

## LCS Fall Report

Linden Christian School is very thankful for a successful 2010-2011 school year. We are thankful for the way we were able to manage a major construction project in the North East Wing with minimal disruption to the learning environment. The following is a summary of some of the important achievements that occurred during the 2010-11 school year.

### Pursuit of Excellence

We continue to celebrate outstanding achievement in our Performing Arts Program. This past year all four of our instrumental ensembles received invitations to the *Nationals* based on their outstanding festival performances. The grade 9 and senior bands were awarded perfect 5 star ratings. In March the Middle Year's choirs participated in the *Winnipeg Music Festival* with all four choirs attaining Gold. Chad Pollard, reflects on the past year's events...

"It is appropriate to celebrate the development of our young musicians. It is even more exciting to see how they use their gifts to glorify God. Our school has reached a point where festival organizers, adjudicators and volunteers know about Linden Christian School. They are excited to work with our students because of the way they conduct themselves."

Bev Walker, grade 6-8 band teacher concluded her teaching time at Linden due to a move to Calgary in August. Bev had a very positive impact on all aspects of the Middle Years Band Program and prepared the students exceptionally well for the next level of their musical experience.

Our athletic programs continued to provide young people with opportunities to play sports. Every year, hundreds of student athletes compete in school sports at Linden Christian School. These sports include volleyball, basketball, soccer, cross country, badminton, track & field, ultimate frisbee, golf and curling. We seek to excel in these sports and LCS teams experienced much success last year. More important than winning, the goals of the programs are to seek to glorify God through sport. We strive to teach our athletes to put TEAM first, to always give 100 per cent, and to be ambassadors for Christ. The following outlines major achievements of our school teams:

- 4 MY championship banners
- 9 SY championship banners
- 1 provincial championship in high school curling
- Varsity boys volleyball... 3<sup>rd</sup> place at provincial championships
- Varsity boys basketball ... 4<sup>th</sup> place at provincial championships
- 1 of our coaches, recognized by the MBCA for 15 years of service
- 2 LCS athletes selected to the Graduating All Star team
- 1 athlete selected to All Manitoba Team
- 18<sup>th</sup> annual LCS MY basketball tournament – LCS girls, champs

- 13 LCS staff involved in coaching
- 8 LCS alumni involved in coaching
- 1 gold and 1 bronze medal at the MHSAA Provincial Track Meet

Over one third of our students from grades 5-12 were involved in school based athletics. The exemplary leadership of Nick Janzen and his team is to be commended.

Our students achieved significant recognition at the *Manitoba Science Fair* and *Heritage Fair* winning a total of 15 awards. Our grade 12 classes scored over 10 per cent higher than the provincial average on high school provincial standard exams in both Math and English. The dedication and ongoing work of the teaching staff is something we can all celebrate. God has led the right people to use their many gifts to build our educational community at Linden.

Linden continues to host professional development events featuring well respected Christian leaders. In February, Josh McDowell addressed the entire staff challenging them to a “Think Biblical”, affirming their calling as Christian teachers. This proved to be a very thought provoking presentation.

#### Transitional Classroom

Under the direction of Brenda Wiebe, a K- 4 Transitional classroom was launched at 598 Ellice, right next to City Connexions. The purpose of this classroom being to provide Christian education with a strong focus on English for newcomers’ families associated with City Church. Last year, 21 students from Karen and Chin peoples groups attended. Over this demanding first year Brenda developed a strong team of volunteers that worked with groups of students each day. The ongoing support from Grant Memorial’s seniors group through the provision of healthy snacks was very much appreciated. A number of classes and church ministries provided reading material, skates and other learning materials. The space required significant renovation and extra support was provided from a number of staff in the Property Department. The combined efforts of compassionate people from within our community allowed a successful first year for our transitional classroom.

#### Building Compassionate Community Members

For 10 days in February, 14 high school students and three staff under the leadership of Cam Stephens, Director of Spiritual Care and Campus Life, were involved in a life changing mission trip to Guatemala. The students aided in the construction of a new school, ran VBS, visited and prayed for patients at a local hospital, and ministered in homes. They were blessed by the privilege of serving and extending the love of Christ to others. The students received financial support from the Christian community via support letters and a subsequent call to give resulted in God providing the balance of funds required. Again, the prayer support of the Grant Memorial seniors group was instrumental in the success of this outreach. Many students who participated said it was a life changing activity for them and eyes were opened to the reality of how people live in developing countries.

Cam Stephens completed his first full year in working with the LCS high school students. He provided strong leadership, a caring listening supportive presence and strong Biblical teaching at our weekly high school chapel services. The building of healthy relationships has been central to his approach in this role.

The school continues to encourage students to participate in age appropriate outreach projects throughout the year. It is our desire for our students to make a difference in both the local and global community.

The following are the Outreach and Missions Projects LCS students were involved in over the past ten months:

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| Kindergarten | Supported Living Bible Explorers... collected toothbrushes for Winnipeg's inner city kids.<br><br>Union Gospel Mission Thanksgiving Food Drive... donated non-perishable food items.<br><br>Collection of mittens for Agape Table...we invited two representatives from Agape Table to our class Christmas party where they gave a presentation on their work. We presented the mittens and a large can of hot chocolate powder to them and prayed for them. We made Christmas cards with candy canes for the children who attend programs there.  |
| Grade 1      | Bake sale...the grade 1's put on a bake sale and raised \$741. The money went to World Vision to furnish a classroom and send four children to school.   |
| Grade 2      | Mitten Tree...the classes collected mittens to give to inner city children, distributed by the United Way.   |
| Grade 3      | Classes partnered with the Transitional Classroom...students wrote several times through the year as writing buddies. The classes hosted/provided lunch for class and teachers for their first visit and for field day. Used books were donated and a used book sale was held in February to raise money for the purchase of new books for the TLC. (\$210 was raised and left over books were given to TLC students to take to their homes.) A shoe drive was held, facilitated by a 3M parent.<br><br>Grade 3 classes reached out to Linden Lake Terrace residents in December for a Carol Sing and sharing of refreshments, and in June, an ice cream party.<br><br>As a grade group, the grade 3 classes raised \$775 through a White Elephant Sale to give to Brian and Linda Hamilton (Ambassadors for Christ) towards Refuge of Hope School in the Dominican Republic. They visited us three times throughout |

the year and we prayed for them on a regular, ongoing basis.

Sandra Hugill conducted teacher training classes with retired LCS teacher Irene Enns to teachers at the Refuge of Hope School in Math, Classroom Management and Motivation, and water colour painting techniques.

Grade 4 The three classes held a bake sale in support of Anna's House, an orphanage in Ethiopia. Students raised \$1,040 and the cheque was given to MCC where the full amount was sent to the orphanage.

The Grade 4's also collected toiletries and monetary donations for the Lighthouse Mission. They collected roughly eight shopping bags of toothpaste, shampoo, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant and some clothing.

Grade 5 Grade 5 students did a visit with the Waverley Seniors in May. This involved sharing some speeches and musical pieces and visiting around the tables and having conversations with them.

5G supported the Elias family in Cofradia, Mexico through prayer. They also had a fundraiser (hot and cold sale), raising just over \$300 to send to them.

Grade 6 The grade 6 classes planned a fundraiser in order to support the needs in Japan after the earthquake. The students held a three day ice cream sale and donated \$780 to the Red Cross.

6L spent time in group prayer and individual prayer for the Transitional Classroom.

Grade 7-8 Focus was in the support of the school wide projects... OCC, World Vision Christmas Catalogue. Support was extended to the Transitional Classroom through the provision of skates and helmets.

SY Years P.E. Hoops for Heart Varsity Girls Basketball Tournament...raised \$3,500; the Guatemala Missions Trip benefited from one suitcase of basketballs donated by the Varsity boys basketball team.

The grade 11 bake sale resulted in a donation of \$900 to the Children's Cancer Foundation... in memory of former LCS student Chanel Duncan.

P.E. Grade 1-4 Jump Rope for Heart...grade 1-4 students raised \$8,368 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

World Vision Christmas Catalogue (Grades 5-12) Raised \$15,000 for the World Vision Christmas Catalogue Challenge...this is one the highest amounts collected in all of Canada.

Operation Christmas Child	LCS filled 500 OCC boxes... In support of this outreach project with Grant Memorial a total of 2,772 boxes were collected/put together.
30 Hour Famine	\$12,674 was raised for the World Vision 30 Hour Famine.
Day of Service (Grade 11-12)	Our grade 11 and 12 students and staff spent one day working at a number of inner city missions/locations in Winnipeg...this included Union Gospel Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Winnipeg Harvest, Family Life Centre, Crisis Pregnancy Centre, Inner City Youth Alive, Hands of Hope and the Transitional Classroom.
Bird River	Grade 10 students spent two and one-half days working at Bird River to help prepare the camp for summer programs.
SOFA	The School of Fine Arts Musicathon raised \$6,008 for the Ambassadors for Christ Refuge of Hope School in the Dominican Republic.

In excess of \$50,000 was raised for these various ministries over the past school year in support of our core values.

#### LCS Financial Summary

The 2011-12 Linden Christian School financial statements show that much has been changing over the past year. Along with the continuation of the Imagine capital fundraising campaign, the first phase of the construction at 877 Wilkes is nearly completed. Staff and students have been very excited about the new spaces.

Revenue continues to grow at Linden Christian School with the total of government grants, tuition fees, donations and miscellaneous in the Operating Fund of \$5,287,117. Bursary and scholarship donations were \$136,855 for the year while the capital fee added \$76,925 toward capital purchases. Also reported in the Capital Fund is \$235,921 in Capital Campaign donations, representing both new pledges and payments against existing pledges.

Instruction expenses for the year were \$5,418,976, compared to \$5,179,064 in 2009-10, with an overall 5% increase in salaries. Administrative expenses for the year were \$1,432,690, a 1% increase over the prior year. Costs related to the Transitional Classroom program have been included in the LCS financial reports. The program completed its first year with a break-even position in which revenues covered the operating expenses.

The total excess of revenue (surplus) for the year is \$226,022 compared to \$789,928 in 2009-10. The key difference is the reporting of significantly all of the Capital Campaign pledges as income in 2009-10. On an ongoing basis, the payments received towards campaign pledges will be applied towards Pledges Receivable, rather than income.

The northeast addition added \$3,767,120 to Fixed Assets, reported as building leaseholds under construction. Final adjustments are made once the occupancy is completed in 2011-12. Other assets such as computers, furniture, etc. added \$171,262 to Fixed Assets.

LCS continues to have steady enrolment and expenses are managed well within established budgets.

I'm blessed to have the privilege of working with a dedicated team of Educational leaders. The work of Lorraine de Monyé (K-4), Jeff Thiessen ( 5-8) and Derek Kroeker (9-12) creates a positive synergy throughout each day. Their practice of servant leadership has a positive impact on each of their respective divisions in the school.

We look forward to many new opportunities as the year unfolds and to seeing the way God will continue to develop our biblically-based learning community where all students grow to be devoted followers of Christ, insightful thinkers, discerning decision makers and compassionate community members.

In His Service,

Robert Charach  
Principal