

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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May 3, 2010

Theme: "Serving God...Serving Others"

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 6

Liberation Ceremony

MAY 19

Local Field Day

MAY 24

Victoria Day

MAY 29

Two-Pitch Afternoon

JUNE 4

District Field Day

JUNE 16

Two-Pitch Tournament

JUNE 23

Graduation

JUNE 25

School Year Ends

Liberation Remembrance: Please remember to attend this week's ceremony to rededicate a plaque recalling the liberation of Europe and the Netherlands at the end of World War II. Please join us on Thursday, May 6 at 6:30. We need as many students, parents, grandparents, and neighbours to come and make this brief ceremony a meaningful one.

Baseball Gloves: If anyone has extra baseball gloves at home (especially for younger hands) and is no longer using them, please consider passing them on to the school. They would be put to good use here. Thank you.

Education Committee: Meets this Wednesday at 7:30.

Track and Field Day - Something

New: This year we are taking a new approach to our local track and field day. We have noticed that as our school becomes smaller, the joy of healthy competition has diminished. Sarnia Christian School has noticed a similar trend. This year we rejoining together for our local field day. Students will compete with their peers from John Knox and from Sarnia. For example, if a JKCS student finishes

first, he/she will receive a JKCS 1st ribbon; a Sarnia student would receive a SCS 2nd place ribbon. Both students would represent their own school at Windsor. The purpose is simply to provide more incentive to do well at local field day. Ribbons will be awarded for placing. This year we will not be using the standards; it is something we will co-ordinate with Sarnia in the future. Our local field day will be at Sarnia Christian School on Wednesday, May 19. Our buses will bring the students there. Parents are invited to come and support the students; volunteers are also required. *If you are able to help out, please call the school.* Next year, Wyoming would host this event. District Field Day is scheduled for Friday, June 4 in Windsor.

****Attached to the Knox Talks today, you will find an order form for Field Day Food. Please fill out the form for your family and return to the school no later than Monday, May 10. ****

GPS Thank You: We would like to thank John Zekveld for his help in transporting the risers from Sarnia Christian School and we would also like to thank everyone who came out to watch our school performance of GPS!

New Photocopier: If anyone in the community would like to use our new photocopier to make colour copies, they may do so at a cost of \$.25 per copy. Please contact Mrs. Bydeley in the office if you would like to use it.

Note on Facebook and School Events: Our school's privacy policy guards against unauthorized use of student pictures (from school events) on the internet. The school asks each parent for permission to use student photos for the web site, *The Standard*, or public media. If a parent wants to post student pictures from a school event on Facebook they must secure the permission of each parent.

Helping Hands Committee: The order form for the chicken is due this Tuesday, May 4 and orders are to be picked up May 20 between 2:30-3:30 pm.

Helping Hands Meeting: is tonight at 8:00pm.

KinderStart Notes: We are asking parents who would like to send their children to Junior or Senior KinderStart in September to please complete the application form and return it to the school in the next week or so. If you know of anyone who is interested in registering, please advise them of this request. We are planning a **Welcome Day** for Wednesday, May 26.

Hepatitis B Vaccines: Nurses from the health clinic are coming to the school on **Wednesday, May 5** to offer the second dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine as well as the meningitis vaccine. 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.

Position Available: John Knox Christian School is in need of a grades 7 & 8 teacher. This is a full time 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.

Upcoming Toy Sale: Samko Warehouse is having a Spring Toy Sale at the Western Fair Grounds in London on May 13-16. If you go shopping ask to have your receipt stamped and send it to the school and we will receive money back for that.

Baseball Tournament: It is time to dust off your gloves and gather some friends to make a team. Helping Hands is hosting a two-pitch tournament again this year with the great help of Ryan Benjamins. The date is July 10 in Cam-lachie. More info to follow. If you have a team to put in this fun event in support of Christian Education, please call Tara Boelens 519-845-0260.



Lawn Cutting:

| Week Of: | Front/West | Back/East |
|----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| May 3 | Randy & Tracy Klazinga | Frederik & Louise Noorloos |
| May 10 | Doug & Shelley Korvemaker | John & Margaret Noorloos |

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 **gratitude**: "Help them to live lives 'overflowing with thankfulness'; that they may be 'always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ'" (Col. 2:7, Eph. 5:20).



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



This is our Academic Challenge Team for 2010. The team finished 3rd this year and had an excellent showing.

KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

Show "sh"!



Memory Work: Daniel 6: 26b & 27

Bible: Elijah

Word Family: We will meet the "ump" family.

Goodbye Chicks!: Mr. Maris came last Friday to pick up the 32 chicks that had hatched in our incubator and brought them to his farm. We enjoyed having them in our classroom and especially sharing them with our grandparents, even if most of the students were not too interested in holding them! We thank Mr. Maris for making all of this possible. The experience was certainly a reminder that we serve an awesome creator God!

Socials: We can't tell you what we are working on this week. It is top secret work! Our attention will turn to the topic of "Transportation" next week.

Show and Tell: Students may bring in items which contain the diagraph sound of the week ("sh" for this week or transportation themed items).

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Proverbs 15:3 - "The eyes of the Lord are in every place keeping watch on the evil and the good."

Bible: Mon: Jereboam's Sin

Tues: Elijah Fed by Ravens

Wed: Elijah in Zarephath

Thurs: Elijah on Mt. Carmel

Student Reader: This Friday: *Brooke*
Next Friday: *Jared*

Socials: We'll be wrapping up our Canadian Symbols and Celebrations unit this week by taking a look at the RCMP and the Musical Ride. A test on this unit is scheduled for Tues. May 11. A review sheet will be sent home tomorrow in your child's Student Planner.

Grandparent's Day: A big thank you to Grandpa DeBoer for being our Mystery Reader last Thursday!

Math: We'll also be wrapping our Math Unit on Measurement this week.

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GRADE THREE AND FOUR

We hope you all enjoyed your long weekend! Welcome to the month of May!

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for Friday, May 7 from Philippians 2:8 NIV.

Bible: We will be finishing up unit 6 on the forty years in the wilderness and reviewing for our Bible test Wednesday. Our new unit will be about the Promised Land.

Math: Gr. 3 will do some problem solving by deciding whether the problem can be solved best by using one of the following methods: estimating, mental math, manipulative, algorithms or calculator.

Gr. 4 will finish up some division and then do some two digit multiplication by rounding the numbers and estimating the answer.

*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: A test on *Birds* is scheduled for Friday. A pink Bird Review sheet went home last week Monday.

Mrs. Tamming:

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

Gr. 3 - **phone, photograph, orphan, alphabet, graph, nephew, enough, father, half, Friday, cough, unhappy, happier, happily, happiness**

Gr. 4 - **action, fiction, mission, divide, division, attend, attention, pollute, pollution, express, expression, educate, education, music, musician, magic, magician, physician**

P.E.: Our focus for the next few weeks will continue to be on practising for Field Day events. Please remember to wear appropriate footwear for outdoor gym classes on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Drivers Needed: We will be visiting the Wyoming Library on Friday, May 14 from 1:00 - 2:30. I need two drivers to help us get there and back. If you are able to help out please let Mrs. Tamming know. Thank you!

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GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Mrs. Tetreault

Last week's GPS performance was truly outstanding! Excellent singing and acting grade 5/6! After many busy weeks of practicing, we're ready to get back into a regular routine.

Spelling - We will have our test on Friday.

Memory Work - Exodus 20: 16-17

A.R. - We've set our goals, so keep reading!

Math - Our test on 3-D Geometry will be this Thursday, May 6. Studying for tests is important. Please take home your textbook and scan through each lesson (especially the initial example problem). Try some questions from the Chapter Review and Skills Bank to see if you're ready.

Phys. Ed - Please remember to wear proper outdoor shoes for track and field practices (running shoes - no flip-flops or bulky skate shoes). Students were reminded last week that Phys. Ed clothes involve wearing a different t-shirt and shorts during the P.E. period, and changing out of them at the end of the day.

Field Trip - We have a field trip to Uncle Tom's Cabin in Dresden scheduled for this Wednesday, May 5. The presentation/workshop will be from 10:30-12:30. We'll bring our lunches and eat in the picnic area or indoors. Our total travel time will actually be from 9:15 a.m. to close to 2:00 p.m. (not 1:00 as originally mentioned - if this changes your ability to drive/chaperone, please let me know). A big thank-you to our volunteer drivers: Mrs. Vanderlinde, Mrs. Konzelmann and Mrs. Wierenga! We're looking forward to a great day together!

Socials - We will not be having a retest for Social Studies. Other unit marks include student notes, maps and projects. All students have an opportunity to boost their mark by re-writing the essay question by Friday, and students who received a mark of 60% or lower are required to do so.

Bible - Today we studied some of Israel's feasts and celebrations. We learned that God wanted the Israelites to remember who He was and what He had done for them. On these special days, the Israelites celebrated God's goodness to them. Next week Wednesday student pairs will be presenting their knowledge of the feast that they studied. Because food can make any lesson fun, we'd like to have a small potluck feast on Wednesday, May 12 along with these presentations. Students have brainstormed about what food would best represent their Israelite celebration, and are welcome to bring along some to share next Wednesday. The food items range from fruit to flat bread (crackers/pitas), to ram and lamb meats (represented creatively, of course...) Thanks! Please send a note with what you can bring by Friday so that we can decide if students will need a lunch for that day. We will also be doing some Bible journal writing to connect this knowledge to our own holidays and celebrations, and to think about God's goodness to us.

Important Dates:

Field Trip - Wednesday

Math test - Thursday

Liberation evening - Thursday at 6:30

Note with feast information - Friday

Feast presentation - Wednesday, May 12**Please remember to attend the Liberation Remembrance Ceremony on Thursday at 6:30pm at the Wyoming Legion**

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Writing: We are working on classification essays. An essay outline will be completed at school; the final copy will be typed up at home. These will be due next Monday.

Literature: This week we'll be exploring advertising and looking critically at media messages.

Geography: Tomorrow we'll begin working at study notes for our test. The day for this has been moved to Thursday, due to the busyness of last week. Please encourage your child to study!

Art: This week we'll be looking at the art of collage. Students will be making collages in connection with our recent literature circles unit. They will need to find objects, pictures, magazine or newspaper clippings, etc., at home that can be used in their collages.

***Students are reminded that bare feet are not allowed in hallways or classrooms! Also, as the warm weather arrives water bottles in class are encouraged, but must only contain water :-), and should be flip or pop top in order to avoid spills. Thanks!

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Work: After weeks of GPS songs, it's back to scripture passages. This week it is John 16: 19,20. Please know for Friday.

Bible: Last week's scheduled quiz on the first six lessons will take place on Wednesday. A writing assignment is due on Friday.

Math: Integer operations review on Tuesday. Translations quiz on Thursday.

French: Unit 5 grammar quiz on Thursday.

Science: A report on machines will be assigned this week.

Spelling: This week, it's lesson 28. Complete the exercises and know the words for Thursday.

Grammar: Mini lessons on sentence structure this week; please complete assignments and turn them in.

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Happy Birthday

Aaron N.

May 3

Gr. 2

Emily W.

May 3

Gr. 4

Esther K.

May 6

Gr. 4

Calvin D.

May 7

Gr. 1

