



70 YEARS of  
REFORMED  
EDUCATION  
PASS THE PROMISE  
1985-1995  
Credo Christian  
Elementary School



Fourth in a series of  
seven inserts  
commemorating  
70 years of  
Reformed education.



### The Story of God's Faithfulness Continues...

Credo Christian Elementary School opened its doors in 1986, and shortly after, it was evident that an addition to the school was needed. Once again, the Lord blessed the school community with the funds and volunteer labour that made the addition possible. Seeking to serve God by caring for the needs of all His covenant children, the addition included a Special Education (SPED) room. CCES became the first Canadian Reformed school in the Fraser Valley to launch a SpEd program—one that continues to be a blessing to students today.

There have been many changes over the years, but some things remain the same. Some of these are temporary, physical things, as you can see in the photographs. Some of the playground structures haven't changed, and events like Grandparents' Day, Sports Day, Matching Day, beach visits, Victoria Trips, and Craft Days continue to happen. But there is one lasting thing that will never change: The Gospel of Grace. In the last Branches issue of 1995, Principal John Roukema wrote, "Pray that we never underestimate or take for granted the power of God's grace through Jesus Christ." Just as those promises were confessed and acknowledged 30 years ago, we continue to declare those very same promises today!

**Top Left: 1986** - Laying the foundation.

**Top Right: 1986** - Groundbreaking Ceremony!

**Right & Bottom Left:** Grandparents Day. Mrs. Tricia Visscher was one of our SPED teachers. Her dad is visiting as an Opa.



**Below:** Mr. Baartman with Rueben Baartman



# Sound Familiar?



**Above:** 1989 - Do you recognize any of your board members/teachers? L to R -Mrs. Leslie Scholtens, Mrs. Lisa Devries, Mrs. Renee Zietsma, Mr. Oliver Hansma and Mrs. Shelley Sikma.



**Above:** Victoria Trip with Mr. Roukema driving the bus

**Below:** Sports Day



**Below:** Craft Day - still celebrated today



**Below:** 1986 - Is that Mrs. Vanrhee?



**Above:** Ruth Vanderpol was among the first students in the CCES SpEd program.

**Below:** Matching Day -(L to R) Diane Vanderboom, Irene Hoeksema, Suzanne Schoen, Tricia Visscher, Alice Bisschop, Ann Tenhaaf

