



Eagles' Eye



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***"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary; they will walk and not faint."
(Isaiah 40:31)***

Eagles-Eye High School Update

By: Noah Knight and Zac Bakker

As the school year is closing the highschool students are finishing the year with projects and essays and are working hard to finish all assignments; however, there are a few fun things that we are still enjoying during the end of school. In Gym class we are going golfing at the Northern Lights golf course; we practised in the field beside the school to get our selves ready. We are planning to go biking at Centennial Park for an afternoon as well. With Exams coming up we are cramming to find time to study, and spend most of our time doing final projects and posters for our classes. We still make time to go outside and enjoy the warm weather during lunch break. This will be the last year for some of the students in highschool who will be saying good-bye and taking good memories with them.

Highschool Track Meet

By: Leah Drost and Bethany Goral

This past Tuesday and Wednesday, the highschool students had the opportunity to participate in the regional highschool track meet. Leah, Julia, Bethany, and Amanda competed in various junior girl events, and all did very well! Amanda entered the 100m sprint and long jump, Julia did triple jump, Bethany did shotput, and Leah did discus and shotput. We had some placings as well! Bethany got a sixth place ribbon in shotput, and Leah came in second for both discus and shotput.



Leah Drost throwing discus



Bethany Goral throwing shotput

Farewell to Mrs. Drost and Mrs. Boer

By: Leah Drost and Bethany Goral

For this Eagle's Eye, we decided to interview the two teachers who are leaving our school this year. We will all miss Mrs. Boer and Mrs. Drost very much; they have been a great asset to our school.

Interview with Mrs. Boer

How long have you been a teacher at TBCS?

I have been a teacher at TBCS for 26 years.

Have you always taught grade 3/4 or different grades?

I've taught straight grade 1, grade 2, and grade 3, as well as grade 1/2, grade 2/3, and grade 3/4 double grades.

What is your favourite memory at TBCS?

Some of my favourite memories are the first day of the school year, having my students sit on the carpet with me to listen to a story, putting on assemblies, class trips, teaching my favourite grade 10 girls for three consecutive years 😊, surprise birthday parties and having Robert Munsch visit our classroom.

What is your favourite subject to teach?

I really like teaching Bible, Literature, Social Studies, and Art. Actually, I like teaching all subjects!

What are your retirement plans?

I really don't have big plans. I'd like to relax, read, catch up on my sleep, work in my flowerbeds, go to my trailer, crochet, be outside whenever possible, spend time with my husband and visit out-of-town family.

Did you teach anywhere else before TBCS? For how long?

I actually taught for two years at TBCS right out of Teacher's College when I was 20 years old. My first class was a 2/3 split of 34 students. After that year, I thought I'd chosen the wrong profession! The following year, I taught 21 grade 1 students who had never attended school before. That year was great! I taught them the letters of the alphabet and how to read all in one year. My youngest brother was in my class! Then I attended Dordt College and earned my BA. After that I taught for 8 years in St. Catharines at what is now called Beacon Christian School. After being a stay at home mom for 9 years while my boys were young, I started teaching at TBCS again, where I've been for the past 24 years.



On Mrs. Boer's 65th birthday. We are modelling the hats she crocheted for us. :)

Interview with Mrs. Drost

How long have you been teaching at TBCS?

I have taught since 1991 (22 years), with a few breaks for maternity leaves, always part-time ranging from 15%-97%.

What subjects have you taught here?

I have taught all sorts of subjects. When I first started, I taught Grade 3/4 and 7/8 music and Grade 8 literature for one year. The main subjects I have taught have been English and Bible, while some other subjects I taught were music, guitar, math, geography, and gym.

When did you start teaching and for how long?

I started to teach in 1985 in Chatham, Ontario, teaching English, Nutrition, Phys. Ed, and more. After I got married, we moved to Timmins and I taught grade 9-OAC English at a Catholic Highschool before our first child was born. Then we came to Thunder Bay and I supplied for the Catholic School Board until being hired by Mr. Poortinga to teach at Thunder Bay Christian School.

What was your favourite memory at TBCS?

Well, there are lots... but some are the annual staff vs. Grade 8 class baseball game, going along as chaperone and driver on Outdoor Ed. activities, dragon-boating, and planning students' council activities. It was also great playing boggle, speed scrabble and other games with my students. I remember planning some funny April Fools jokes and carrying them out. I really enjoyed having great discussions in the grade 9/10 Bible class. Another highlight of my teaching at TBCS was going to Nicaragua this year and having new experiences there. Really, the students have been my favourite part of TBCS.

What was your favourite subject to teach?

I *love* teaching English, and really enjoyed recommending good books to students; I enjoyed reading students' writing assignments, witnessing their accomplishments and improvements. My favourite novel is still, after 15 years of reading it, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

What are your plans for next year?

Hopefully I'll be back to supply teach or volunteer where needed at TBCS. I'm also looking forward to having more flexible time to spend with my grand-daughter, accompanying my husband on his business travels, and visiting out-of-town family more often.



Mrs. Drost and Julia Himanen painting latrines in Nicaragua.

Class Reports

Collin Cramer, Alex Blekkenhorst, and
Kasey Pinta

We went to each of the classrooms to find out what they have been up to lately and what kind of things they are looking forward to in the ending weeks of school. This is what we learned from them.

Grade Jk/Sk-

What is your last field trip of the year?

We are going to many different farms, we are going bowling, and we are also going to Chippewa Park.

What was the best thing you learned?

Decorating ginger bread houses, the egg drop, and having our chicks hatch.

What will you remember most about this year?

Learning about God's faithfulness throughout the whole year and learning numbers. We are also looking forward to the Sk graduation and field day this year.

Grade 1/2-

What is your last field trip of the year?

They are not sure what it is yet.

What was the best thing you learned?

They enjoyed making their Mother's day presents and they made animals in art.

What will you remember most about this year?

The thing they will remember most was their field trip when they went to gymnastics.

Grade 3/4

What is your last field trip of the year?

Visiting the farm at Fort William Historical Park and Lunch and playtime at Wayland Park.

What was the best thing you learned this year?

They learned so much when they did their bird projects and assigned country projects.

What will you remember most about his year?

They will remember curling and their surprise party for their teacher, Mrs. Boer who turned 65 in April.

Grade 5/6

What is your last field trip of the year?

They are going to galaxy lanes, Macdonald's to eat, and then Volunteer Pool to go swimming.

What was the best thing you learned?

They learned how to make bows out of plastics blocks, and they learned about the human body. They also loved practising for track and field and doing the hand washing experiments.

What will you remember most about this year?

The web simulation of trading between countries, adopt a tree, learning how to play squash. Their class is also sad to see their classmate and friend Dakotah leave their class.

Grade 7/8

What was/is your last field trip of the year?

The grade sevens' last field trip of the year was the Old Fort and the grade eights' last field trip is the Toronto Trip.

What was the best thing you learned?

Their favourite thing to learn was guitars and bands.

What will you remember most about this year?

Their favourite memories were the Old Fort and the Toronto trips.