

# Logos News

Elk Island  
**Logos**  
Society



Summer, 2014

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## What does the Logos Board do, anyway?

You'd be surprised how many times in a school year we get this question...

Are you familiar with your school's Parent Council? They're a great group of parents who work together to plan events and activities for the school, fundraise for important projects, and communicate closely with (even providing input) school staff.

The Elk Island Logos Society is very similar. The difference is that our Board serves a portion of the population at three different schools.

Funds raised by the Logos Society cover expenses such as: Bibles in every classroom, Christian resources in the school libraries, Chapels (speaker honorariums, treats, etc.), annual events like the joint elementary fall Chapel and the junior high retreat. The

Society has also been known to donate toward our schools' Parent Councils when fundraising for major needs such as new playground equipment.

The Logos Program isn't just about giving our kids an opportunity to be taught by Christian teachers, but about ensuring that our presence in the public schools is seen as a blessing. To that end, in recent years we've launched a "Bless our Schools" initiative, where our Board members and parents get together to encourage ALL the teachers and staff in our schools. The chocolate fountain in the staff room always seems to be a big hit!

Another goal and function of the Society is to bring our families together—families from all three schools getting to know each other and having a strong sense of community.

Unfortunately, due to crazy schedules and communication struggles, we were unable to host the Logos family BBQ that was planned for this spring. We are prayerfully considering a fall get-together instead.

If you want to know more about what the Board does, who we are, and how you can get involved, you are welcome to attend any meeting or simply grab a Board member and ask questions.

If you want to ensure that this program continues to thrive, that your children continue to get a Christian education, that resources continue to be available in the classrooms, please prayerfully consider if God is asking you to take a role on the Board.

## Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars!

**MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014**

**7:00 PM—9:00 PM**

Westboro Elementary

*\* see page 2 for a list of Board vacancies*

## 2014-15 Board Vacancies

**President apprentice** - this will be a one-year job shadow leading into a two-year elected term; Tyler will be stepping down at the conclusion of her term in June, 2015

*Duties* → schedule and chair Board meetings; develop meeting agendas; provide leadership and direction to the Board; liaise with EIPS; keep Society documents up-to-date; oversee Society communications

**Secretary** - this will be a one-year term, with the option to renew for two more years in June, 2015

*Duties* → record and distribute minutes from all Board meetings

**Directors** - the Board needs 3 to 5 Directors to serve and assist in our work throughout the year

**Directors 1/3/5** will be two-year terms (until June, 2016)

**Directors 2/4** will be one-year terms (until June, 2014)

*Duties* → take the lead and/or assist in the Board's work throughout the year (i.e. planning events such as the joint elementary fall Chapel, fundraising activities, and family get-togethers; maintain and update website and Facebook page; assisting with Bless our Schools)

**Westboro School Rep** - this is a one-year position; it may be helpful to have two people job-share

*Duties* → be the main source of communication between the Logos Board, the school (teachers and admin), and Parent Council; provide Logos info for the school newsletter; distribute Logos handouts

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

~ Romans 12:4-8

## 2014-15 Returning Board Members

**President** - Tyler Rowan

**Vice President\*** - Brooke Hartum

**Treasurer\*** - Carla Van Horne

**Brentwood School Rep** - Kelly Thorne

**Sherwood Heights School Rep** - Cheryl Gregersen

*\* starting a new term; must be elected*

*- note: school reps are appointed rather than elected*

## BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY

Our monthly chapels hosted by each Logos class were always such fun! The grade 2's visits to Silver Birch Lodge were a blessing to residents and students alike. Students and teachers celebrated the birth of Christ together, travelling among the classes and taking in various activities. This coming fall, the Logos classes will have an abundance of new Christian resources to enjoy.

During the past year, our school has been a bit under-represented on the Logos Board. One of the impacts of this lesser involvement is a lack of connection and communication between the school (teachers, admin), Parent Council, the Logos Society, and Logos families.

It is so important to us, the Board, to represent each school and serve their needs well! If we want to be successful at this, we need your help. Please prayerfully consider joining the Logos Board!

Our thanks to Carla Van Horne for stepping up mid-year to take on the Role of Treasurer and to Kelly Thorne for her excitement to be our next School Rep!

The Board sends our love and thanks to Elizabeth Lloyd for her service over the years, from Director to Secretary to Interim School Rep and everything in-between. We will miss you so much, and wish you all the best as God leads you and your family!



## WESTBORO ELEMENTARY

This school year provided many opportunities for the Logos Board and Parent Council to work in conjunction serving our school. Chapels with guest speakers were enjoyed by all. Taking in the Bethlehem Walk for our first time was an exciting experience for students and staff!

After several years of service, Cheryl Gregersen will be moving on as the Westboro School Rep (not too far, she'll be the Sherwood Heights Rep)! Her counterpart, Lynda Miller, will be focussing more on her service with Parent Council. Thank you, ladies, for blessing us daily!

This vacancy provides a wonderful opportunity for another parent! If you've been thinking about getting more involved with the Logos Board, now is your chance - we need you!



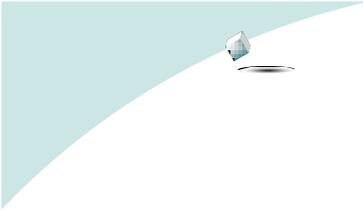
## SHERWOOD HEIGHTS JUNIOR HIGH

We've enjoyed seeing the Logos Program grow at the Junior High level in recent years. For 2014-15, we anticipate having two 7L and two 8L classes!

We continued the traditions of having the RIZN band come to the school as an alternative activity to the Halloween dance and heading out Celebration Church for our annual retreat.

Thanks to Karla Augert for serving as School Rep for the past three years (and as Westboro School Rep for many years prior). You will be sorely missed! Have fun being a high school mom!





## EILS Purpose Statements

***Our children's learning environment will enhance their understanding of God's love and His Word. Teachers and administrators will receive our support through prayer, fundraising, and volunteer work. Our schools and communities will be positively impacted by the presence of the Logos program.***

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### The Privilege We Enjoy

Jesus replied:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it:

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

~ Matthew 22:37-39

We live in a culture where even the slightest hint of the things of God is called "right wing," "fundamentalist," and "anti-"everything.

Prayer in schools? Gone.

Free Bibles in grade 5? Gone.

Freedom of religion? Going, going...

While Christian values used to be the backbone of our society, those values are now considered to be politically incorrect.

The interests of government

and lobbying groups now determine the social and religious climate within our schools and other public institutions.

And yet, in this day and age, we somehow have the honour of seeing our children receive a Christian education in our public schools!

How can this be?

Let us not take for granted this rare and beautiful opportunity! Let us not sit idly by, expecting that we will enjoy such advantage indefinitely.

No! We must take steps to ensure the ongoing success of the Logos Program.

1. Pray continually. For the program, the staff, and the students.

2. Get involved. Be part of the decision-making process. Be active. Be heard!

3. Love one another. Refuse to perpetuate the societal belief that Christians are judgmental and fearful. Be kind! Be generous! BE LOVE! Not just in your schools, but your communities, sports teams, and beyond.

*Christian Education in our Public Schools*