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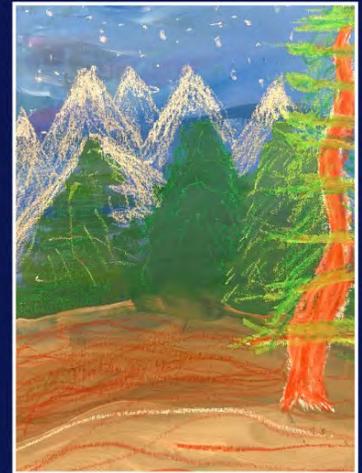
EXPLORING EMILY CARR A GRADE 5 PERSPECTIVE



Madelynn Vantil



Sophia Lengkeek



Nathan Beukema

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The purpose of our parental Christian School is to educate our children to develop their individual potential and to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for a life of responsible stewardship in God's Kingdom.

From the Chairman *Oliver Hansma*

Welcome to the first issue of *Branches* in 2026! A New Year lies ahead, and only God knows the plans He has in store for us, and for CCES. As a Board we pray that God will bless the plans and activities of the Board, administration, staff, volunteers, and the many people who are committed to maintaining the operation of the school. To God be the glory!

The Board would like to publicly express our condolences to Mary MacDougal with the passing of her father Jack Van Woudenberg on January 1, 2026. Mary, may God surround you with His care as you grieve his passing.

At this time, the administration and Board is preparing for the next school year beginning in September 2026. This includes preliminary views of the finances and budget, and staffing requirements. Budget planning relies upon estimates of students and family memberships. To this end it would be helpful if you could inform the Board as soon as possible if you have plans to move out of the CCES catchment area. Thank you in advance for this.

Elsewhere in this issue of *Branches*, you will note that we have an advertisement requesting applications for teachers. Due to the continuing shortage of teachers in our system, it is imperative that we advertise in a timely manner. Please do not be afraid to spread the word by mouth – sometimes this is most effective.

The board would like to thank both the staff and the membership for their participation in the SpED survey. We express our appreciation to the Education Committee for their work in preparing the survey as well all the other work they have done so far. We wish the committee well in its continued activities and look forward to the committee's final report later this spring.

From the Principal *Otto Bouwman*

Welcome to the first issue of *Branches* for 2026! We're thankful for the freedoms and opportunities we have as we engage in the advancement of Christian education.

As we do our work together at Credo, we experience a wide range of emotions. With Mary MacDougal, we began the first month of the calendar year with sorrow; her father had just been called Home by his Father. Towards the end of the month, on the other hand, there was a great deal of rejoicing when we all learned that two of our teachers – Spencer Pruijm and Meghan Visscher – had become engaged and have begun making plans for their wedding! As we live our lives, we are reminded repeatedly that there's "a time to weep,

As a Board, there are many activities that go on "behind the scenes". We are thankful that we can rely upon God to give us the strength and wisdom we need to govern the affairs of the school. We also covet your prayers as you seek God's blessing on all aspects of the school from governance to volunteer activity. All of this work is done for a purpose – to instruct our covenant children in God's ways and to equip them, in unity with home and church, to be a bright light in this world.

By the time this edition of *Branches* is off the "press", CCES will have participated in a Combined Boards Meeting with the boards of John Calvin and Credo High. These meetings occur twice per year. While they do not constitute a regular board meeting where decisions are made, they do present an opportunity to be united in the approach we take to educate our covenant children. At these meetings, the boards and principals share updates, joys and challenges. In addition, mutual matters are brought forward for discussion and the ad-hoc salary committee report is presented. Recent history shows that presentations are also made from those outside of our community. These presentations may include matters such as board governance. This year we will have John Wynia do a presentation on Ontario's Compass League of Reformed Schools school review process.

Many of you may have read the news release from the Covenant Canadian Reformed Teachers College informing the supporting community that the Ontario Teachers College had rejected their initial application for accreditation. They have been working on this for some time and the news was quite disappointing. The news release provides a little bit more detail than I will get into here. They have asked for our prayers as the College and its Board of Governors navigate a path forward.

and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

Technology and the Next Generation

In a recent issue of *Educational Leadership*, I came across an article entitled "Bots for Belonging." The article referenced a young student who expressed the following: "I started using Character.AI as a joke. But one night, I jokingly ranted to it, and it actually started giving me really good advice. So I was like, OK, why am I talking to a TV show character about the nature of life? It was really fun because I can talk to it about anything. It felt good to have someone to talk with." The article went on to state that "the rise of AI companion bots, designed to foster emotional

attachment, is reshaping how youth experience intimacy, identify, and support.” And later: “The collision of these two forces – the decline in human connection and the arrival of generative AI – are reasons for real concern.”

If that’s true for general North American youth, such realities will have devastating consequences for our young people, unless parents are deliberate in ensuring that their children do not have access to that kind of thing. Parents, please protect your children and do not give them access to unhelpful technology. Protect your children by teaching them to play with siblings and develop good social skills, rather than allowing them to distance themselves from other family members by spending time alone in their own bedroom (unless they’re sleeping). Protect your children by making the family meal a highlight for everyone in the home. Protect your children by praying together, by singing together, by talking together, by just being together, and, occasionally, by crying together. Parents would be devastated to learn that one of their children seeks meaningful companionship and affirmation from an AI bot or from some unknown individual on the phone/computer screen – possibly from Fortnite or some other online game. We need to have protocols in place that make such a tragic development unthinkable and impossible, especially with students at an elementary (or at a high school) level.

Highlight Events

In the last issue of this magazine, I mentioned numerous upcoming events: the 6th grade class’s *Summer Camp* show (December 4), Market Day organized by 7th & 8th grades (December 12), report card release (also December 12), primary grade craft morning (December 15), Christmas assembly in the Langley church (December 18), and finally, last day of school for 2025 (December 19). Thankfully, all of those events could happen as planned. Each of these events was a highlight, and each of them gave reason for much thankfulness.

In particular, the Christmas assembly, where another installment in the 70th anniversary of Reformed education in the Fraser Valley could be shared, is worth highlighting. Our school was established almost 40 years ago, and, from the outset, deliberate attention was particularly paid to some special students in the school community. We were reminded of that during the afternoon assembly – thank you, Mrs. Joanne Vanderpol – and could reflect on God’s abundant

blessings to our families and throughout the decades. If you didn’t see the assembly, here’s a link for it: <https://vimeo.com/1134406910>.

After the students returned in the New Year, some excitement was generated due to a Geography Challenge. Congratulations were extended to the winners: Philippa Kampen (1st place), Kenzie Dewit (2nd place), and Kasen Broersema & Jannick van Popta (3rd place). Such activities give evidence not only of student engagement, but also of staff planning and coordinating. Good work, everyone!

During the last week of January, staff and students have been involved in Reading Week. I’m happy to keep beating the “Please Keep Reading!” drum in our Christian school. As children of the Word, we do well to promote reading in our lives and in the lives of our children. I’m so thankful for skilled teachers in our primary grades who help our students learn to read; for those students beyond the primary grades, I’m thankful students are increasingly able to “read to learn.” And, of course, I’m thankful for the skilled teachers who accompany all our students on their reading and learning journeys! Finally, it’s such a pleasure to have such creative and fun-loving colleagues to work with; they decorate the school artistically and come up with all kinds of interesting ways to challenge students during Book Week.

Finally, near the end of January and early in February, several dozen meetings need to be scheduled and held, so that revised Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and Learning Support Plans (LSPs) can be reviewed; parents and staff members (and sometimes students) will have opportunities to review progress and set goals for the second half of the school year. Coordinating, preparing for, conducting, and then reporting on all those meetings represents a significant amount of work; we’re thankful for protocols that are in place.

Wrapping Up

It’s that time of year when we are giving serious thought to what Credo Christian Elementary School might look like next year. It seems like each year various aspects of school life need to be reconfigured; that’s a natural phenomenon as larger and smaller classes progress through the grades. See elsewhere in this issue for an invitation for prospective teachers to join our ranks for next year; yes, we’d love to receive applications for teachers for next year.

Thank you for your continued support, interest, and prayers.

Short Report of October Board Meeting

Short Report of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Credo Christian Elementary School November 3rd, 2025

Opening and Welcome: The Chairman, G. vanPopta, opened the meeting by reading Scripture, followed by Board singing and a moment of prayer. He welcomed the Directors and Principal O. Bouwman. A special welcome was mentioned for Oliver Hansma and Sue Schouten, our new board members. Weiming Lui was absent with notice.

Agenda Approval: The agenda for the regular board meeting was approved.

Minutes and Short Report: The minutes and short report from the regular board meeting held on October 6th, 2025 were approved.

AGM Debrief: The Board discussed their reflections of the recent AGM meeting held on October 29th, 2025.

Portfolio Assignments: The Board approved the Chairman's recommendations for portfolio assignments.

- Chairman: Oliver Hansma
- Secretary: Marilyn Mostert
- Ed. Comm: Eric Vandergriendt
- Finance: Aren VanDyke
- Maintenance: Al Scholtens

Outgoing Correspondence: The Board sent a letter to members thanking them for their advice, and an email to JCCS reminding them of the legal authority meeting for December.

Principal's Report: O. Bouwman presented the Principal's Report for November 2025. The Board approved to advertise for additional EA resources. The Board reviewed

the League of Can Ref Schools external school review program presented by O. Bouwman.

Valley Wide Implementation Committee: J. Vandelft updated the Board with the committee's various activities. The CCHS gym project has been completed as well as the project at JCCS. Appraisals on properties of interest have also been completed. He also shared with the board the Valley Wide update that will be sent to membership.

Education Committee: E. Vandergriendt shared a brief update with the board regarding the SpEd department review. The committee proposed to have a small subcommittee receive the survey results from parents and membership in order to respect confidentiality. The Board would love to have 100% engagement from the membership, as we are a parent run school and appreciate everyone's involvement. There was a brief, but very positive report from the October classroom visits.

Finance Committee: Income statements and accounts receivable from October 2025 were reviewed. The Board is thankful God is continuing to provide for all of our financial needs.

Board/Staff relations: Birthday and sympathy cards were signed. Planning for the board/staff social is underway

Next Meetings / Events: A Chair/Principals & RCDC meeting is scheduled for November 6th, 2025. The next CCES Board meeting and legal authority meeting is scheduled for December 8th, 2025.

Closing: A. Scholtens offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Chairman G. vanPopta closed the meeting and thanked all for coming.



Short Report of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Credo Christian Elementary School December 8th, 2025

Opening and Welcome: The Chairman, O. Hansma, opened the meeting by reading Scripture, followed by Board singing and a moment of prayer. He welcomed the Directors and Principal O. Bouwman. Al Scholtens was absent with notice. A special welcome was extended to Kent Dykstra and Neil Gelderman for the Legal Authority meeting.

Agenda Approval: The agenda for the regular board meeting was approved.

Adjournment for Fall Legal Authority Meeting
The Board met with Neal Gelderman, CCHS Board Chairman, and Kent Dykstra, CCHS Principal. During this meeting, matters of common concern were discussed and all CCHS board decisions as disclosed in CCHS minutes from May 2025 to October 2025 were ratified. Upon conclusion of the Legal Authority meeting, Kent Dykstra and Neal Gelderman left the meeting.

Minutes and Short Report: The minutes and short report from the regular board meeting held on November 3rd, 2025 were approved.

Incoming correspondence: A letter was received from parents and also a new enrollment request from non-members

Outgoing correspondence: The Board sent a letter to nominees not elected to be on the board.

Principal's Report: O. Bouwman presented the Principal's Report for December 2025. The Board is grateful to be informed that Deb Minderhoud has agreed to continue helping out in the Grade 3 classroom; Eline Jacobi will not be able to work at Credo this school year. The board also agreed to offer Krista Vanderhorst a position as an EA, beginning in January 2026. The board understands that Phoebe Gao will be on a temporary leave so she can visit her elderly and ailing mother in China.

Education Committee: E. Vandergriendt shared a brief update regarding the SpEd survey. The board looks forward to receiving a further update at its January meeting.

Membership Committee: The board dealt with the new enrollment request.

Finance Committee: The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes from the Nov. 26, 2025 meeting. Income statements and accounts receivable from November 2025 were reviewed.

Board/Staff relations: The Board signed Christmas cards for the staff.

Next Meetings / Events: A Chair/Principals meeting is scheduled for Jan. 8, 2026.. The next CCES Board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2026. There is a combined board meeting scheduled for Jan. 28th, 2026.

Closing: A. Van Dyke offered a prayer of thanksgiving. The chairman closed the meeting and thanked all for coming.



Credo Aid Update

Credo Aid met in January to review the last few months and plan ahead for all the events coming up yet this school year. We are blessed to be part of a busy and involved community and it shows when we review all the events that Credo Aid is part of! Here is a breakdown of what's going on.

On the fundraising side of things - 2025/2026

- Neufelds 1 - \$1127
- All Things Dutch - \$14,792.8
- Total fundraising so far - \$15,919.87 (This will get put towards next year's budget)

Fundraising Events Upcoming

- Love Credo Puzzle Party (Feb 6) - a big thank-you to Monica Miguel and Lizanne Hansman for their creativity and hard work in bringing a new fundraiser to the school this year. We are looking forward to hearing how it went with all those puzzlers!
- Neufelds 2 (Feb 26 pickup)
- Nursery gift card (March) - watch your email when it gets closer to snag those Cedar Rim and Devon Greenhouse gift cards.
- Hanging baskets (May), Family Fun Fair (May 22 - save the date!), Neufelds 3 (June 2nd pickup).

Upcoming events Credo Aid is looking forward to supporting include refreshments for school skating on February 6, as well as refreshments and concert treats for the elementary Spring Concert on March 5. Please keep an eye out for a call for volunteers on our [Credo Aid Facebook page!](#)

Have an idea that you want to bring to Credo Aid? Happy to chat. Georgene VanDelft 778-549-7538.



Kodiak Corner *Shelley Sikma*

You read this as the Grade 8 basketball teams' seasons are coming to a close!

The highlight in the month of January, for both the girls and the boys teams, is participating in the Christian Schools tournament. The boys team had the excitement of participating at Pacific Christian in Victoria! Their coach Justin was unable to accompany the team due to a sr. tournament and so the boys played hard under the coaching expertise of Mr. Shawn Meints. A great time was had and an overtime thriller placed the boys in 6th out of 11 teams. Great job!

The girls team had the excitement of hosting their Christian Schools tournament. They also played very well and also placed 6th! Many thanks to Kate V., Lucy V and Kennedy D for their hours of scorekeeping!

January was also a busy month of Langley league games. Many of the league games are played against the much larger schools in the district. Credo athletes and coaches have consistently put in admirable effort in some tough games! They have showed resilience and determination while developing their individual and team skills! Playoffs begin the first week of February. Tight standings and final games being played the last week of January means that our teams are waiting to see if they clinched a playoff spot.

January was a month of immense growth in our basketball athletes. Many thanks again to our amazing coaches! And thank you parents, staff and fans for your continued support!

Grade 8 Girls Basketball Team



Grade 8 Boys Basketball Team





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CALENDAR 2025-2026

February	6	School Skating (Grades 1-8)	CanLan Arena
	12	SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY - ONE HUNDRED YEAR OLD DAY	
	12	Family Day Assembly (<i>Pass the Promise: 2005-2015</i>)	2 PM LCRC
	13	Pro D Day	No School
	16	Family Day	No School
March	5	Spring Concert (Grades K - 5) - Morning Performance (10:30 AM) & Seniors Luncheon (11:30) LCRC	
	5	Spring Concert (Grades K - 5)	7 PM LCRC
	11	SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY - ROCK YOUR SOCKS DAY (COLORFUL CROCS/SOCKS)	
	12	Parent/Teacher Conferences	PM
	13	Parent/Teacher Conferences	No Regular Classes
	16 to 27	Spring Break	No School
	30	School Reopens - Classes Begin	
April	3	Good Friday	No School
	6	Easter Monday	No School
	9	*New* Ready Set Learn	<i>Details TBC</i>
	15	*Date Change* Spring Assembly (<i>Pass the Promise: 2015-2025</i>)	2 PM LCRC
	15	SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY - ATHLETES DAY	
	24	Open House for Grandparents & Parents	<i>Details TBC</i>
May	13	Grade 9 Parent Orientation	CCHS - PM
	14	Christian Schools Track & Field Event (<i>Grades 4-7</i>)	McLeod Athletic Park
	14	Grade 9 Day	CCHS
	15	Pro D Day	No School
	18	Victoria Day	No School
	21	CCES Sports Day (<i>Grades K-8</i>)	McLeod Athletic Park
	22	Family Fun Fair	CCHS
	27	School Membership Meeting	8 PM Gym
	28	*New* Kindergarten Day	<i>Details TBC</i>
	28	Middle School Band Concert	7 PM LCRC
June	1 to 4	Grade 8 Grad Trip	
	17	Closing Assembly	1:30 PM LCRC
	17	Last Day of School Closing Assembly	
	22	Grade 8 Graduation	8 PM LCRC

CREDO Fundraiser PUZZLE

Race!

Friday, February 6, 2026

Doors Open at 7:00pm
Puzzle Race Starts at 7:30pm
Langley Canadian Reformed Church
AGES 14-99

Round up a Team of up to 4 for a Race to see who can Finish a 500 pc Puzzle the Fastest (or the slowest)
Bring your Family, Friends and your Competitive Spirit!
Enjoy Dessert while you Puzzle your way to Victory!

EACH TEAM GETS TO KEEP THEIR PUZZLE!

Register your team of 4 and Team Name at
puzzlenightcredo@gmail.com
Confirmation email to follow with payment details
Register by Feb 3 Ticket Price: \$25 per person

Got Questions?

Contact: Monica Miguel 604-575-4300 (no text)
Liz Hansman 604-226-2514

The Puzzle Race registration **deadline is extended until Tuesday, Feb 3rd** as we are hoping to fill the seats with **12 more teams!**

Help us reach our goal and sign up today for a night of fun, laughter and delicious desserts! You don't have to be a hard core puzzler to have a fun night out.

Spread the word to friends, family and churchmates and come on out to support our schools to help pay for items and events outside the school budget. In the past, Credo Aid, with your generosity has been able to support the schools with things like; gym score clock, musical instruments, picnic tables, field trips, sound equipment and much more.

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



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



Below: Craft Day - still celebrated today



Below: 1986 - Is that Mrs. Vanrhee?

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



Remembrance Day Contest

Branch Results

Primary Level

- Kenzie Schouten (3) - 2nd Place - B&W Poster
- Mckenna Dykstra (3) - 3rd Place - B&W Poster
- Carina Vanpopta (3) - 2nd place - Color Poster
- Hadassah Nincao (3) - 3rd place - Color Poster

Junior Level

- Rebecca Liu (6) - 1st Place - B&W Poster
- Sadie DeBoer (6) - 2nd Place - B&W Poster
- Kenzie Dewit (6) - 3rd Place - B&W Poster
- Evangeline Zheng (6) - 1st Place - Color Poster
- Emily Vandeburgt (6) - 2nd place - Color Poster
- Lindsay Vanderpol (6) - 3rd Place - Color Poster
- Lucy Zhou (6) - 3rd Place - Color Poster
- Sadie Deboer (6) - 2nd Place - Poem
- Micah Vandergriendt (6) - 3rd Place - Poem
- Lucy Zhou (6) - 3rd Place - Essay

Intermediate Level

- Isla Noort (7) - 2nd Place - B&W Poster
- Daim Shahzad (7) - 3rd Place - B&W Poster
- Esther Yin (8) - 1st Place - Color Poster
- David Liu (7) - 2nd Place - Color Poster
- David Zou (7) - 3rd Place - Color Poster
- Philippa Kampen (8) - 3rd Place - Poem
- Eden Vandergugten (8) - 1st Place - Essay
- Philippa Kampen (8) - 2nd Place - Essay

Zone Results

Junior Level

- Rebecca Liu (6) - 1st Place - B&W Poster
- Evangeline Zheng (6) - 1st Place - Color Poster

Intermediate Level

- Esther Yin (8) - 1st Place - Color Poster
- Eden Vandergugten (8) - 2nd Place - Essay



McKenna Dykstra



Kenzie Schouten



Carina Vanpopta



Emily Vandeburgt



Hadassah Nincao



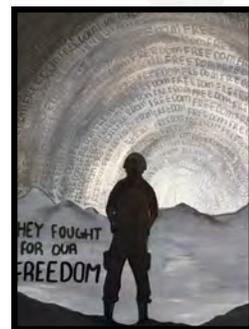
Daim Shahzad



Kenzie Dewit



Lucy Zhou



Isla Noort



David Zou



David Liu



Lindsay Vanderpol

Stay tuned for results from Provincials!

(Rebecca, Evangeline, & Esther)

Why Am I Canadian – By Eden Vandergugten

The Liberation of the Netherlands began in September of 1944. Canadian soldiers fought the Germans, invaded towns, and after months of death and battle, on May 5, 1945, the Netherlands was free from Nazi Germany. Prior to this, the Dutch were starving and lived on tulip bulbs. Many of them died from starvation, cold, or lack of care. After the war, the people of the Netherlands had immense gratitude towards the Canadian troops. More than 7,600 Canadian soldiers died during the Liberation of the Netherlands, and many others had lasting physical and mental injuries as a result. Although the Netherlands was free because of Canada, they still had to recover from the pain and damage done to their country. Unemployment rates were high, and there were very few opportunities for citizens who simply wanted a peaceful and stable life. As a consequence, many moved to Canada, because of the close bonds already made between the countries, and the security and opportunities Canada had to offer.

A few of these Dutch people were my great-grandparents, who came to Canada after the war, seeking jobs and homes for their future families. They came in the late 1940s or early 1950s, and accomplished much with other Dutch immigrants, establishing schools and churches. Soon, my great-grandparents had children; my future grandparents, great-uncles and great-aunts. These children grew up in Canada with knowledge of the sacrifice that was paid so that they could be free. I am a Canadian because of the choice that my great-grandparents made to move to Canada. They wanted to live in this beautiful and free country, because of the price Canadians paid to liberate the Dutch.

I am extremely grateful towards the thousands of Canadians who gave up their lives, homes, and families, so that I could live in a free country. Many people in my community have similar stories, and it's important for us to recognize the immense price that was paid for our freedom. For me, Remembrance Day is a time to remember why and how I am a Canadian, and to honour the soldiers who made my freedom possible. We must not forget the stories and sacrifices of the soldiers who gave their lives. On Remembrance Day, we should show our gratitude for their service, and seek to understand the cost of our freedom. Remembrance Day is also a time to look towards the future and reflect on how we can work to create a free and safe country for future generations. We must value peace and work for a country and world that emphasizes love and justice over all else.

Canada is full of individuals who all have unique cultures, lives, and stories of who they are and why they are Canadian. My story is just one of millions, that show Canada's cultural diversity, history, and values.

JOIN OUR TEAM SEPTEMBER 2026



21919 52 Ave
Langley BC V2Y 2M7

The Credo Christian Elementary & Middle School Board invites applications to fill **teaching** positions beginning in **September 2026**.

Our K-8 school, located in the beautiful Fraser Valley, serves approximately 240 students in a welcoming, Christ-centered community. Staff members value the positive, collaborative teaching culture and appreciate the strong support from parents and the broader school community.

We're looking for teachers who are:

- **Committed** to teaching in a predominantly Canadian Reformed context
- **Active** communicant members of a Canadian Reformed, United Reformed or other sister church
- **Certified** to teach in BC or eligible to obtain BC certification

Inquiries and applications can be directed to:
Otto Bouwman, Principal
o.bouwman@credoces.org
604-530-1131 (school)
360-510-1524 (cell)



2025 - 2026 Board & Staff

CCES Board of Directors
 Al Scholtens (2026) Maintenance
 Eric Vanderriendt (2026) Vice-Chair / Education
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 Darren Leffers (2027) CCHS / Valley-Wide
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 Oliver Hansma (2028) Chairman
 Sue Schouten (2028) Membership

Education Committee
 Michelle Dykstra
 Kim Meints
 Arlena Onderwater
 Jennifer Onderwater
 Derek Scheper
 Allison Vandeburgt
 Eric Vanderriendt
 Otto Bouwman

Membership Committee
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 Colleen Schouten
 Erin Jansen
 Joel Vanderriendt
 Kendra Vandergaag
 Esther Zou

Finance Committee
 Aren Van Dyke
 Oliver Hansma
 Belinda Dykstra
 Otto Bouwman

Maintenance Committee
 Darryl Hofsink
 Al Scholtens
 Dave Torenvliet
 Steve Vanderveen
 Tim Welfing

CCES Staff List

Otto Bouwman	Principal
Jennifer Onderwater	Vice-Principal / Grade 2
Leslie Scholtens	Grade KA
Alice Wu	Grade 1
Mary MacDougal	Grade 1 / 2 LA
Meghan Visscher	Grade 3
Deb Minderhoud	Grade 3
Ben Vandergugten	Grade 4
Linda VanSpronsen	Grade 5A
Natasja Vanrhee	Grade 5A
Nathalie Snyder	Grade 5B & Music
Alyssa Vanderstoep	Grade 5B
Nadine Krikke	Grade 6
Spencer Pruij	Grade 7A
Amber Vantil	Grade 7B
Kathy Noort	Grade 8
Deanna Van Dyke	Grade 8
Deborah Huttema	SpEd
Crystal Koat	SpEd
Shelley Sikma	PhyEd (6-8)
Phoebe Gao	EA
Natalie Hoogstra	EA
Yolanda Hoogstra	EA
Lindsay Schouten	EA
Jac Spoor	EA
Mikayla Stam	EA
Gerrine Stebbing	EA
Sharon Struik	EA
Esther Vandergugten	EA
Krista Vanderhorst	EA
Tianna Vanrhee	EA
Joy VanVliet	EA
Maddie Visscher	EA
Caitlin Warkentin	EA
Jackie VanOene	Librarian
Belinda Dykstra	Bookkeeper
Kendra Vandergaag	Office Administrator

Fee Structure 2025-2026	Credo Aid
Membership - 160.00	Brenda Beukema
Kindergarten - 465.00	Joni VanderHorst
Elementary (1-5) - 730.00	Su VanderHorst
Middle (6-8) - 800.00	Georgene Van Delft
Junior High (9-10) - 940.00	Jackie Vanderploeg
Senior High (11-12) - 1000.00	Rebecca Wildeboer

Come join us on the ice!

SCHOOL SKATING

Friday February 6
Canlan Arena - Langley

Grades 1-5 & 8

- Rink 1: 10:15 - 11:15
- Rink 2: 10:30 - 11:30

Grades 6-8

- Rink 1: 11:30-12:30

