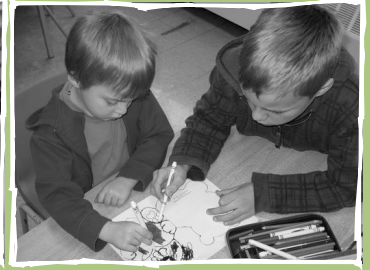
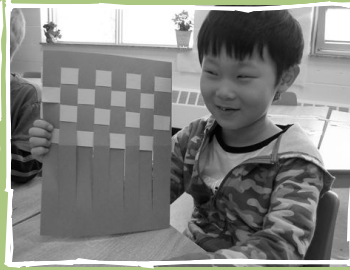


# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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March 9, 2009

## Theme: "Living in the Light"

**Heart and Stroke Fundraiser:** Our Heart and Stroke activity day is tomorrow, March 10. Students will be engaged with various physical activities involving skipping ropes and basketball. Each class will commit about one hour of time to this event. We ask that you ensure all money raised is at the school by Tuesday. A representative from the Heart and Stroke Association will be on hand to help organize the receipts. Please support this worthwhile community project.



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**Report Cards:** Winter Term report cards will go home with the family's youngest child in a sealed envelope this Friday afternoon. If you wish to pick them up, they will be available in the office after 1 pm on that day. KinderStart reports will go home on Thursday. As always, if there are any questions or concerns about the report cards, please speak to the teacher. There are still a few report card envelopes that haven't been handed in signed from last term. Please return these envelopes to the office within the next couple of days.

**Basketball:** The boys' team plays their final game today at 4 pm at Lambton Centennial. Players are reminded to forward their \$8 to Mr. Boersma.

**Medic Alert: Last Call:** Parents please note: If there are any students who may need a medic alert bracelet, please let Mrs. Bydeley know. If you're not sure if your child qualifies for one, please check with your doctor. The school has 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.



**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.

**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.

**Board of Directors:** Meets this Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

**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. After the audition last week the staff has informed the students which ones have made the auditions. There will be whole class activities that evening as well. Again, we want this evening to be a source of enjoyment and accomplishment for students as well as a rewarding time for the community. Please mark this date on your calendar.



**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.



**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 this Wednesday afternoon, March 11 from 1-3.

**JKCS Hanging Basket Fundraiser:** Attached to the Knox Talks today is a flyer for selling 10" flower hanging baskets from Sipkens Nurseries. You can order from the flyer or from any student from John Knox. The orders are due back at the school by March 27. When you send in your order we will send a coupon to you which you can use at Sipkens Nurseries any time in the month of May. Thank you for your continuing support of our school. If you have any questions please call Liz Sipkens at 519-542-9215

**Art Club:** Thank you to Cathi Korvemaker for leading Art Club again this year. Look for our sculptures to be displayed at the Time for Talents evening.

**Pizza Day:** this Thursday, March 12. Please get your orders in by tomorrow.

**Request from Lambton Right to Life:** 40 years of abortion in Canada, 3,000,000 babies gone! This year's March for Life promises to be the largest ever. Buses are leaving from St. Pat's for Ottawa for the May 14th event. Cost is \$50 for adults and \$35 for students. Seats fill up early so book soon. Call Lou at 519-344-9395 or Elizabeth at 519-849-5059.

**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**

We will take a break from our "letter of the week" in order to spend some extra time on review and Jump Rope for Heart.

**Memory Work:** Luke 7: 22

**Bible: Tues:** Jesus Heals a Lame Man

**Thurs:** Jesus Heals a Blind Man

**Socials:** We will be introduced to our new socials unit, *Transportation* on Thursday. SK students will even be "traveling around the world" with Mrs. Munchkin using various forms of transportation.

**1,2,3...** We spend time everyday counting. Some of the students can count quite high and can even count by 10's, 5's and 2's. Remember to count at home also. Some students would benefit from some extra practice.

**SK Field Trip:** We hope to visit the sugar bush sometime after the March break.

**Socks Please!** With the wet weather we've had the playground is quite soggy! Please send an extra pair of socks to school with your child.

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

**Memory Work:** No Memory Work or Spelling this week.

**Bible: Mon:** God Calls Samuel

**Tues:** The Capture of God's Ark

**Thurs:** The Return of the Ark

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

**This Week: Tues:** Jump Rope for Heart (am) - A reminder to get your envelopes in

**Wed:** School skating (pm) - Gr. 1/2 students must wear helmets

**Thurs:** A.R goal deadlines!

**Fri:** A.R Beach Party (pm). An information sheet will be coming home on Thursday.

**Class Trip:** We hope to reschedule our sugar bush visit sometime after the March Break.

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## **GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

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Welcome to the last week before the March break! Will March go out like a lion or a lamb? Be sure to have a pair of skates for Wednesday afternoon, March 11. There will be skating from 1-3. Thursday is Pizza Day!

**Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** is for Friday, March 13 from Psalm 36: 9 NIV.

**Bible:** Congratulations on the Bible test! The class average was 94%. We are now looking at the Kings of Judah. This week we will look at Rehoboam, Judah versus Israel, King Asa and King Jehoshaphat.

**Math:** Gr. 3 begins with some place value work in math and Gr. 4 continues to work with place value and different ways numbers can be represented. Gr. 3 is also reviewing basic adding operations with regrouping and Gr. 4 is reviewing multiplication with regrouping. Both grades should continue practicing their multiplication facts for their "mad-minutes".

\*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.

**Current Events:** *Tues.:* William N., Shaelyn W.  
*Wed.:* Shane B., Adyson K.

**Social Studies:** We will be wrapping up our Canada unit this week. We will look at some information on the Niagara Falls, the Capilano Suspension Bridge, the Calgary Stampede, the Fortress of Louisbourg, Covered Bridges and Canada's Far North.

**Mrs. Tamming:**

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

Gr. 3: **disagree, again, given, other, money, problem, does, of, some, laid, change, tired, read, nice, lower**

Gr. 4: **gallop, giant, gently, garage, goose, glove, guess, bridge, edge, greatest, disguise, gerbil, guest, manage, guitar**

**A.R Celebration:** We are planning to celebrate reaching our A.R goals with a "Beach" theme. Our reward levels are as follows:

**25%** - sandals / flip flops

**50%** - beach toy (frisbee, beach ball, badminton, etc

**75%** - sunglasses and a hat

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100% - shorts and t-shirt

Students may bring/wear the items they have reached on Friday to our celebration.

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

**Bible:** Tomorrow, March 10, we will be having a unit Bible test. A study guide was given to the students on Friday to help them prepare for this test.

**Science:** Students have been eagerly working on their invertebrates projects over the past week. Students will have more time in class this week to re-search their animal. A marking rubric will be given out later this week. Projects will be due March 31.

**Spelling Bee:** Four grade five students and six grade six students have signed up for the Optimist Spelling Bee that will be happening this week. A list of practice words was given to the students last week.

**A.R.:** As the term is coming to an end, that means we will be having an A.R Party on Friday. Students have until Thursday to take a test and reach their goal. So far this term our class has earned 479 points!!!

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

**Mrs. Koetsier:**

**Spelling:** Unit 20 for Wednesday.

**Vocabulary:** Quizzes were returned today. There was several excellent marks, but a number also showed lack of preparation. Our vocabulary quizzes will focus on words from our novel for the duration of the literature unit.

**Literature:** We've begun reading *I am David* by Anne Holm. Please encourage your child to keep up on assignments! Students will receive a sheet breaking down their mark for our recently completed literature circles unit on Thursday.

**Geography:** Quizzes will be returned tomorrow.

**Battle of the Book Reminder:** The entire class is reading the book *Call it Courage*. Book summaries will be due the Thursday following the break with a quiz being given on the contents of the book the same day; the "battle" will take place the following Monday, March 30.

*Have a safe and relaxing March Break!*

**Mr. Boersma:**

**Memory Work:** No memory work this week.

**Bible:** Assignments on our study of Romans will be given this week.

**Math:** Problem-solving reports are due today. This week we begin a new unit on integers.

**Grammar:** We continue with daily "mini-lessons" in grammar: these focus on verbs and punctuation - two things that remain problem areas in student writing.

**French:** Grade seven test on vocabulary and grammar for unit four on Tuesday.

**History:** We finish up our study of the Reformation with an overview discussion and a small essay on *God's Sovereignty*. We will begin this in class, but students should finish it at home by Wednesday.

**Science:** Our study of cells begins this week with an introduction to the microscope. Students will become familiar with its parts and operation while viewing and creating slides. Quiz on the microscope on Thursday.

*Have a safe and fun March  
Break!*