



7th Annual Deep Roots Campaign

With just a week left in our campaign, our current total raised is \$15,950. That means we have \$9,050.00 left to raise in order to reach our goal of \$25,000.

This year's campaign is dedicated to raising funds for an outdoor gathering place designed for outdoor learning and community-building events on our spacious school grounds. (More info in the brochure.)

Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to give towards this cause. All donations over \$25 are eligible for a charitable donation receipt for the 2022 tax year.

WAYS TO DONATE

E-TRANSFER

deeproots@houstonchristianschool.ca
Please include your email address and 'Deep Roots' in the message box.

IN PERSON

We are happy to accept cash or a cheque written out to Houston Christian School at the office.

ON OUR WEBSITE

Visit houstonchristianschool.ca and click on the DONATE top tab.

BY MAIL

Box 237
Houston BC
V0J 1Z0



The last day of school before Christmas break is Friday, December 16, 2022 and the first day back is Tuesday, January 3, 2023

What's Happening at HCS?

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December 13

- Christmas Musical
'Carol and the Belles' 7pm

December 14

- K-12 Pajama Day

December 15

- Games Galore K-6 1pm

December 16

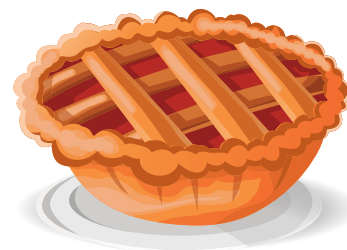
- Ski Day for Grade 7/8

December 16

- Last Day before Christmas
Break



Fundraising Updates



APPLE PIE DAYS

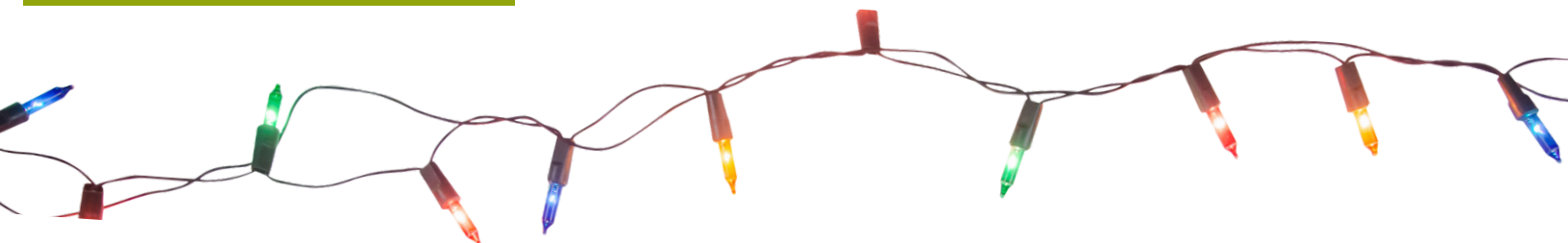
Thanks to the amazing help from all of our volunteers and the ever faithful support of our community, the amount raised from Apple Pie Days was \$10,981. As indicated in the Deep Roots brochure, this amount will combine with the \$15,000 District Grant and all of the 2022 campaign funds to support the plans for our outdoor learning and gathering space.

PURDYS CHOCOLATES

This year's grad class thanks you for your support in helping them raise \$1491.13.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND GREENERY

This year our Poinsettia fundraiser raised \$800 to also go towards our outdoor learning and gathering space. We still have a few poinsettias left in the office to sell if anyone missed out on the order.



LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

Do you enjoy reading? Would you be willing to help out by volunteering to read some young adult fiction books from our HCS library? Please reach out to Michelle Dykstra or pop into the library on Thursdays if you are willing and ready to read and fill out a brief questionnaire on the book(s).

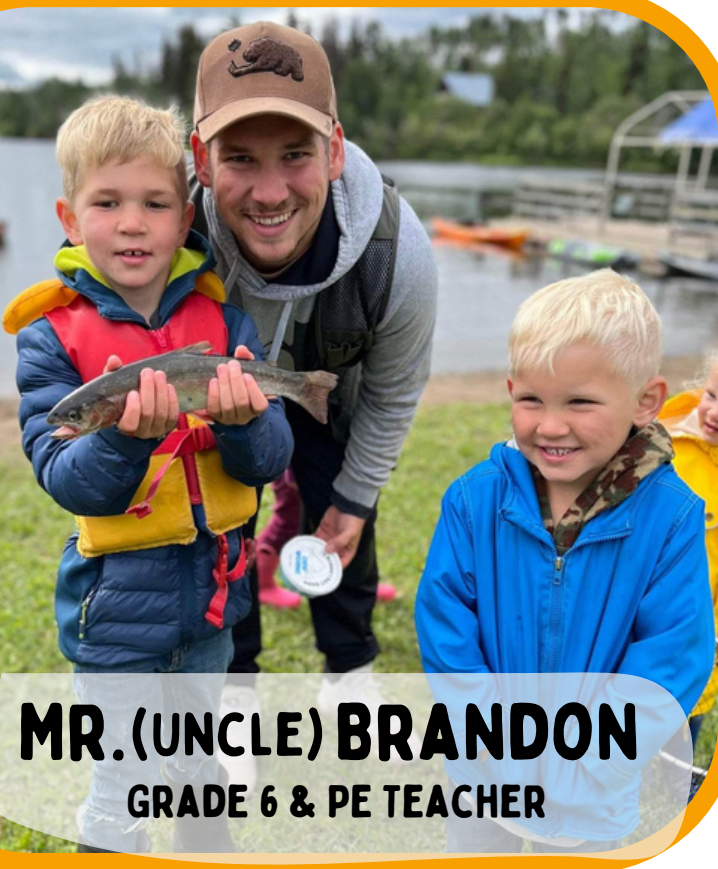


MEET THE TEACHER

ABOUT ME

I've lived in Houston my whole life.

I met my wife Katie at HCS in grade 3 . We got married in 2013 and now have a house full with our kids Bryce, Finn, Emrie, and our pets, Nermal and Rogue. I enjoy spending time with my family, playing music and sports, and teaching at HCS.



MR. (UNCLE) BRANDON
GRADE 6 & PE TEACHER

FUN FACTS

- I ride a unicycle
- I can juggle
- I don't have an appendix
- Most of the teachers here have taught me
(Some even taught my Mom!)
- I have eaten the world's hottest gummy bear
- I was in the stands for Alphonso Davies' professional soccer debut

MY FAVORITE...

FOOD: Tacos

MOVIE: Anything nerdy
(Star Wars, LOTR,
The Hobbit,
Marvel, DC)

BIBLE VERSE: Romans 1:16

ANIMAL: Dachshund

COLOR: **BLUE**

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DEEP ROOTS - little shoots



We are nearing the end of our 7th annual Deep Roots campaign. Here are a couple more of our "Deep Roots" and "Little Shoots" to remind you of our rich history and God's faithfulness through the generations.

WHEN DID YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH HCS BEGIN?

Bill first became involved in 1957 during the planning phase. HCS opened in 1962 and Bill & Ev's son George began grade 1 the next year. Tuition was \$27 per month.

HOW DID YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH HCS CONTINUE?

"I served on the School Board for many years and I helped build the original school and the various additions throughout the decades. I've also peeled a fair few apples over the years of Apple Pie Days." ~Bill

"I joined the Mothers' Club in 1965 (later known as Willing Workers) and also helped in the school library for many years. The companionship was so enjoyable." ~Evelyn

We look forward to attending GrandFolks Day every year! Through the years, we have had 14 grandchildren attend HCS and now we have 7 greatgrandchildren attending too!

FAVORITE MEMORY OF HCS:

Bill fondly remembers working with his dear friend, Pete Lieuwen, helping with various wood projects throughout the years.

Evelyn always loves baking huckleberry pies for the auction. She looks back on those fun evenings of lively bidding, raising money for the school, with fond memories.

DESCRIBE HCS IN 3 WORDS:

Monument of Blessings

WHY DO YOU THINK CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

"Nothing is more essential than instilling Christian values and the importance of Christian living in today's world."

HOW HAS SCHOOL CHANGED SINCE YOU ATTENDED?

"I went to a 1 room school house and learned only the basic subjects. There was no gym; we got our exercise walking 2 miles to school." ~Bill

"I went to a 3 roomed school that focused on the 3 R's: reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic." ~ Evelyn

We are so amazed to see what the school has become from its humble beginnings.



KORBYN STOLTENBERG

What is the coolest thing you've learned at school?

"Hibernating!"

What do you think are some really important things to learn at school?

"Being gentle."

What do you think about your teacher?

"My teacher knows a lot of stuff!"

What have you learned about God at school?

"He made us!"

What is your favorite thing about Houston Christian School?

"I get to learn and playing tag in the gym."



BRAXEN JAARSMA

What is the coolest thing you've learned at school?

"Playing tag."

What do you think are some really important things to learn at school?

"Playing together."

What do you think about your teacher?

"Mrs. Kobes does a lot of things, like telling us what to do."

What have you learned about God at school?

"He made everyone and God loves us!"

What is your favorite thing about Houston Christian School?

"Getting tickets when I do good things like raising my hand, and then I can buy something from our class store."



hcs elementary

PRESENTS

How is it that a simple pageant proclaiming the birth of Jesus the Savior replaces the scheduled concert, and who are those singing waitresses? It all comes to pass with '50s fun, Christmas charm, cool tunes, and joy to the world in 'Carol and the Belles,' the newest kids' musical from Little Big Stuff.

Please join us on

TUES DEC 13

at 7 pm

(doors open at 6:30)

for a spectacular musical and dramatic event performed by our K-6 students

