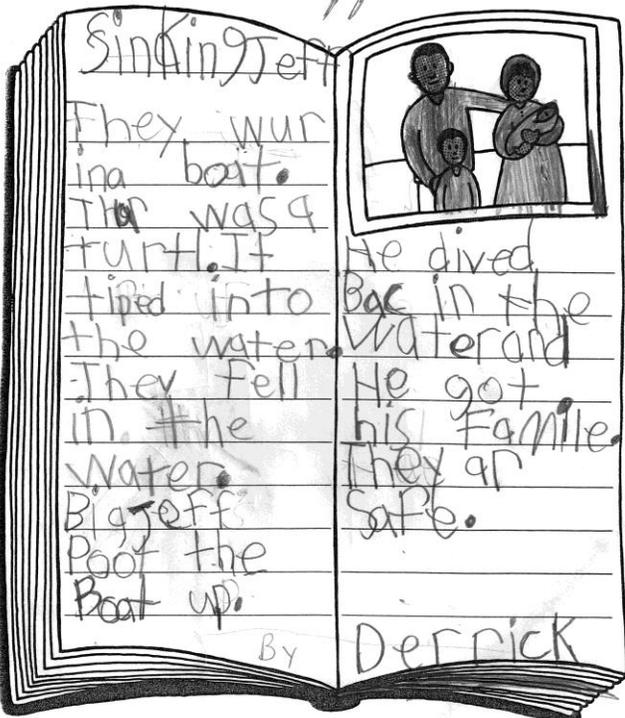
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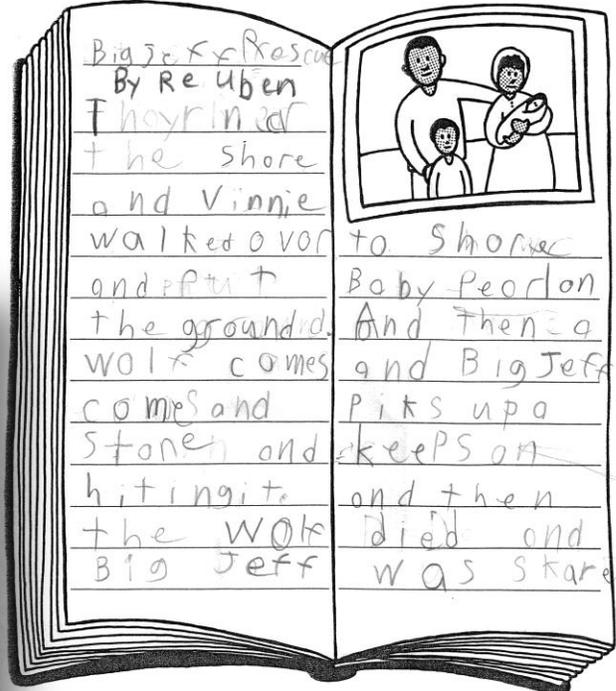
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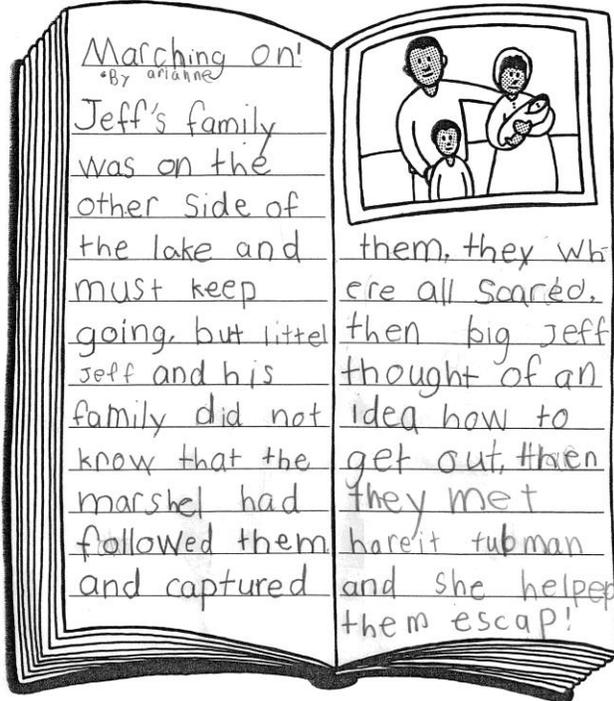
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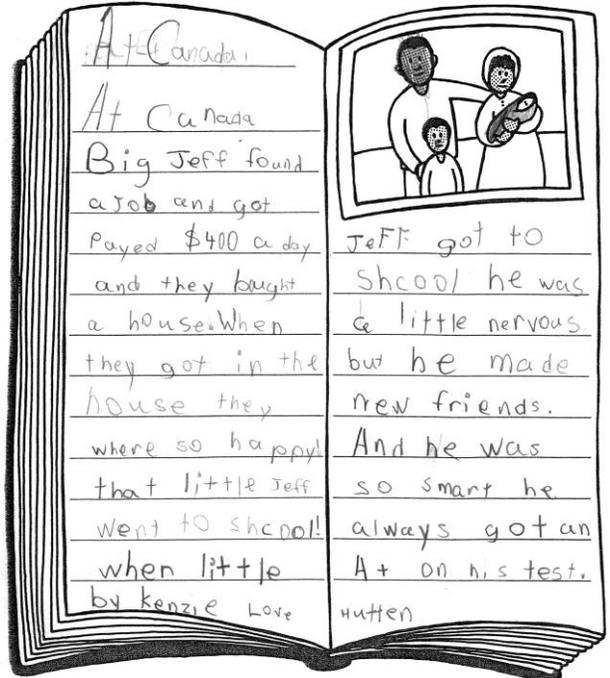
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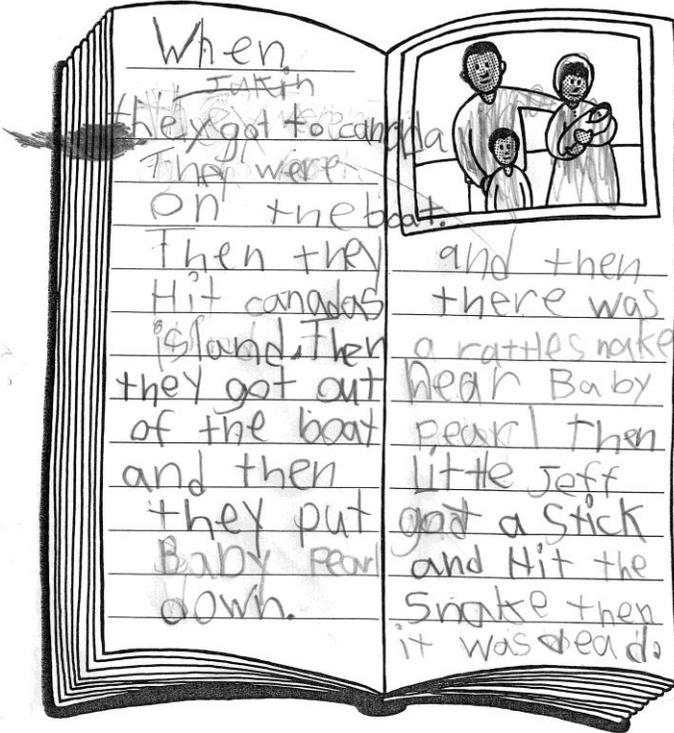
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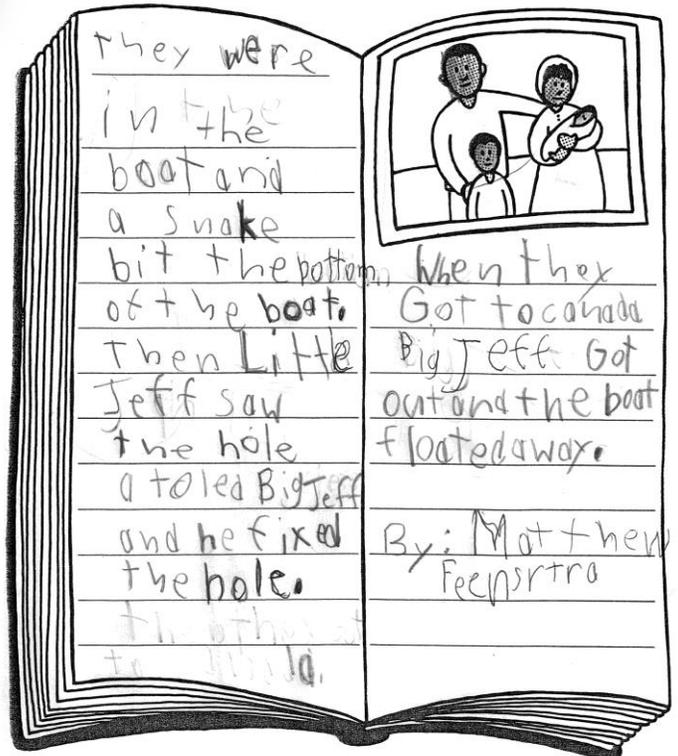
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