

# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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March 2, 2009

## Theme: "Living in the Light"

**Heart and Stroke Fundraiser:** Every other year we raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Association. This campaign has many benefits. It raises awareness of heart problems and the role that exercise and



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good nutrition play in maintaining a healthy heart. Funds raised by our students go directly to research and programmes; prizes are covered by donations from corporations.

A side benefit for the student is that they have opportunity to be rewarded for their fundraising by receiving skipping ropes, balls, or other active play equipment. There is also a benefit for the school; every dollar raised gains the school a point. These points are traded in for balls and other sports equipment which helps keep down our expenses. Please encourage students to participate. They are not to go door to door, but deal only with close family friends, close neighbours, and family members. The funds collected commit the student to participate in our rope-skipping and basketball activities on Tuesday, March 10. **The funds must be in by March 9. Tax receipts will be issued on March 10.** We are looking for 2 parent volunteers to help count the money and write out tax receipts on the Tuesday morning. Please call the school if you are able to help out.

**School Hockey:** The hockey team takes to the ice this Tuesday at 3 pm in Watford against Strathroy



Christian. Students are requested to arrange rides to the arena and home. We are working to set up other games and practices. Please remit your \$20 to Mrs. Bydeley. Remember that refunds will be given if there is money left over.

**Basketball:** The boys' team plays today at 4 pm at Lambton Centennial. We are waiting for word on the make-up game. Players are reminded to forward their \$8.00 to Mr. Boersma.

**Library Events:** During March break, check out your local libraries for special events.

**Mandaumin Library: Scrapbooking Camp** - Thursday, March 19 from 2-6. \$5.00 includes snack, draw prizes and a technique. Call Shirley at 519-845-3660 to pre-register. Must be 10 or older to attend. Adults are welcome to join as well.

**Medic Alert:** Parents please note: If there are any students who may need a medic alert bracelet, please let Mrs. Bydeley know by Wednesday at the latest. The school has an opportunity to provide these potentially life-saving bracelets through the support of a local service club. The bracelets identify serious allergies or medical conditions that may be life-threatening.



**Custodial Position:** The custodian position is up for renewal after this year. Any one who is interested can submit a tender to Doug Korvemaker by April 1 2009. Contract information is available from our secretary, Amanda. The custodian job is a 2 year contract.

### **Friends and supporters of John Knox Christian**

**School:** This is just a friendly reminder regarding our tuition reduction drive, if you have not yet made a contribution towards the drive, we prayerfully ask that if you are able, to forward your contribution in the coming week. Thank you for your continued support. *JKCS Finance Committee.*

**Spring Membership Meeting:** will be on April 2 at 7:30 in the school gym.

**Talent Evening:** Our Time for Talents is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1 (no fooling) at 7:30 pm in our gym. An information sheet went home to outline all the parts of the talent evening; please read carefully to check for audition times. We hope that students have begun deciding what they would like to do. Again, we want this evening to be a source of enjoyment and accomplishment for students as well as a rewarding time for the community.



**Nominations:** The Board of Directors is accepting signed nominations from the memberships for new Board members for the following year. There needs to be two signatures to support the nominee. These nominations can be handed to any member of the Board before the March 11 meeting. Thank you for your support.

**Applications for Grants from Children First:** Every year for the past five years, the Children First Foundation has offered grants for tuition help to families who wish to have their child attend an independent school. The grants are intended primarily for families



whose children currently attend a public school but would prefer an independent school. There are also a limited number of grants for families currently enrolled in an independent school. For more information, please check with Amanda in the office. The applications must be filled out online at [www.childrenfirstgrants.ca](http://www.childrenfirstgrants.ca). The deadline is March 31, 2009.

**Envelopes:** With report cards coming up, we ask that families who have not yet returned the report card envelopes to please do so this week. Thank you!

**Containers:** The KinderStart class is in need of 500mL cottage cheese/sour cream containers. If you have any, please bring them to the school.

**School Skating:** Thanks to our Helping Hands Committee, the students will go skating on Wednesday afternoon, March 11 from 1-3.

**Scholastic Book Orders:** The March book orders have been sent home and are due back next Monday, March 9. No extensions will be made so that the books will be in before the March break.

**Ed Committee:** Meets this Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

**Attachments:** Attached to the Knox Talks today is a Baked Goods and Cheese order form. These orders are due back on **March 13** and pick up is on April 2 at the school. Thank you for supporting our fundraising! There is also a pizza reminder and a Labels for Education information sheet.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**MARCH 10** - Heart and Stroke

**MARCH 16-20** - March Break

**APRIL 1** - Time for Talents

**APRIL 10** - Good Friday

**APRIL 13** - Easter Monday

**KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson**

Gentle **Gg** grows and gathers gorgeous geraniums.

**Memory Work:** Luke 7: 22

**Bible:** We will begin to look at some of Jesus' miracles.

**Tues:** Water into Wine

**Thurs:** Calming a Storm

**Fri:** Feeding 400

**Thursday Snack:** Julia

**Socials:** We will wrap up our unit on *Celebrating God's Gift of Food* this week.

**SK Field Trip:** The field trip to the Brouwer's sugar bush that was supposed to be this Thursday afternoon will be rescheduled due to extreme cold temperatures. Update to follow.

**Reminder:** This Friday is an SK day.

**Time for Talents:** JK and SK students are welcome to contribute to *Time for Talents*. Please refer to the information sheet regarding different talent and art ideas. Talent tryouts for K students will be this Thursday at lunch.

**Jump Rope for Heart:** The KinderStart class is participating in this school fundraiser. We have been working on our skipping skills and are becoming quite the jumpers!

**GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:**

**Memory Work:** Psalm 34: 13 - "Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies."

**Bible: Mon:** Naomi's Story

**Tues:** Ruth Gleans

**Wed:** Boaz and Ruth at the Threshing Floor

**Thurs:** The Happy Ending

**Spelling:**

Gr. 1 - pans, beds, wins, pots, bugs, crabs, nests, swims, ponds, strums

Gr. 2 - black, smack, check, brick, flicker, snicker, block, rock, truck, pluck

**Student Reader:** This Friday: *Luke*  
Next Friday: *Lauren*

**Vision Nursing Home:** A reminder that we'll be "performing" at Vision Nursing Home this Thurs-



day morning together with Gr. 3/4.

**Sugar Bush:** Due to the cold temperatures our rip to the sugar bush scheduled for Thursday afternoon has been postponed.

**A.R:** Our term deadline is next Thursday!

**GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

Welcome to the month of March! Did it come in like a lion? Will it go out like a lamb? The Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser has begun! Your envelopes are due back Mon. March 9. Be sure to have a pair of skates for Wednesday afternoon, March 11. There will be skating from 1-3!

**Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** is for Friday, March 6 from Psalm 19: 8 NIV.

**Bible:** There is a **Bible test** tomorrow (Tues. March 3rd). A light purple sheet went home a couple of weeks ago. There are many names to learn. Be sure to study! We have completed looking at the Kings of Israel and we will now study some of the Kings of Judah.

**Math:** Gr. 3 continues to work with number sequencing and estimation. Gr. 4 continues to do some work with place value.

\*A math **homework sheet** will go home today for both grades and will need to be completed and handed in by Thursday of this week. Be sure to take a little time to review your timetables.

**Current Events:** *Tues.:* Emily W., Devyn Z.  
*Wed.:* Hannah K., Brady M.

**Social Studies:** This week we will continue to look at our government and how it works.

**Mrs. Tamming:**

**Spelling:** Lesson work is due by Thursday, test is on Friday.

Gr. 3: **April, babies, over, hello, even, we, silent, tiny, menu, future, dear, raise, white, used, those**

Gr. 4: **country, couple, cousin, hours, proud, sound, couch, doubt, scout, shout, bounce, fountain, double, tough, bough**

**Reading:** Great work on your *Owls in the Family* tests! Keep working towards reaching your A.R. goals. Last day for taking A.R. quizzes is Thurs., March 12.

**Field Trip:** We are looking forward to our trip to Vision Nursing Home this Thursday. We are going with the Gr. 1/2's to present a program of singing, bell playing and a number of recitations, as well as a time of singing with the residents. We will be taking the bus and plan to be back at the school before noon. I will need one or two chaperones - please let me know if you are able to come along.

### **GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman**

**Memory Work:** Luke 24: 5b-7.

**Bible:** We will be wrapping up our unit this week in which we have learned so far the events from the Palm Sunday to Jesus' Ascension. There will be a test Tues. March 10.

**Math:** There will be a quiz on area on Friday. Students should know how to find the area of a square, rectangle, parallelogram and triangle.

**Science:** Today we began our research projects on Invertebrates. Students have been given the project guidelines and a research outline to organize their findings. The project will be due sometime after the March Break.

**French:** Tomorrow there will be a quiz on the Vocabulary for Unit 3, question words, and numbers.

**Spelling:** Lesson 23.

Gr. 5: **especially, suddenly, bravely, carefully, slowly, lonely, daily, excitedly, quietly, usually, angrily, lightly**

Gr. 6: **potato, area, pizza, zero, formula, ski, data, solo, piano, menu, video, volcano, camera, mosquito, echo**

### **GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

**Mrs. Koetsier:**

**Spelling:** Unit 19 for Wednesday. Your child's study list should be in his or her planner. Please encourage practice at home!

**Vocabulary:** Quiz on Wednesday on that last two units.

**Literature:** We'll be wrapping up our literature circles unit this week. On the whole, students have worked well together and have enjoyed this method of novel study. The culminating activity will be a writing assignment on the themes of plot and character development. This will be due next Monday. Next we'll begin a unit based on the novel *I am David* by Anne Holt.

**Geography:** We've begun a study of the rainforest biome. A quiz will be given on the first part of this unit on Thursday.

**Battle of the Books:** We'll begin the month of March with a new battle; this time it will be a Battle of the Book. The entire class will read the book *Call it Courage* by Armstrong Perry, which will be supplied by the school. Book summaries will be due Thursday, March 26 with the "battle" to take place the following Monday, March 30.

**Mr. Boersma:**

**Memory Work:** 2 Corinthians 10: 3,4,5. Please know for Friday.

**Bible:** Quiz Tuesday on Corinthians. Review Monday's notes to prepare. Writing assignment due on Friday.

**Math:** Problem-solving reports are due on Thursday. Test Thursday on patterns.

**Grammar:** This week there will be daily review assignments focusing on use of verbs. Punctuation is also back on the grammar menu (review notes).

**French:** Grade seven quiz on vocabulary and grammar for unit four on this Thursday. Test on unit four next Tuesday.

**History:** This Friday we will finish our Reformation period study with a final test. During the week we will review as the students work on their unit project - writing a script and presenting a dramatization of a reformation story. The dramas are 3-5 minutes in length and will be performed on Friday afternoon.

*Note: Students received an interim report last week. Parents are encouraged to review it.*