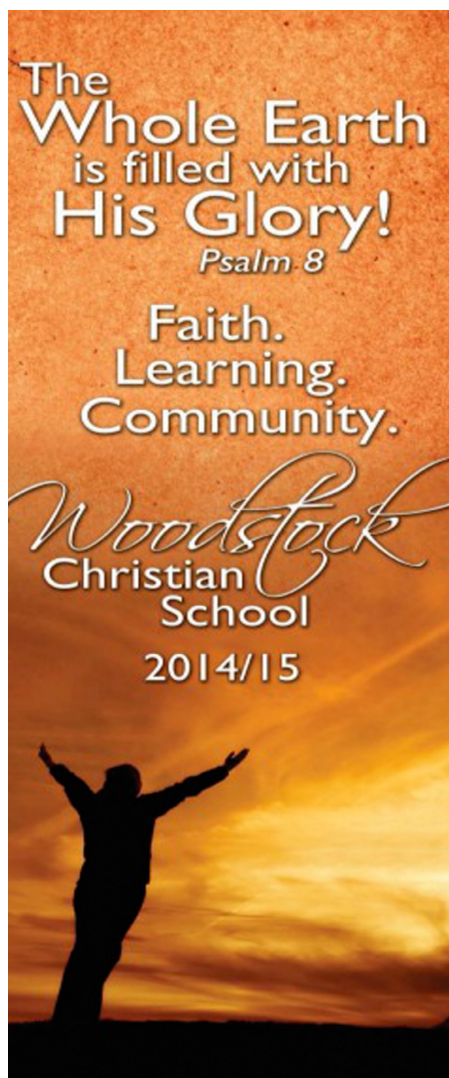


# INK-LINKS

Newsletter of the Woodstock Christian School, Woodstock, Ontario

February - March 2015



**Our Mission:** Woodstock Christian School provides Christ-centered quality elementary education for children of believers to equip them for a life of praise and service to God through committed and dedicated teachers, parents and supporting community.

## Upcoming Events

February 2. .... Theme Chapel  
February 5. .... JK - SK Information Evening  
February 7. .... WCS Benefit Banquet  
February 11. .... JK - SK Registration  
February 13. .... P.D. Day\*  
February 16. .... Family Day\*  
February 17. .... Board Meeting  
February 26. .... Pancake Breakfast

March 4 & 5 ..... Science Fair  
March 6 ..... P.A. Day\*  
March 12 ..... Report Cards  
March 13-23 ..... March Break\*  
March 24 ..... Board Meeting  
April 2 ..... Easter Chapel  
April 3 ..... Good Friday\*  
April 6 ..... Easter Monday\*  
April 18 ..... WCS Spring Fest Bazaar

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## BOARD NEWS

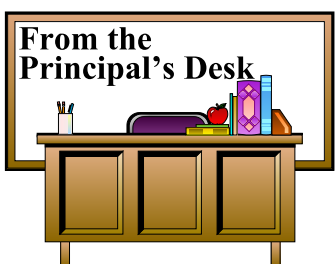
The Board of WCS thanks everyone for their ongoing prayers and support in so many ways. It is a blessing to be a part of such a supporting community. We are excited to share that four new families have joined WCS in the New Year. We now have 100 families and 192 students - praise God for this blessing! Re-enrollment forms have gone out and we will soon sit down to plan the budget for the 2015-2016 school year. We are also in the process for recruiting board members for the next school year and we are in the stages of putting a search team together for the hiring of a new principal for the 2016-2017 school year.

As part of strategic planning and keeping current, research is being done in regards to outsourcing technology. Staff representatives have met with a company. Anyone with an interest in this department is welcome to contact the school.

Lastly, the OACS has suggested that we re-write the school's constitution. This will deal with issues such as board recruitment, associate membership and quorum at membership meetings. The intention is to present the updated constitution at the Spring Membership Meeting.

We ask that you pray for us as a board and for our Principal Bernice Huinink-Buiter, to ask for God's continued guidance and blessing as we seek his will for WCS.

Jolanda Horinga, Secretary of the WCS Board



***The Whole Earth is Filled with God's Glory!*** God's fingerprint is on everything! At WCS, staff, students and families are called to reflect God's glory everywhere! 2 Corinthians 3:18 says the following: *"And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are*

*being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is Spirit."* So where did you see God's glory today?? This was a question staff members answered as they met for a staff meeting recently. Here's what your child(ren)'s teachers said:

- Snow! Beautiful snow! Dazzling sunshine on huge patches of ice! Recess times at WCS are a celebration of God's glory! Seeing the children play, slide and enthusiastically enjoy the wintertime! Their laughter declares praise to Creator God! "From the lips of children, you have ordained praise!" (Psalm 8)
- Grade 3 students are amazed by God's glory as they uncover the wonder of the solar system - "The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of His hands!" (Psalm 19)
- Grade 5 students are studying the circulatory system - the heart muscle pumping the blood coursing through kilometers of arteries, veins and capillaries bringing life to the whole body - the God who created the wide expanse of the



universe also created the tiny pathways for blood to sustain life in the human body. "I am fearfully and wonderfully made, your works are wonderful." (Psalm 139)

- Teachers and students glow with God's glory as they work/play in harmony with one another, and also as they struggle together through tough life issues. "The Lord is my strength...my heart leaps for joy!" (Psalm 28)
- Schools in Nicaragua receive laptops that WCS sent down with five Grade 8 students. The joy with which they are received displays God's glory! "Love your neighbour..." (Matthew 12)
- Buddies in senior and primary grades spend time together playing, reading, making crafts, writing stories, creating murals, demonstrating the body of Christ shining throughout the school.
- A school basketball team shows incredible teamwork and sportsmanship, cheering one another on even when they are losing in a tournament reflects God's light in all circumstances.
- Board members meet to envision God's light for WCS, enjoying the work with which they are tasked, knowing they work for the well-being of the children who attend the school. "Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths." (Psalm 25)
- The prayer team sits down Wednesday mornings, bringing the school's joys and sorrows before a God who cares about each one- in prayer, their faces reflect God's glory. "With thankful hearts bring all your prayers and requests to the Lord." (Philippians 4)
- Kindergarten students collect crayons to send to children in Guatemala, and they beam with the light of Jesus!

The heavens declare the glory of God!! The children... the teachers... the volunteers... the parents declare the glory of God!

Oh yes and then the reality of our brokenness.... there are many times when the glory of God is hidden - times of harm being inflicted, of misunderstanding, of disruption, of pain, of despair, of hopelessness, of darkness. Angry words, anguished weeping, frustrated sighs, slamming doors, stomping feet, snide comments, sarcastic remarks, defiant actions, sad misunderstandings. In those times, it is difficult for students and



teachers to go on. But it is precisely in those dark times that God reaches out and the light of Jesus becomes visible... sometimes only a glimmer, but shine it does! *"This little light of mine..."* A teacher reaches out to help a student understand a concept that is just too hard. A student comforts another student in his pain of losing trust. *"I'm going to let it shine!"* A student expresses her care for a teacher who is grieving. A parent just shows up at the right time to tell a staff member that she is praying for him. *"I'm going to let that light shine!"* A bus driver returns to school after her morning route to bring back a bag to a student who left it in his bus seat. A student helps her desk partner to find the right answer to a complicated math problem. *"Let it shine over WCS!"* A teacher supports a family in distress, and a parent encourages a teacher when she can't go on. A teacher reaches out to a colleague by taking her yard duty so she can take a

break. *"Shine it all the time!"* A teacher apologizes to a student that has been wronged. *"I'm going to let it shine!"* A student asks for forgiveness from a teacher that she has hurt. God's light shines!

We live as children restored to a new life in Jesus Christ, and when we fall, He picks us up again. We trust him to lead us ever closer to him, to make a difference here and now. We have a long way to go (a lifetime!) but we are daily being transformed into the likeness of God. At WCS, we are committed to offering *"a Christ-centred education [which] equips our students to lead a life of Christian service."* (WCS Vision statement). In our living and learning together, we proclaim God's promise that *"I am making all things new!"* (Revelation 21). YES!! His glory fills the whole earth!

B. Huinink-Buiter

### An Open House & Science Fair, will be held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



The gymnasium will be full of scientific experiments as the senior students display their Science projects. Always a highlight of the year, the science projects designed by the 7th and 8th grade students cover a variety of topics and are imaginative and thought-provoking while they explore the wonders of God's creation. There will also be a display of Grade 6 projects.

The projects will be ready to view from noon onwards. Students will be viewing the Science Fair during the school day.

Families and the public are invited to view the Science Fair as part of the Open house running from 3:30 - 8 pm. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school.

### Terracycle Recycling Program

Woodstock Christian School has been participating in this program for 2 years now. We collect items that normally would go into your garbage/recycling. We ask that you collect the items listed below and bring them to W.C.S. They will be recycled and are **worth cash**. Hang this on your fridge or corkboard to remember what items to collect. Thank you for your participation.

Diaper Packaging - Plastic diaper & wipes packaging any brand	\$0.02
Drink Pouches - All brands & sizes	\$0.02
Coffee Bags - Any brand and any size of coffee bag.	\$0.02
Any Lunch Kit - (not cardboard covering) i.e. Schneiders Lunchmate	\$0.02
Air & Home Care - Plastic air freshener packaging, cartridges & bottles. Also includes trigger head caps.	\$0.02
Inkjet cartridges - Any inkjet and toner cartridges	\$0.25
Misc. E-waster - Digital cameras, GPSs, Graphing calculators	\$0.25
- Any MP3 player	\$0.50
- iPod (non touch)	\$0.50
- iPod with touch screen	\$1.50
- Broken laptops	\$1.00
- Single Core Processor Laptop	\$2.50
- Dual Core Processor Laptop	\$5.00
- Quad Core Processor Laptop	\$7.50
- Any Cell Phone - broken or working	35¢-\$10



Grades 1, 2 & 3 learned lots at the Safety Expo that came to Woodstock Christian!

*You are all invited  
to join us at our*

### EASTER CHAPEL



on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
at 8:30 a.m.

Pastor Steve Bactor will speak to us, the Primary Choir will sing and Grade 2 will lead us in praising our Lord and Saviour!

## COMMUNITY CORNER

Woodstock Christian School has seen an amazing January. We welcomed 3 new families! This was a great way to ring in the new year!

At this time registration for 2015/16 is underway and it is sure to be another exciting year at Woodstock Christian School. At this time it appears we will have one Junior Kindergarten class and two Senior Kindergarten classes.

We are very thankful for the continued support from the community through your prayers, finances and time! This community is such a blessing to us.

We would like to celebrate with you as we approach Christian Education Week. There is something for everyone, and a lot of opportunity to celebrate with us at the school.

Please join us on:

Sat., April 18<sup>th</sup> - Spring Fest, Oxford Auditorium  
Mon., April 20<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Appreciation Assembly  
Thurs., April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Grand Friends Day  
(The play "Under God's Sea" will be presented!)

Also, on Tuesday mornings from 9-11 am we will be hosting "K is for Kindergarten" again. This is a 4 week program to promote Kindergarten readiness. This program is for any child that will be turning 4 in 2015! Registration is required (before March 18<sup>th</sup>). Visit: [www.woodstockchristian.ca/kisforkindergarten.php](http://www.woodstockchristian.ca/kisforkindergarten.php) for more information or to register!

Prayer group also continues to run on the first and third Wednesday of the month. It is at 8:30 am in the school lobby and you are welcome to join us or send in your prayer requests! ([admissions@woodstockchristian.ca](mailto:admissions@woodstockchristian.ca) or 519-539-1492)

*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 2015 is welcome to join us.

**When: Tuesday Mornings 9-11, April 1, 8, 15, 22**  
**Where: Junior Kindergarten Classroom at WCS**

Registration is required and the deadline to register is March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. To reserve your spot register now at:

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



**Springfest is Coming!** – Planning for the WCS Annual Bazaar has begun. Think of all things SPRING and get ready for a great day out with family and friends! We are very excited and hard at work already to make this day again a fantastic event for young and old.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2015  
Place: Oxford Auditorium, Woodstock  
Time: 7 am - 3 pm

Breakfast – Enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee from 7-9 a.m. – served up by our WCS Staff!

Returning Again – Spring plants & flowers, stampots & croquettes, bake table, coffee corner, silent auction, games, vendors & more!

\*Donations for the silent auction (only new products) and bake table are more than welcome! Please donate items that do not need to be kept cool, such as those with custard or whipped cream. If you would like to donate, please contact Hilde Makkink.

Meet us again for a day of fun and fundraising. Start spreading the news and bring your neighbours and friends!

If you have any questions or comments, contact Hilde Makkink at 519-6886312 or email [hildeschuringa@hotmail.com](mailto:hildeschuringa@hotmail.com).





would like to thank you all for your continued support. We are having so much fun finding our way in the community of Woodstock. Being downtown, we are truly becoming a part of the greater Woodstock family. Some days it really does feel like family. Not only are we creating friendships among staff and Board members... but regular volunteers and regular customers are becoming part of the big picture too. We aren't just selling donated goods here. We are creating community and are living as part of a community. We know that some people come in because they are hunting for certain items to buy, but we also know that some people are coming in just to have a conversation or to say hello. When you work at the store, you get to hear lots of different "stories." People want to share their lives with us and we are glad to be that listening ear. You see how we can go beyond the "business goals?" We can be a light in our community. Providing more than just the obvious retail service. Blessed to be a blessing.

We are coming up to our one year fire anniversary. Maybe not something worthy of a celebration? But maybe something we can reflect on and see the blessings along the way. We are back, we are set up and we are just as eager for the future. We've had a great couple of months now and we look forward to a busy Spring and Summer.

Please keep the store in your prayers as we move forward. If you haven't been by yet, please come and say hello! We love meeting new people but we really love seeing familiar faces too. We like to think that we aren't your average thrift shop. Come and see why! We are blessed with a great space and a great staff that keep things looking amazing. The donations never seem to run out and for that we are thankful.

We also invite you to consider volunteering. It is a fun team of people and there are many spots available with varying time commitments. Whether you like working with people out front, or helping sort donations quietly in the back, we would love to have you. Give us a call and we'll find your spot.

## Once Again Thrift Shop

484 Dundas St. Woodstock

WE NEED YOU!

# *Volunteer Today*

519-290-1200

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP SORTING DONATIONS.  
WE HAVE A VERY ORGANIZED SYSTEM AND JUST NEED  
SOME HELPING HANDS TO ORGANIZE THE MANY  
ITEMS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN. TAKE A FRIEND WITH YOU  
AND STOP BY TUESDAY-SATURDAY. WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU.





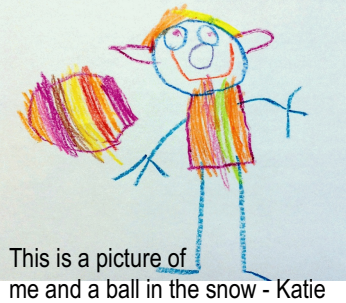
# Teacher Talk

## JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN – MS. S. LINKER

Junior Kindergarten was asked what they love to do in the winter time, and these are the illustrations and journals that emerged. We've been "celebrating winter" this season (the first time we've had snow for this month in my four years teaching this class!) and enjoying God's creation immensely.



I am slipping on the ice - Anthony



This is a picture of me and a ball in the snow - Katie



I like to play in the snow with my brother - Julia



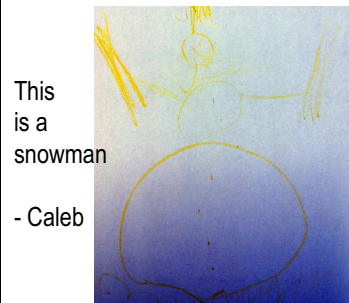
This is a snow snail - Natalie



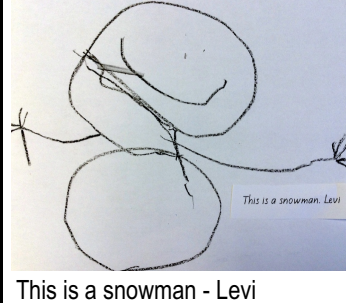
This is a snowman  
Lauren



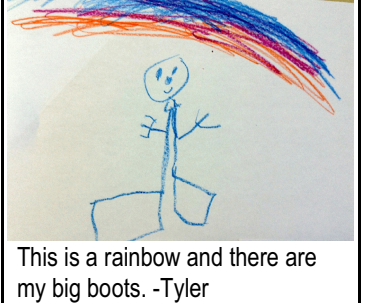
This is me playing in the snow making a flower - Hailey



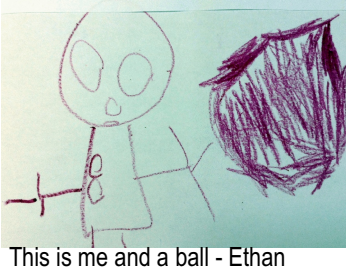
This is a snowman  
- Caleb



This is a snowman - Levi



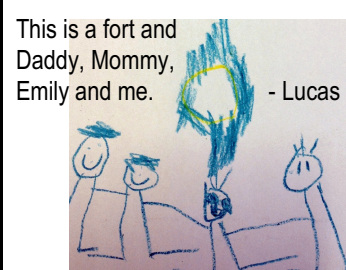
This is a rainbow and there are my big boots. -Tyler



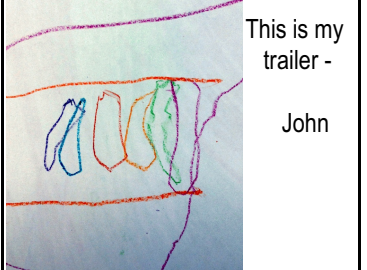
This is me and a ball - Ethan



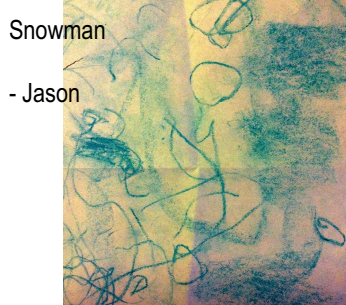
This is an airplane that flies to Holland - Kaitlyn v



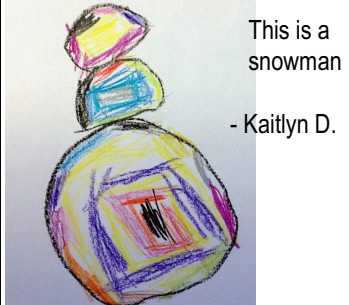
This is a fort and Daddy, Mommy, Emily and me. - Lucas



This is my trailer -  
John



Snowman  
- Jason



This is a snowman  
- Kaitlyn D.



This is me with my baby sisters and brothers building a fort in the snow. - Makynlee



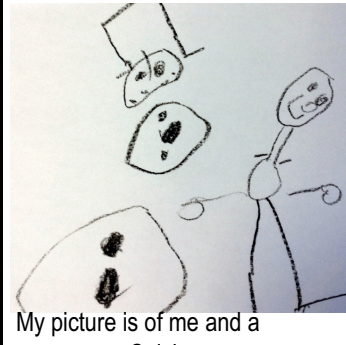
I'm playing with my mom in a snow fort.  
- Cole



We built an ice cream cone and we skate on ice.  
- Kurtis



This is a picture of Emily playing in the snow.  
- Kyle

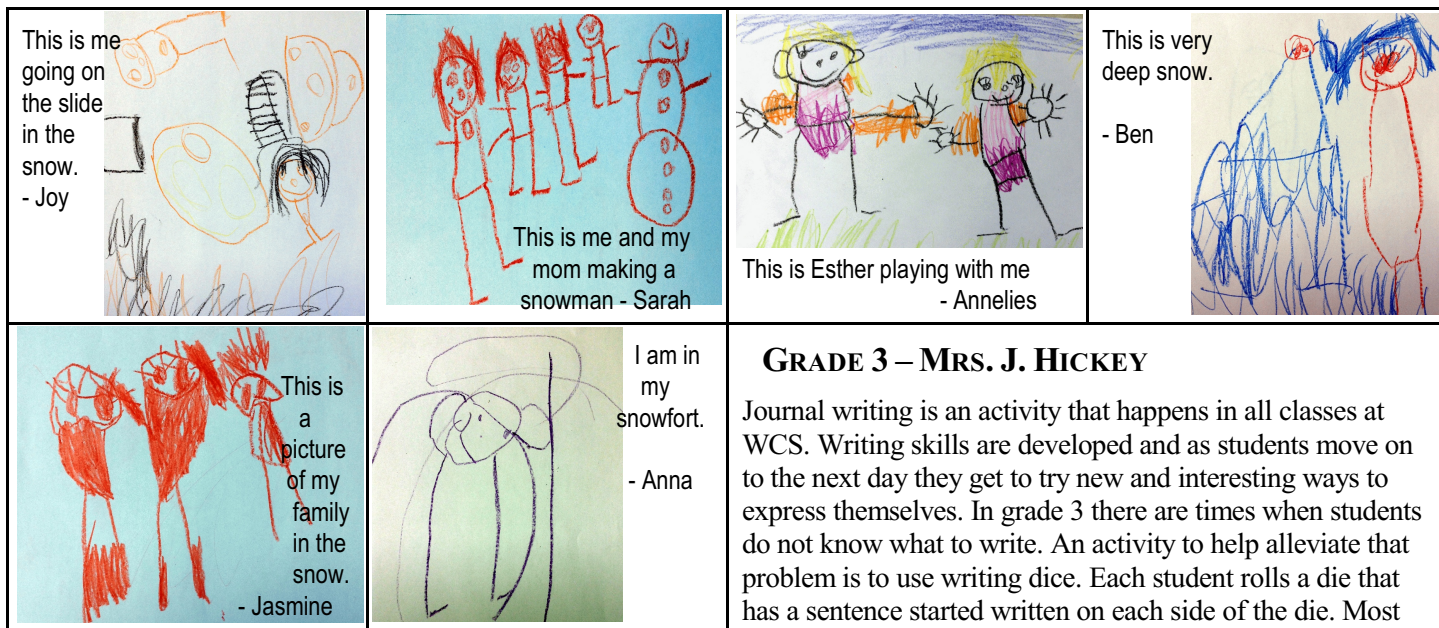


My picture is of me and a snowman - Calvin



I am playing in the snow by myself - Tenley





### GRADE 3 – MRS. J. HICKEY

Journal writing is an activity that happens in all classes at WCS. Writing skills are developed and as students move on to the next day they get to try new and interesting ways to express themselves. In grade 3 there are times when students do not know what to write. An activity to help alleviate that problem is to use writing dice. Each student rolls a die that has a sentence started written on each side of the die. Most often students are ready to write immediately after they see the sentence starter. I am pleased to see the imagination that comes out when we do this journal activity. Here are some examples written by Grade 3.

### Kid's Corner



School is good because I can play outside. I like recess time so I can play grounders or swing with my friends. I like that I learned about trees and I can observe 4 kinds of bark when I'm outside. I like math, gym, art and library time. I like school because it is fun.

*Minsang*

When it is snowy day I play on my xbox 360. My favourite game to play is Minecraft with Landon my best friend. I also play on my Ipad mini. My favourite game to play on my Ipad is Clash of Clans and some of my new games like Oldify2 and Harry Potter spells. I also play in the snow with Gregory my brother and my dog Sage. We have snowball fights and get flipped over by Sage. When I come in one door my mom gets very very mad at me and my brother then I go to the other door. Then I play on my Ipad.

*Cameron*

School is good because there are very many things that I like. In the morning, I get on the yellow school bus with my sister to go to school. I like the bus, because I can think what I can do today on the bus. I can study English, Math, Bible, French, Art and many other things. I like all the subjects, but the best is gym. There are many friends in my school and they are very kind. I like my friends. I can study with them, and play with them in school. I love my teacher Mrs.Hickey because she's very nice.

She always smiles. And I like school recess because I can play outside and I can play in the snow. In school, I am very happy and very busy to enjoy. I love school.

*Eunsoo*

When I was at the zoo, I saw a monkey. I was creeped out. It crawled on the bus. Then I saw a rhino. It was so big. It is bigger than a minivan. I thought it was going to chug the bus. Then I saw a giraffe. It was as TALL as the CN tower. I saw an elephant. It was having a bath. Then I saw the elephant. It sucked up water then it blew it out and water sprayed everywhere.

*Brett*

The foods I like best are for breakfast I like Lucky charms and milk. For snacks I like candy. And for lunch I like chocolate hail on white bread. For dinner I like to order pizza and go to Mcdonald's when my mom is working late.

*Jessica*

The subject I like best is Bible and math because I like listening to Bible stories. It teaches me more about God. I like math because I like answering questions and solving problems. I like to measure how long things are.

*Ken*

When I was at the zoo I saw a big big big elephant. I was looking at his big ears flapping. Then the big elephant came running at me then I realized I was in his pen. I ran out as fast as I could. When I was running I saw a Python. I was creeped out. I looked closely at it. It was so creepy. AHH. Then I saw a zebra that was better. It had lots of zigzags.

*Cora*

When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian because I love pets. For cats and dogs, I would look inside their bodies, and I like it. One of the reasons is that you get more money, and get more people to come to the vet because more pets are sick and need their body looked at, and I want to be half time. Because then I can be with my family too. That's what I want to be when I grow up!!

*Alyssa*

On a hot day I would play outside. When I played outside I climbed on the swings. I would play on the trampoline and jump really high. I would bring my sisters and have a friend over. We would go on the playground and play on the swings. Then we will collect the eggs and cluck with the chickens. Then we will climb the apple tree. We will go to Marineland and I would go on Dragon Mountain. I would see some animals and go round and round on the loop-de-loops. I would also go on the Sky Screamer and other rides. I would go to Mc. Donalds and go home. THE END!!!

*Elena*

If I saw a bear I would hug and name him Larry. Once that did come true. He let me in his house. There was a yellow hat. Then we became friends. I told Larry to get in a sack so the hunters don't catch you.

*Mackenzie*

On a hot day I went to the beach at Sherkston Shores. Then (at some point) I went to the Sherkston Shores arcade. I stayed in a cottage at Sherkston Shores for 5 days on summer vacation. On one of those 5 days, my dad came. Then when it was nighttime on that day, my dad left. I wanted him to stay for

*Tyler*

Hendrik

*Aliyah*

*Ryan*

*Lauryn*

*Rachel*

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Giant Tiger	3.5%		x	\$25	=			
Mark's Work Warehouse	7.0%		x	\$25	=			
Payless Shoe Stores	7.0%		x	\$25	=			
Sears Catalogue, Store, On-line, Travel, etc	3.0%		x	\$25	=			
Shoppers Drug Mart	5.0%		x	\$25	=			
Staples Business Depot	3.0%		x	\$25	=			
Winners	8.0%		x	\$25	=			
The Bay /Home Outfitters	3.5%		x	\$25	=			
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