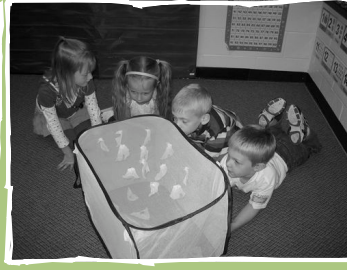


# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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May 19, 2009

## Theme: "Living in the Light"

**Track and Field:** The results of last week's track and field day will be published tomorrow. Students are encouraged to practice their events at home (if possible) and especially at school. District day is just over a week away.

**Track and Field Volunteers:** We express a big thank you to the volunteers who helped make our local field day a success. They are: Marnie Rekman, Louise Deelstra, Shelley Korvemaker, Andrea Wierenga, Maria Noorloos, Lora Bos, Heather Wright, Rich Boersma, Grace and Shirley. We also want to express a thank you to the Helping Hands committee for providing our athletes with an ice cream treat. Thank you!!!



### **District Track and Field:**

Next week Thursday is our Chatham Christian Schools District Track and Field Meet. Our school will be closed. One bus will be traveling to Windsor to take the athletes. It promises, if past experience is a guide, an interesting day. If parents wish to come along, please phone the school. If parents wish to drive, directions will be sent home; if you are taking your student(s), please let the school know.

**Academic Challenge:** Our Academic Challenge team is having an interesting season. Amazingly, three teams, including the JKCS Trivia Titans, are tied for first. A special tie-breaking round is planned for tonight beginning at 6:10. The final match will take place immediately after the elimination rounds. Players will receive a schedule today - I apologize for the short notice, but the fax came late on Friday.

**Basketball Tournament:** The junior boys' tournament begins today after school and concludes tomorrow, Wednesday, May 20. All players should have a schedule; if a player cannot make it, please let Mr. Boersma know.

**Welcome Day for New JK/SK Students:** On Wednesday, Mrs. Robinson will be hosting students joining our JK and SK class next year.

**Helping Hands Fundraising Baseball Tournament:**

A two pitch baseball tournament will be held in Camlachie on Saturday July 4th to raise money for John Knox Christian School. Each team must have a minimum of 9 players with 2 girls on the field at all times. The cost to play for the day is \$150 per team. Please bring additional money for the home run derby and the refreshment stand. Entering deadline is Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. To enter a team, contact Ryan Benjamins at 519-328-6602 or send an email to ryanbenjamins@hotmail.com.

**Lambton Crisis Pregnancy Centre:** Students have been busy collecting funds this year to support Francisco, our sponsored child through World Vision. Enough money has been brought in at this point in the school year to meet our yearly commitment. During the remainder of the school year we hope to raise funds for the Lambton Crisis Pregnancy Centre. This organization offers help to new single moms by providing them with parenting classes, literature, counseling, and a basket of baby items including diapers, blankets, clothing, powder, baby oil, meal plan charts, etc. as well as other services. Please help us raise funds for this worthwhile cause. The money will be used to purchase items for the baskets.

**Bus Notes:** Just a reminder: Our safety policy and our bus policy requires that students need a note or a phone call from the parent to the school if they are being picked up or if there is a change in their bus drop-off point.



**Grass Cutting Schedule This**

**Week (Friday)**

Front/West Area - Heather Cassidy  
Back/East Area - Ben & Sandy Dekker

**Helping Hands:** meeting has been postponed to Monday, May 25 at the school at 8:00 pm.

**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.

**Pizza Day:** is this Thursday, May 21.

**Board Report:** *May meeting:* As the school year begins to wind down, the board is busy finishing up business for this year and making plans for the coming school year. We are thankful to report that all of our current teaching staff have agreed to stay for another year. JKCS has been blessed with an enthusiastic, hardworking and committed group of teachers and support staff, and we look forward to working together to meet the challenges of another school year!

Over the past year, the board approved an Admission Policy ,which is now being put to use as new families register their children for the coming school year. Part of the process involves an Admission interview with any new family to the school; an ad hoc committee of the board is in the process of completing these interviews. It is both a blessing and encouragement to welcome new young families to our school community!

One of the highlights of last week’s meeting was the Finance committee’s report on the fundraising drive. To date, of the \$60,000 needed to balance our budget, approximately \$43,500 has been raised, and donations continue to trickle in. While we realize that there is still significant work to be done, the board is very thankful for the generosity of all of our supporters. We continue to ask for your prayerful support as we work toward closing the gap between our gifts and our goal.

On behalf of the board,  
*Kathy Vanderlinde*

**Upcoming Events**

**MAY 28** - District Field Day

**JUNE 18** - Two Pitch Tournament

**JUNE 22** - Graduation

**JUNE 24** - Last Day of School

**JULY 4** - Helping Hands Baseball Tournament

## **KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson**

**Memory Work:** Matthew 5: 14-16.

**Bible:** Tues.: The Wise and Foolish Builders

Thurs.: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

**Butterfly Report:** It's true! We have butterflies! Although some of the caterpillars are still cocooning, butterflies are gradually emerging. We will enjoy them in our classroom this week until we release them next Tuesday at the Jagt's garden. Please check out our butterflies if you happen to be at John Knox this week.

**Field Trip!:** Don't forget about our trip to Mr. and Mrs. Jagt's garden next Tuesday. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us. Please let me know if you are able to come. Each student must bring a booster seat! We will leave the school at 9:50 and return by 1:00. JK parents, please note the later pick up time. Lunch will be provided.

**Phonemic Awareness:** We will be reviewing digraphs this week - sh, ch, wh, ph & th.

**Yellow Day:** Tuesday, May 19 was Yellow Day.

**No KinderStart:** There will be no KinderStart on Thursday, May 28 due to District Field Day.

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

**Memory Work:** Psalm 119:105 - "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

**Bible: Tues:** Daniel in the Lion's Den

**Wed:** Return and Rebuilding

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

**Spelling:** Gr. 1 - **that, thump, then, thing, thunder, path, cloth, math, ninth, tenth**

Gr. 2 - **mold, golden, colder, scolding, blindfold, household, jolt, bolted, thunderbolt, colts**

**Student Planners:** These will not be sent home this week. Please use this time to work on your plant projects.

**French:** Test on weather - on Tuesday, June 2. A review sheet will be sent home this week.

## **GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your long weekend! Pizza Day is this Thursday! Grade three



and four will be hosting chapel this Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm. Come on out and join with us!

## **Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** is for Friday, May 22nd from 1 Corinthians 13: 9,10 NIV.

**Bible:** Good work on your Bible test, grade three and four. We will be looking into the stories on Daniel and Esther.

**Math:** Gr. 3 has completed the unit on *Number Concepts* and will be starting a new unit *Shape and Space* dealing with measurement.

Gr. 4 is doing some work with finding *area* and will soon be working with *volume*.

\*No math homework assignment this week. Just keep practicing those timetables!\*

**Current Events:** *Wed.:* Shane B., Adyson K.

**Social Studies:** The students are busy doing research on their chosen explorer. **This Friday, May 22nd is the unit test on the *Exploring and Discovering* unit.** A yellow review sheet went home last Monday.

**Looking Ahead:** Our next unit of study will be a *Mapping* Unit. A class trip has been scheduled at the Lorne Henderson Conservation Area in Petrolia for the morning of Friday, June 5th. We will be participating in their *Orienteering* program.

## **Mrs. Tamming:**

**Spelling:** No test this week.

**A.R:** Keep reading! Our last day for taking the reading comprehension quizzes is June 11.

**French:** Our next unit is looking at the vocabulary and grammar used to describe modes of transportation and colours.

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

**Spelling:** Test on Friday on Unit 30.

Gr. 5 - **straight, weigh, stalk, know, whistle, knock, limb, height, two, wrong, doubt, sign, scissors, writer, slice**

Gr. 6 - **calf, halves, climber, doubtful, resign, signpost, knuckle, knob, knit, autumn, column, wrinkle, wrist, written**

**Memory Work:** 1 Corinthians 13: 1-2.

**Library:** Some students have extremely overdue library books. Please return them to school this week.

**Math:** A Mid-Chapter quiz on fractions and decimals is scheduled for Wednesday. Students should be ready to show their skills on simple and equivalent fractions, changing fractions to decimals and percents (& gr 6: number lines and unit rates). Our unit test will be next week.

**French:** Before the end of the year every student must have regular -er verbs, avoir, etre and aller conjugations memorized. We'll have a verb test next week. We'll be practicing these verbs with flash-cards and practice sheets this week.

**Basketball:** Junior boys will compete in a tournament tonight and tomorrow night (see handout for details). Please bring in \$3. Some girls still have uniforms/outstanding \$3.

**P.E.:** Please bring proper P.E. wear to school. Students in jeans / flip-flops will not participate in P.E. activities. Thanks!

## **GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

### **Mrs. Koetsier:**

**Spelling:** Unit 27 for Thursday.

**Literature:** We continue with our study of newspapers. Watch for the "family front page" assignment sheet tomorrow!

**Geography:** Tests will be returned tomorrow. We'll begin a study of the desert biome - our last unit for the year - on Thursday.

**Writing:** "Responding to a theme in literature" essays will be finished up in the computer lab tomorrow. I hope to have them marked by Monday - please watch for these!

### **Mr. Boersma:**

**Memory Work:** Colossians 3: 1-17. This is the summary week for this memory work section. Students should review.

**Bible:** There will be a quiz on Tuesday on Paul in Rome and four of his letters. A writing assignment will be due on Friday.

**French:** Both grades will have a vocabulary quiz on Friday: Unit 7 for grade 8; Unit 6 for grade 7.

**Grammar:** On Wednesday, students will complete a quiz activity on sentence structure. Please review the worksheets and examples.

**History:** Students have set up a "classroom museum" in the spare room. This week students will complete a written report on their topic; this is due on Friday. Please take time to list your sources properly. There will also be a quiz on the pre-Confederation issues on Thursday.