

I decided to reflect on my experience while here at Penticton Christian School. I originally came to the school as a parent ten years ago. At that time the school was temporarily situated at the First Baptist Church on Government. I was at a loss of where to go and what to do for our son Jacob who was struggling with transitioning to grade one. The public school that I was currently working for was not meeting his needs. I felt discouraged as I sat in church and prayed for direction. Later that day I discovered our church was the new temporary home for Penticton Christian School. God brought this school to us. I put my trust in Him. I resigned from my job and Jacob and I came to experience Christian education together. I finally had an opportunity to celebrate my child the way God created him to be. Jacob and I learned to trust God's plan. We prayed together and experienced education in a setting where God's presence could be felt and shared.

Although Jacob transitioned back to the public school we both feel that our time at Penticton Christian School gave him the foundation and the skills to be able to succeed at whatever school he attends. His faith and his heart for God are with him always. He has learned to use his gifts and channel his busy body in ways that glorify who God wants him to be. Although the athletic programs were the motivation for Jacob returning to public education he continues to participate in leadership programs where he can be a light for others.

When the opportunity presented itself for me to return to the school as a staff member I felt it would be a great opportunity to give back. I never imagined I would return to working in education but I felt that this is where God wanted me to be. I realize now that I wasn't just brought here to support others but to continue to learn and grow in my faith. I have learned so much about myself on my journey here. The unconditional love and support for children and families makes my heart sing. The hours are long, the work is difficult, the clientele can be challenging at times, and yet here we are everyday filling a need in our community. The amazing part is that we can laugh and still find joy together. That is what happens when you let

God into your heart and truly trust Him. It has been an incredible experience working here at PCCS. The dedication and commitment you all have for this little school have been an inspiration to me. Thank you for your friendship and your fellowship. You will always be in my prayers and in my heart.

With heartfelt blessings,
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