

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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April 27, 2009

Theme: "Living in the Light"

Community, Tragedy, and Grace: Last week's sudden and tragic death of Glenda Vriesema deeply affected the family and many people in our community. On behalf of the staff and students, we extend our expression of sympathy and care to the extended Vriesema family, to Chuck and Julie Vriesema and their children, and to Ben and Sandy Dekker and their girls. There are no words to ease the hurt; we bring our prayers to God before his throne of grace.

Welcome Back, Mrs. Tetreault!: We are excited to welcome back Mrs. Tetreault in the Grade 5/6 class! We pray that the adjustment will go smoothly for both the students and Mrs. Tetreault as they head into the final two months of the school year.

Welcome Maria Noorloos: We would like to welcome former JKCS student Maria Noorloos as she is here at the school this week to observe the grades 1-4 classes for school. Maria currently attends Redeemer University and has just completed her first year.

Academic Challenge: Our Academic Challenge team is back in action on Tuesday night at 7:45. All games are at Queen Elizabeth II school in Petrolia.

Helping Hands Meeting: has been cancelled for tonight.

Grandparent/Grandfriends' Day: Thanks to the many volunteers, helpers, and behind the scenes workers that made Thursday a wonderful day.



Bluewater Music Festival: Next Tuesday, May 5, 30 students from our school are taking part in the music festival at Central United Church in Sarnia. We are looking for six drivers. If you are willing to help out, please call the school by Wednesday of this week.

Basketball: The junior boys and girls teams will begin practicing this week. The boys' first practice is on Wednesday; the girls practise Tuesday and Thursday. Friday will be "game" day. More information will come home as dates and times are confirmed.

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Clean-Up Day: Thanks to the students, parents, and grandparent that came out to help clean up at the Wyoming Cemetery on Saturday morning. The job was done in record time (45 minutes) and earned the true appreciation of the municipal representatives there.



School and Gym Rental: Any one wishing to rent the school gym you may now contact Paul Sipkens.

Track and Field: Our local track and field day is on Wednesday, May 13 - a mere two weeks away. Practice times at school have been few and far between as we wait for better weather. We do encourage the students to practise at home by running or doing ball throw (grades 1-5). We are in need of volunteers to help run the track and field day. If you are able to help out, please call the school.

Field Trip: The grades 3-6 classes are going to watch the play *The Magician's Nephew* at Wallaceburg Christian School next Friday. The cost will be \$3 per student. More information will follow from your student's classroom teacher later this week.

Hepatitis B Vaccines: Nurses from the health clinic are coming to the school on Wednesday, May 6 to offer the second dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine as well as the meningitis vaccine. Forms are being sent

home today with the grade seven students. If you would like your child to receive the meningitis vaccine, please complete the form and return it to the school before or the day of the vaccination.

Voucher Announcement: Vouchers are sold in the multi purpose room at the school every Thursday from 1-2:30 pm and also via backpack express.

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 \$55 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.

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.*

Grass is Greener Here: As spring takes hold the grass is growing which means the lawns at the school need maintaining. We realize this is sometimes an inconvenience, but it is an opportunity to keep costs down and to contribute to the community effort of keeping up the school. The schedule is attached to the Knox Talks. If you cannot do it the assigned week, please arrange a swap or else make the call to Schenk's.

Grass Cutting Schedule This Week (Friday)

Front/West Area - Doug & Tara Boelens
Back/East Area - John & Sandra Benjamins



Happy Birthday



Hannah R.	May 1	Gr. 7
Emily W.	May 2	Gr. 3
Aaron N.	May 3	Gr. 1

KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

Check 'ch'!

Memory Work: No memory work this week.

Bible: We are going to begin a unit on Jesus' parables. This week we will look at the stories of *The Good Samaritan* and *A Friend at Midnight*.

Blue Day!: Tuesday, April 28 is "Blue Day". Don't forget to wear something blue and to bring a blue show and tell.

Butterflies!: Our class will be welcoming 25 little caterpillars to our room next week. We anticipate them becoming painted butterflies near the end of May. During the month, we will spend much time doing butterfly activities and reading butterfly books. We can hardly wait to witness this miracle of life.

Looking Ahead: The May calendar will be coming home this week. Please note that there will be no KinderStart on May 28 since it is District Field day for the older students and regular classes are cancelled.

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Phillipians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Bible: Mon: Solomon Builds God's Temple

Tues: A Visit From a Queen

Wed: Solomon's Sin and Punishment

Thurs: The Divided Kingdom

Student Reader: This Friday: "Mystery Reader"
Next Friday: *Aiden*

Spelling: Gr. 1 - There were a high number of errors on last Thursday's Spelling test so we'll repeat those words for another week: **faster, bumper, blister, tender, boxer, camper, stomper, jester, winter, blunder**

Gr. 2 - **supper, dinner, speller, butter, blubber, hammer, dresser, jogger, swimmer, thinner**

Socials: This week we take a closer look at roots and stems. Also, check your child's Student Planner tomorrow for an information sheet regarding a plant project.

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

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Welcome to the last week of April and the beginning of May! Congratulations to Emily W. who hopes to celebrate her 9th birthday Sunday, May 3rd!

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for Friday, May 1st from 1 Corinthians 13:5 NIV.

Bible: The stories we hope to cover this week are *Jeremiah's Calling, Jehoiakim and Jeremiah's Scroll, Jeremiah the Prisoner* and *The Fall of Judah*.

Math: Gr. 3 will be working with ordinal numbers this week. They should also practice the timetables they are at in their "mad-minute".

Gr. 4 will be working on a *Number Concepts Unit Test* for part of the week. They will be moving into another unit dealing with measurement.

Math homework assignment for both grades is due on Thursday

Current Events: Tues.: Esther K., Clayton K.

Wed.: Caleb N., Josiah V.

Social Studies: We will be looking at James Cook, an explorer from England who explores the continent of Australia and we will be looking at David Livingstone from Scotland who explored the continent of Africa.

Mrs. Tamming:

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

Gr. 3 - **threw, through, thoughtless, caught, fault, taught, because, one, once, water, watch, wanted, wonder, wonderful, walk**

Gr. 4 - **fearless, endless, helpless, careless, useless, comfortable, lovable, valuable, removable, dependable, spotless, agreeable, breakable, peaceable, redeemable**

Reading: We will be having a test on *Stone Fox* on Wednesday. Books are coming home today.

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Mrs. Tetreault

Thank-you for the warm welcome back into the John Knox Christian School Community! God has once again shown his grace and blessings to our family, and I'm so thankful to have spent the last year at home with our daughter, Aria. The time has come, however, to return again to this school and this class and this job that I love! Marnie Rekman

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was a great fit for the past year, and she did a wonderful job with the students and curriculum. A huge thank-you to Marnie, and to the parents and students who hosted her surprise good-bye party in appreciation for her hard work. Grade 5/6 will be swinging into action this week as we continue to get (re)acquainted with the students and their parents in the weeks to come! Please feel free to send an email or give me a call as your child readjusts to having a new teacher. Let's pray for a smooth and happy transition for all!

Bible: This week we'll be finishing our study on Paul with a lesson on Paul's imprisonment. Miss Rekman has prepared a test for the material. We'll be spending some time on the test questions during class time on Wednesday and Thursday. Students will then bring the questions home for some family discussion, and the answers are due next week Monday.

Socials: This week we continue on in the Ontario unit.

Spelling: Take a break and try the newspaper crossword or a game of Scrabble at home. No test this week.

Writing: Today the class started an assignment entitled, *The Best Book I've Ever Read This Year*"; a novel summary/description with a persuasive spin to convince classmates to read the book. These descriptions will be posted on a bulletin board above our reading corner along with a photo of the novel and the student who recommends the book.

Math: This week we'll dive into a unit on fractions and decimals. Please keep up with any homework assignments. We'll also have some random checks on past units - especially long division/multiplication.

Extra Math: Check out www.multiplication.com for fun, interactive multiplication games. Another absolutely excellent website is www.kidsnumbers.com/long-division.php. Students can practice long division skills in a fun, easy, step-by-step game. Perfect for grade 5/6 students who haven't yet mastered long division (it can be tricky!) or students who are looking for a constructive way to use computer time. Please encourage your son or daughter to check out these games on-

line!

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Spelling: Unit 24 for Thursday (note change of day).

Literature: Unit test on *I am David* this Thursday.

Students will be given a study guide.

Geography: The projects look great! I'll try to have them marked by Thursday. Quiz tomorrow on the "facts" of the country of Brazil, as well as the map. Look for a big unit test in the next two weeks.

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Work: Colossians 3: 9-11. Please know for Friday.

Bible: New writing assignment on Paul is due on Friday.

Math: Students are reminded to hand in their take-home math assignment. We begin a new unit on variables and equations this week.

Grammar: Quiz Wednesday on sentence fragments and run-on sentences.

Science: Review quiz on glossary terms on Tuesday. Test this Wednesday on the cells unit. Project on cells is due on Friday.

History: This week we begin a new unit on Canadian history which follows the period after the 1837 Rebellions to the Confederation of the provinces in 1867.

History Fair: On Thursday, six students will be attending the regional Historica fair in London.

Upcoming Events

MAY 13 - Local Field Day

MAY 28 - District Field Day

JUNE 18 - Two Pitch Tournament

JUNE 22 - Graduation

JUNE 24 - Last Day of School