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*Peoples Christian
Academy Elementary
Newsletter*



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Principal : Mr. T. Mansell

Vice Principal : Mrs. R. McCormick

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School Verse : Isaiah 40:31 - ...but they that hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.



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Historic Year

This is a very special and pivotal year in the history of Peoples Christian Academy. It is with fondness and nostalgia that we look back at our rich heritage. However, we also look forward, with excitement, to the mighty works that God is going to do through Peoples Christian Academy in the future.

Strong Beginning

This year has started very strongly and school spirit is excellent. God has again blessed us with a wonderful group of families at PCA. Our students are fantastic and our staff is first rate. The Parent Information Night started our year on such a positive tone. Getting together with our PCA parents was very worthwhile but we also had many prospective parents there as well. These prospective parents were very excited about the new school and have many friends who feel the same way. I believe that the future looks very bright for PCA and that God is going to really expand our school community at 245 Renfrew.

I also want to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families and to also welcome back our returning families. We love each one of you in Christ and pray for you daily.

Our focus this year is on developing Christian character at all grade levels. Our desire is to help our students apply what they learn and be able to integrate these character traits usefully into their lives. We want our students to display the kind of Christian character that will make them distinctively God-like in a world that rejects God for the most part.

Soccer Tournament

Our Grade 4–6 Soccer team competed in the ACSI Soccer Tournament led by our coach, Mr. Constable. The following students competed for our PCA Eagles:

Kester Chu, Alysaa Co, Tony Gil, Aaron Chau, Anika Kang, Ryan Kong, Stephen Lam, Jerusha Ratnam, Caleb Shin, Natalie Shing, Ajeevan Sivan, Timothy Sung, Emma Tse, Nathan Auyeung, Shoshanna Dwara, Daniel Kang, Kelsey Ng, Alex Ojo, Rochelle T., Matthew Wang, Tiffany Yau, Michael Wong, Christopher Cheung, Lucas Prins, and Elizabeth Tse.



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Walkathon

Our annual fundraising event for the Elementary division was scheduled on Friday, October 2. The JK – Gr.1 students were able to participate in their Walk before the rain began to fall. **Unfortunately, due to the rain, the Walk for the Gr.2-6 students had to be postponed to Monday, October 5.** The Gr.2-6 students are to wear their House colours again and come prepared to walk on Monday, October 5.

As something new this year we had each class create a banner to be carried with them on the Walk. There was certainly lots of creativity from our students with their banners. As well they had fun in the process.

Students are to return their Collection Envelopes with the Sponsor Sheets to their teacher starting Monday, October 5 – Friday, October 9. The winning class with the most money raised on a per student average basis will be delighted when their class is awarded sundaes for everyone. There will also be great individual prizes as well. We will eagerly await the results of the fundraising efforts and have a chapel/assembly to celebrate the efforts of all our students.

Outdoor Education

Our Grade 6 students will be going on their very exciting Fair Glen trip on October 7th, 8th, and 9th. Please pray for the safety of the students and staff and that they will have a very special time together as they enjoy God's creation and get to know each other in a unique and special way. The staff going on the trip are; Mrs. McCormick, Mr. Thabet, Mrs. Buhlman, and Mr. Constable. The three days will be under the leadership of Mr. Brian McTavish and his staff.



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Discipline Tips from Ron Morrish

Ron Morrish is an author, behaviour consultant, international speaker and frequent guest at our annual Teacher's Convention in November. He specializes in dealing with children and families.

Tip #1 of the month – “If you teach children to be part of the solution, they're less likely to be part of the problem.”

Tip #2 of the month – “Allowing children to be themselves, doesn't mean allowing them to do whatever they want to do.”

Website

Please continue to check the school website, as well as the class sites to keep up-to-date with important information.

Encourage Prospective Parents

Tell anyone interested that we still have openings and to call us at 416-222-3341 ext. 151 for further information.

Upcoming Important Dates:

November 5 – 6:	PD Days (school closed)
November 27:	Term 1 Progress Reports
December 4:	Parent/Teacher Interviews – All Parents (school closed)
December 15:	Christmas Concert – All School
December 18:	Last Day of School (dismissed at noon)
Dec 21 - Jan 1:	Christmas Break
January 4:	School Resumes