

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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April 7, 2009

Theme: "Living in the Light"



Risen: "The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down." (Psalm 145: 13b,14). After such a long, relentless winter, we can truly appreciate the promise and miracle of spring. The ground is squishy and soft and takes

our footprint easily - as easily as it will take speed and push up new life. Autumn decay serves spring nourishment. Death serves life. Miracles indeed. Creation is eager for life and bursting with hope. Resurrection is reality. Christ, in fact, rose living from the ground. Be lifted up with Christ; let him discard the burdens of times past. Celebrate.

Chapel: On Thursday morning at 9 am, the grade 3/4 class is presenting an Easter chapel. All parents, grandparents, neighbours and friends are welcome to join us in celebration of this key Christian event.

Time for Talents: Thank you to all those who attended last week's Talent evening. It was a joy to see so many of you come to enjoy the performances and to support the students. It serves as a wonderful encouragement.

Board of Directors: At last Thursday's JKCS Society Membership meeting, three new Board members

were elected to replace three who have served their term. Thank you to Maxine Zekveld, Bill Vanderlinde, and Doug Korvemaker for three years of committed service in leadership of our school. All members appreciate your readiness to serve and to take on challenging tasks. We are blessed with Kathy Vanderlinde, John DeBoer, and Paul Sipkens, three individuals equally ready and capable of taking on those challenges. The work on behalf of the school and school community is never done, and, is never perfect. It is important for all members and families to pray for our school board and support them with encouragement and willing assistance.

Board Meeting: A note to all ongoing and incoming Board members: There is a meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Please look for a package to come home today.

Grandparent/Grandfriends' Day: Our annual Grandparent/Grandfriends' Day is coming up! All grandparents and grandfriends are invited to come and spend time with the students on April 23. This day falls in Christian Education week and our theme this year is "Making an Impression" based on Romans 12:2. The day will consist of performances by the students, a time to spend with your grandchild(ren), and finishes with a lunch of soup and buns. We hope to see you there!

Gum, Hats, and Language: Every now and then it seems necessary to answer questions about “school rules” or why we have certain expectations. It’s good to review them for clarity and to solicit cooperation.

Why can’t we chew gum? Gum-chewing in a learning setting is distracting and visually unappealing to many people.



Moreover, gum is messy, particularly when left stuck under a seat or desk for someone else to deal with. In this view we do not allow gum-chewing

at school or on the bus. We have permitted it in a controlled way as a “special privilege” for a fundraiser.

Why do you make us take our hats off when we come into the school? This is a symbolic but important measure. When a student crosses the “threshold” of the doorway, he/she is now in learning mode. Attitudes and behaviour line up in accordance with this change; removing the cap or head-gear is simply acknowledging that.

Both of these items are, in that sense, “respect” issues. They show respect for learning and for the physical setting where learning takes place.

The third issue is not a question but one that needs timely reminders. We respect language as a gift from God. The teachers have spent much time this year researching and discussing literacy; language, we have been reminded, is a unique and powerful gift. At school we have high expectations of proper use of language. Hence the time that we spend on spelling, grammar, phonics, public speaking, and writing. This rules out using a number of words and manners of speaking that have become more prevalent in our immediate society through television, instant messaging, and aspects of our popular culture. Schools need to maintain high standards of language or the ability to communicate is corrupted and confused. Christian schools have a high regard for effective use of language. At JKCS, the staff is committed not only to encouraging clear and positive communication, but also to strictly discouraging “inappropriate” language.

Academic Challenge: Our Academic Challenge team is ready for intellectual action. A schedule will

be sent home with all team members today. Our first contest is Tuesday evening at 7:45.

Lost and Found: Our Lost and Found bin is quickly filling up again. Please come to the school and look through for any lost items.

Voucher Committee: Vouchers are on sale every Thursday afternoon from 1-2:30 in the spare room. Due to the small size of some of the vouchers, they will be returned in a smaller white envelope, not the brown voucher envelopes. What a great fundraiser and way to save on your tuition!

Mmmm!: Spring is here and with that comes the smell of your neighbour’s BBQ. Well, Helping Hands would like to help you enjoy that BBQ smell. We are selling meats and sweets. Today attached to the Knox Talks you will find an order form. These are due back at the school Friday, April 17 with your money. Cheques are to be payable to JKCS HHC. The orders are to be picked up on Tuesday, May 5 at the school.

Helping Hands Update: We thank all of those who supported the cheese and Dutch goods fundraiser. All together, we raised just under \$700.00. Thank you!

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.*

Pizza Orders: for April have been sent home today and are due back on Tues., April 14. Pizza Day is next Thursday, April 16.



Matthew N.

Happy Birthday

Apr. 6



Gr. 8

KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson
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understand unusually useful Uu!

Memory Work: John 3:1b

Bible: Tues - Gethsemane

Thurs - The Crucifixion

Socials: We have wrapped up our *Transportation* unit. SK students returned from their "trip" around the world with Mrs. Munchkin. They enjoyed using many different forms of transportation to travel across Canada and throughout Europe. We will now turn our focus to Easter as we reflect on Jesus' death and resurrection.

Book Party! The date for the much anticipated party has been set - Thursday, April 9. Although some of the students have suggested things such as a ferris wheel and live entertainment, we will be staying at school while we play games, share favourite books and enjoy a hotdog lunch. Student may bring their favourite stuffed animal or teddy bear to read a book to. JK students can be picked up at 12:15.

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: For Fri. April 17 - John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

Bible: Mon: Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

Tues: Jesus on the Cross

Wed: The Resurrection of Jesus

Student Reader: This Thursday: *Levi*
Next Friday: *Aaron*

Socials: We continue working on our unit on structures. This week we take a look at bridges as well as animal homes.

French: This month we'll be learning weather phrases in French.

Phonics: Gr. 1's have finished their unit on Long Vowels. While all students are able to distinguish between the sound short and long sounds of vowels the spelling patterns of long vowel words can be difficult to grasp. While reading at home point out long vowel spelling patterns: a-e, ai, ay, ea, ee, ie, i-e,



o-e, ow, oa, u-e, ui

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

We start this week off with a snow day in April! So much for putting the winter coats away! Grade 3 and 4 will host the Easter Chapel Thursday morning at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome! In our devotions we will remember and celebrate what our Saviour has accomplished through his death and resurrection for us!

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: Due to a short week, there will be no memory work, but please review your parts for the Easter Chapel Thursday morning.

Bible: A review sheet will be coming home today. A Bible test is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th.

Math: Gr. 3 will be working with rounding numbers to the nearest ten and hundred.

Gr. 4 will do some work with fractions and decimals.

*Both grades should practice their timetables for their "mad-minute". Also, a **homework assignment** will be sent home with both grades and should be completed and handed in on Thursday.*

Current Events: *Wed.:* Hannah K., Brady M.

Social Studies: We will list differences that we find on a map in 1500 A.D compared to our knowledge of the world map today. We will also study about Marco Polo, an Italian explorer from Venice.

Mrs. Tamming:

Spelling: No test this week.

Chapel: We are putting together our Easter Chapel for Thursday, April 9th. It will be at 9:00 a.m. Each student is responsible for a selected reading. These have been sent home. Please encourage your child to practice reading slowly and clearly.

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman

Memory Work: Ephesians 6: 14-17 due April 17.

Spelling: Work due and test on Friday, April 17.
Gr. 5 - **sprawl, launch, loyal, avoid, falter, moist, haunt, scowl, naughty, destroy, saucer, pounce, poison, auction, royal, coward**

Gr. 6 - **duties, loveliest, ferries, sunnier, terrified, dirtier, scariest, trophies, earlier, enemies, iciest, greediest, victories, horrified, memories**

Math: We are continuing to learn multiplication and division of decimals. On Friday, some students were given some extra worksheets for extra practice.

French: Last week students wrote a French test. All students will write a retest on the vocabulary words and question words on Thursday, April 9.

Socials: Last week we learned about natural resources and this week we will learn about industry. As a part of these lessons students are asked to interview an Ontario worker. These are due on Wednesday.

Current Events: Tues.: *Aaron, Bethany*
Wed.: *Josh P., Jason*
Next Tues.: *James, Caleb*

Vocabulary: Students have been working on writing a short book using a given list of words. Students should be able to finish this at school.

Field Trip: As a part of our Ontario unit, a field trip has been planned for the end of the month to the Pinery. Stay tuned this week for a letter with more details.

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Spelling: No spelling this week!

Geography: The long awaited and much anticipated "individual study" has been assigned. Outlines are due a week from Thursday - please don't delay!

Literature: Quizzes will be returned tomorrow. Please ask your student about his/her result.

Writing: The poetry projects look great! I'll try to have them marked within a week or so.

Vocabulary: Quiz on Thursday covering words from Chp. 1-4 of *I am David*.

Mr. Boersma:

Note: A number of returned quizzes and assignments were returned today. Students, please share.

Memory Work: Matthew 28: 5-7a. Please know for Thursday.

Bible: As we head into the Easter weekend, we will review the Good Friday and Easter events. Students

will be given a writing assignment to complete for Thursday.

Math: Quiz Wednesday on the co-ordinate grid system.

Grammar: Quiz Wednesday on sentence fragments.

French: Grade seven students are reminded to review vocabulary and grammar regularly. Unit five vocabulary quiz on Tuesday.

Science: This week students will need to master the parts and functions of a cell. Quiz is on Thursday.

Upcoming Events:

APRIL 10 - Good Friday

APRIL 13 - Easter Monday

APRIL 17 - Arbour Day (Clean-up Day)

APRIL 23 - Grandparent/Grandfriends' Day

APRIL 24 - P.D. Day

MAY 13 - Local Field Day

MAY 28 - District Field Day

JUNE 18 - Two Pitch Tournament

JUNE 22 - Graduation

JUNE 24 - Last Day of School