

# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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March 22, 2010

## Theme: "Serving God...Serving Others"

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 24**

Fine Arts Day

**APRIL 2**

Good Friday

**APRIL 5**

Easter Monday

**APRIL 8**

Spring Membership Meeting

**APRIL 15**

GPS Musical

**APRIL 24**

JKCS Auction

**APRIL 26-29**

Christian Education Week

**APRIL 29**

Grandfriends' Day

**APRIL 30**

PD Day



**Footprints:** The January and February snowfalls brought great excitement for students. Now all the snow has turned to water

and the water has slowly soaked into the ground or evaporated into the air. Teachers spend a great deal of time planning - planning lessons, activities, strategies, use of resources and so on. Snow days have an odd effect on our "plans" - they tend to force altering, shortening, and sometimes disposing of those prepared plans. Plans are attempts to order and organize what we do. They are not an end in themselves. In some way they are like footprints in the snow - necessary to get us where we want or need to go but subject to changes. Sometimes our plans are works of art; sometimes they get trampled on. Humility. For a Christian, planning teaches us humility; we learn there are many things we cannot control like, well, like snow or unforeseen difficulties or inadequate time or human responses to our "plans". Despite their limitations, plans are important and necessary; they have a way of coming out in our daily activities and routines. After all, snow and water do not really "disappear". In God's creation, the water cycle assures that

evaporated water returns as precipitation and that groundwater provides necessary support to plant and animal life. God's ways are not like our ways; God's plans are not like our plans.

**Report Cards:** Students received their term two report cards on the Friday before March Break. If there are any questions or comments, please call the teacher(s) to discuss your concerns. As we begin term three, we are committed to giving each student the best support we can as allowed by our resources. Working together, as home and school, strengthens that support and gives each student an opportunity to do his/her best. Please also remember to hand in the **signed report card envelope** as well as the **family envelope** as we will be using these again at the end of this term.

**Fine Arts Day:** On Wednesday, Mar. 24 twelve students will be attending the Fine Arts Day in Chatham. **WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR DRIVERS. PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL ASAP.**

**Helping Hands:** Orders are due back this Friday for cheese and baked goods.

**Liberation:** This year marks the 65th anniversary of the end of World War II and the liberation of Europe. For many in our community, it provides opportunity to reflect on events that had and continue to have significant impact on our way of life. There are fewer and fewer people who lived through those years of took part in key events of that time. John Knox Christian School is arranging two activities in May of this year recalling the significance of 1945. We have invited a veteran from the "Memory Project" to come to our school and share memories of that time. The date of this assembly is pending; we are waiting a response from the organizers. The second event is a local one. The Wyoming Legion is re-dedicating a special tablet honouring the liberation of the Netherlands. They have asked us to participate. We need the help of our school community. In particular, we turn to those people who lived through the World War II years. We encourage that as many of you as possible attend a brief ceremony at the Wyoming Legion. Only your presence, as a show of support, is required. We would also like all, or most, of our students to attend. A tentative date of Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 pm has been pencilled in. We need to know if this date and time is convenient. If you can attend or if you want to suggest a time change, please call Mr. Boersma at the school this week.

**Position Available:** John Knox Christian School is in need of a grades 7 & 8 teacher. This is approximately a 40% position. Subjects to be taught are negotiable, but strengths in French, art, and music would be assets. Interested and qualified applicants are encouraged to forward a resume, statement of faith, summary of Christian Education Philosophy, and a list of references to the school care of Mr. Boersma.

**Special Assembly:** An acting troupe from London District Christian Secondary School will be presenting a short presentation on "Peer Pressure" for all grades. Some JKCS alumni will be displaying their talents. This takes place on Tuesday, March 23 at 9 am.

**MS Readathon:** If there are more pledge envelopes in your home, please complete them and turn them in this week; we would like to total up our contributions and share the results with the school community.

**Board Report:** The board met for their monthly meeting on the Wednesday before March break. Currently we are busy preparing for the Annual Spring Membership meeting to be held, D.V., on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 7:30 pm at the school. At this meeting a preliminary budget for the next school year will be presented, as well as several committee reports to keep the membership updated and informed. Elections for new board members will also be held to replace outgoing members who have completed their three-year terms - Deb DeBoer, Paul Wilpstra and Heather Wright. The nominees for new board members are Tracy Klazinga, Al Korvemaker, Len Moesker, Margaret Noorloos, Jen VanRooyen, and John Zekveld. The board is very thankful for the committed and diligent work of our retiring board members, and appreciates the willingness of the nominees to allow their names to stand.

**JKCS Auction: Only 4 tables left!** Book your table by emailing [boelensplumbing@bellnet.ca](mailto:boelensplumbing@bellnet.ca) or by calling Paul Wilpstra at 519-845-0240. Payment of \$240 for the tables needs to be in for **April 1** to secure your table. It would also be helpful if we know who is sitting at your table. Some single or double seating is still available yet at \$30 per seat. Auction item forms are slowly coming in and the auction is fast approaching! Please consider filling it out and return it to a committee member or drop it off the school, ASAP. Please contact us if you did not receive one.

**Praying for our Children:** We continue our prayer list; we encourage one another to pray for our children. The list intends to make our prayers purposeful and focused on the specific needs of our young people. This week's focus is on a **servant heart**: "God, please help them develop servant hearts, that they may serve wholeheartedly, 'as if [they] were serving the Lord, not people" (Eph. 6:7, TNIV).



[Source: Bob Hostetler, "31 Ways to Pray for Your Children," *The Banner*, August, 2009]

**Vouchers:** Vouchers are on sale every Thursday afternoon from 1-2:30 in the spare room. **Note: Canadian Tire vouchers will no longer be available due to a low demand.** What a great fundraiser and way to save on your tuition!



## **KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson**

Quickly question quiet Qq!

**Memory Work:** We will begin to learn Psalm 23.

**Thursday Snack:** Rebekah

**Bible: Tues:** Palm Sunday

**Thurs:** The Last Supper

**Word Families:** We will meet the "ot" family.

**Math:** Get ready to compare numbers! Robert Munsch's book, *David's Father*, will teach us about "less is more".

**Socials:** Our attention will turn to Easter for the next few weeks.

**"Brown Day":** Tuesday, March 30 is "Brown Day". Don't forget to wear something brown and to bring a brown show and tell.

**Looking Ahead:** An April calendar will be sent home on Thursday.

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

**Memory Work:** 1 John 4: 19,10a - "We love him because he first loved us. And this is love: that he loved us and sent his Son."

**Bible: Mon:** Jesus Rides into Jerusalem

**Tues:** Anointed for the Grave

**Wed:** The Price of a Slave

**Thurs:** Preparing for the Passover

**Spelling:** Gr. 1 - **faster, pester, singer, stomper, duster, camper, spender, sprinter, colder, blunder**

Gr. 2 - **more, store, stand, star, blew, flew, new, stone, sting, ring**

**Student Reader:** This Friday: *Mystery Reader*  
Fri. Apr. 9: *Luke*

**A.R.:** A new special day has been planned for this year and new point goals have been made. Read about it in a special AR news update coming home tomorrow.

**Socials:** We began a new unit today called *Canadian Symbols and Celebrations*.

## **GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

Welcome to our last term! We hope you all enjoyed a great March Break! Each class is putting together a "basket" on a certain theme for the dinner auction coming up in April. The theme for our class is *Gardening*. If the students could bring either some money or an item that would fit with our theme that would be wonderful! (The Helping Hands will use the money from our class to buy items to suit the *Gardening* theme.)

## **Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** To go along with our school theme: *Serving God, Serving Others*, we will be memorizing Philippians 2: 1-18. Please learn Philippians 2: 1-2 for next week **Thurs. April 1st**.

**Bible:** This week we will be reviewing what the tabernacle looked like and the items found in the different rooms. We will review the different offerings and we will be looking at Israel's Feasts.

**Math:** Gr. 3 will work this week yet with subtraction that involves regrouping (borrowing). Please take a little time to go over your timetables 0-4 at home.

Gr. 4 will be working with multiplication and division word problems.

\***Both** grades have a homework assignment due on Thursday.

**Current Events:** This week: *Tues:* Emily W., Devyn Z.  
*Wed:* Aiden M., Katelyn V.  
Next week: *Tues:* Shane B., Adyson K.  
*Wed:* Liana K., Esther K.

**Science:** We will learn about recognizing birds by their size, shape, colour & markings, behaviour and habitat. All the students have chosen a bird for their bird project. They will be sharing their projects with the class so that we can learn a little about their chosen bird. The bird projects are due **Tuesday, April 13th**.

## **Mrs. Tamming:**

**Spelling:** Lesson work is due Thursday, test is on Friday.  
Gr. 3 - **city, cereal, face, could, guess, huge, age, danger, goose, gone, coast, clean, guard, giant, carton**

Gr. 4 - **shoes, clues, wound, junior, truth, duty, news, through, few, who, schoolroom, whose, conclusion, June, shampoo, cruel, choose, ruin**

**Reading:** Gr. 4 will be starting a new novel study, *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, this week.

**Reminder:** Please check with your child to see that they have enough pencils, erasers, and a glue stick for this term.

## **GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Mrs. Tetreault**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a refreshing, relaxing March Break with your families!

**Spelling** - Our test on Unit 19 is this week Friday. Spelling work is also due on Friday.

**Memory Work** - Lyrics to "Treasure of You" due Friday.

**A.R.** - We'll be taking an A.R. break so that students can read the books they've been waiting to read that aren't worth points. Our new A.R. term will begin on April 7.

**Power for Bones** - We're working on a short health unit on the skeletal system called "Power for Bones." This unit from the "Dairy Farmers of Canada" includes fun prizes, c.d. broadcasts and some at-home online activities. Please keep up with the online assignments at home. The first assignment is due on Wednesday (24th). For Fine Arts participants: please have your P4B handed in tomorrow.

**Math** - Our current math unit is on multiplying and dividing decimals. We'll have a short quiz on multiplying decimals on Thursday (25th).

**Fine Arts** - On Wednesday six students from our class will be participating in art and drama activities at the Fine Arts Day in Chatham. We're grateful for this exciting opportunity for JKCS students to use their artistic gifts and talents! Enjoy the day!

**French** - This week we're starting Unit 7.

**Writing** - Students have spent several class periods working on a narrative story, and are all at different stages of completion of their first draft. The first drafts are due next week Tuesday (30th).

**Homework** - It's a new term, grade 5/6! You have a clean homework slate - let's keep our perfect record!

**Important Dates:**

P4B - Tuesday or Wednesday  
Fine Arts - Wednesday  
Math quiz - Thursday  
Mem Wk and Spelling - Friday  
Writing - draft due next Tuesday

**GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

**Mrs. Koetsier:**

Welcome back! I pray this finds you all rested and relaxed and ready to roll!

**Literature:** We hope to begin a literature circles unit this week. Students will be given opportunity to choose a book that interests them and complete both group and individual activities within their small group. The books all have the theme of prejudice; as a class we will explore the meaning of this term, as well as what a Christian response to it should be. The Robert Frost tests will be returned tomorrow.

**Geography:** Quizzes will be returned on Wednesday. We continue with exploring the five different tundra regions as well as the impact human development has on these fragile areas.

**Writing:** "To be or not to be..." busy writing poems, "...that is the question"! We are working our way

through the poems that will be included in our poetry projects. Students should be working on these at home as well; as poems are completed they should be typed up on the home computer. A little work each day will save a lot of hassle the week the project is due! Please encourage your student to get started on this. Several students will also be working on preparing some writing for the annual Writing Competition.

**Art:** We will be completing our "paint like our artist" projects this week. These will be displayed, along with the projects, in the hallway so come have a look!

**Mr. Boersma:**

*Students are required to use their planners effectively. They must bring them to class in the morning and afternoon and make proper entries to enable appropriate study time and homework completion.*

**Memory Work:** Students will be learning words to the songs for the spring musical. Quiz on Friday.

**Bible:** Before beginning our next Bible study unit on Jesus' suffering, we will complete our look at the Book of Proverbs and wisdom literature. Writing assignment will be due on Friday.

**Math:** Our math unit on patterns continues. It is important to keep up with the daily classwork and complete any exercises not finished in class. This week we will also include a number of math computation drills and exercises.

**Spelling:** This week we complete Lesson 23. Exercises are due on Friday. The list word quiz and the frequently misspelled word quiz will also be on Friday.

**French:** Because we are behind in French, there will be an adjustment in the schedule to include a fourth French period. The extra period will allow for more reinforcement. We begin Unit 4 today - students are required to master the vocabulary quickly; there will be a quiz on Thursday.

**History:** Our study of the Middle Ages continues this week. Students must keep up with the daily readings from the Willy Jay book and be prepared for related quizzes as announced. Students have been assigned to topic groups; some of this work will be done in class but students will also have individual research they can do at home.