I guess the first two definitions might fit. Certainly not the last!

Just how do you retire from a job you love? There doesn’t seem to be an instruction manual on How to Retire and it also seems to be a lot more complicated than I once thought.

How do walk away from something that has been your passion, your life’s work, the career to which God called you? How do you say goodbye to your colleagues and staff who have stood by you in the fun times and the hard, and have consistently given their best to our students? How do you withdraw from all those unique little image-bearers that are the reason for Langley Christian School? How do you depart from the people you have been blessed to serve with over the years: colleagues from all three campuses, Board members, Education Forum facilitators, and Administrative teammates? How do you take your leave from the supportive parents who are such an integral part of the strong Langley Christian School Community?

I am finding that this is not easy! Although I look forward to the exciting opportunities and plans for retirement I know I will miss Langley Christian School deeply.

Thankfully I don’t enter retirement alone! I take comfort in Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

And Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in [me] will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

For me, retirement will be about continuing to serve God where He leads me in this next section of the story of my life!

Praise God that each of our stories have spoken into each other’s and to God’s story.

- Susan Dick
Susan Dick will be honoured by the LCS community for her years of service to Langley Christian School and Christian Education in BC at a reception on Monday, June 18, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the elementary campus. If you would like to join us at this event please RSVP to janetschaafsma@langleychristian.com.

Please note- This is an adults-only event.

You are also invited to join us for the Grade 5 Celebration chapel on Tuesday, June 19 at 9 am where all departing staff will be honoured.

For many years now, the elementary students of LCS have been supporting Ruth Nyiramugisha who lives in Uganda through Compassion - Releasing Children from Poverty.

Earlier this year we did a coin drive to raise funds to support our Ruth. At that time we collected just over $100.00. Since our yearly support is more than that, we are having another coin drive to end the year. Please continue to pray for Ruth and all the programs of Compassion.

THANK YOU to Mrs. Annemarie VanMuyen who has faithfully volunteered in the library every Wed. for 25 years!! We are pretty sure that she has checked out and shelved more books than anyone else!!

Annemarie, you will surely be missed. May God bless and keep you.

Volunteer Opportunity in the library – If you love children and books, speak with Anita Wood or Jenny deGroot about this possibility. It requires a regular commitment one day a week or alternate weeks for the whole year.

Book Return It’s time for All books to be returned to the library. This week we have started the task with our team of volunteers to inventory the 20,000 plus items in our library. Please pay for all missing and damaged books.

Library Eggstravaganza has come to an end. We especially enjoyed sharing a local story, Andy’s Eggs by Nik Wall about a farmer and his farm on the west edge of Fort Langley. The real Andy’s children and grandchildren attended LCS. Check out the farm if you are ever in Fort Langley this summer. Ask your child about the Eggsperiments and try them at home. All they require is an egg, a lidded jar and a variety of solutions: water, vinegar, corn syrup, coke, food colouring.

Sign up for your local library’s FVRL summer reading program!
Our Kindergarten classes enjoyed a fieldtrip to the Swallowfiled, the DeGroot’s hobby farm. It was a great time of learning and exploring.

Fun Day is fast approaching! On Thursday, June 21st, the Elementary students will spend the morning running, passing, laughing and dodging. **Will you volunteer to run a centre?** Watch for a separate email to allow you to sign up and help make this a fun day for your children. (Centres will run from 9:30 to Noon).

Our Kindergarten and grade 1 classes had the opportunity to share their music-making with friends and family in an informative and informal setting.

**Check out our new playground!!!**

We want to extend a HUGE thank you to the many volunteers who worked together to make this happen. A special thank you to Mr. Steve Froese for his coordination efforts.

“Informances”

We had hundreds of bikers join us over the week, exercising and enjoying God’s creation!

**WANTED**

Slightly Used Toys =>

Littlest Pet Shop

Building Toys

* Please drop off at the office. Thanks!
Congratulations to all of our grade four and five athletes who competed with enthusiasm, effort, and perseverance in all of their events throughout the day. A huge thank you goes out to all of you who helped with the concession, track timing, Frisbee throw, the ribbon table and other important tasks. We also want to thank all of the parents who volunteered their time and expertise to our track and field practices over the last several weeks. We really appreciate you!

While we are wrapping up for this school year, we are excited about the plans that are in place for the coming year!

Kindergarten:
- KD – Dawn Dornan
- KJ – Brittany Johnson
- KM – Sydnye Magra
- KR – Suzanne Riezebos
- KV – Laurie van der Waarde

Grade One:
- 1L – Nard Lee
- 1R – Kate Reimer
- 1S – Marian Seinen and Amanda Storteboom
- 1W – Emily Willms

Grade Two:
- 2D – Lana Dyck
- 2K – Audrey Kaethler
- 2S – Karissa Stobbe
- 2VR – Janet Van Hemert and Dawn Rajala

Grade Three:
- 3V – Karen Brouwer Vlieg
- 3G – Ashley Grose
- 3N – Laurie Newbigging
- 3WE – Anita Wood and Elizabeth Ensing

Grade Four:
- 4B – Kim Bartram
- 4BC – Jim Beard and Karen Christie
- 4BL – Linda Boersma
- 4L – Ineke Last

Grade Five:
- 5MW - Pam Marissen and Lindsay Westerink
- 5S – Amy Stromgren
- 5VR – Annette Vandenbrink and Dawn Rajala
- 5VH – Tim Van Hemert

Preschool:
- Harmony Wilson & support staff

Office Staff:
- Mona Sytsma and Tracey Dyck

Educational Support Services Coordinators:
- Andrea Hofing
- Janet Schaafsma
- Elizabeth Ensing
- Susan Humeniuk

Educational Assistants:
- Leigh-Anne Harris
- Corinna Muller
- Maureen Relland
- Stacey Kloosterhof
- Dorothy Boessenkool

Special Educational Assistants:
- Jessica Piers
- Arlene Fleming
- Sarah Guenther
- Justine Howe
- Lindsay Koogar
- Corinna Muller
- Susan Stam
- Carrie VanderHoek
- Brittne Doesburg
- Tia Beard
- Candace Grohmann
- Jennifer Wikkerink
- Cheyenne Heidebrecht
- Kara Vandermeulen

Library: 
- Jenny deGroot and Anita Wood

Music:
- Sarah Froese (2 – 5) and KaraLyn Sept (K – 1)

PE:
- Jim Beard, Lindsay Westerink, Karen Christie

Admin:
- John van der Leek, Jenny deGroot, Pam Marissen

Leaving:
You may have noticed some familiar names missing from this list. Unfortunately, we are saying good-bye to the following staff members, at least for the time being. We will miss MARYSIA BULANOWSKI, Haylee McGowan, Kelly Jassmann, Chelsey Bleker and Christina Stel who have been called to different life’s journeys. As well Susan Dick is retiring and Courtney Jansen VanDoorn, Lauren Green and Megan Blair will be off on maternity leave. Emma Janzen will continue her work at the middle/high campus. We wish all of these faithful staff members God’s blessings as they walk down other paths.