

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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June 16, 2008

Theme: "Christ-Centred Learning for Today...and Tomorrow "

Last Things: This is the final Knox Talks of this school year. I know it hardly seems possibly that the 2007/2008 year is almost behind us. On reflection, it has been a very full year. Students travelled to Toronto to view the Titanic exhibit, took part in an 1812 Day in London, created displays for an entertaining science fair, put on an energetic spring performance of *Acorns to Oaks*, and managed yet another first place finish at District Track and Field. In between those times there were chapels, visits to nursing homes, support activities for food banks, and



fundraising for the MS Society. Classrooms were equally busy with a full range of learning activities and initiatives. No wonder there are some tired faces around. It all comes together this week with the two-pitch tournament, graduation, a school trip to Splashdown, and Friday...the last day. We thank our faithful readers for supporting the various functions and activities of this year, your Christian school. Have a wonderfilled, blessed, and safe summer!

Two-Pitch Tournament: The annual tournament is tomorrow, June 17 at Camlachie Community Centre. We are taking a bus but parents are more than welcome to come out and cheer. Helping Hands is providing lunch in the form of hot dogs, chips, juice, and water. The first games is at 9:30 with the presentation time set for 2:15.

Splashdown: The other popular annual event is the school trip to Splashdown in Sarnia. We are leaving the school at 11:00 am. We will be at Splashdown from 11:30 to 2:30. Helping Hands is funding half the cost - please thank them. Each student is asked to bring the remainder which is \$4.00. Please give the money to Miss Deelstra in the office by Thursday morning. This is for grades 1-7; KinderStart students may attend but must be accompanied by their parents. This is for safety reasons.

JKCS Graduation: Twelve students will graduate from JKCS this June. Parents, grandparents, supporters, friends, and neighbours are invited to share in this joyful occasion. It takes place on Wednesday, June 18 at 7:30 in People's Church. The students who are singing are asked to be at the church by 7:15. Reverend Ken Vanderwal will be the guest speaker. The theme chosen this year is based on Revelations 4:8b: "Our Holy God is for Always".



Work Morning!: On Saturday, June 28, there will be a work morning at JKCS from 8am - 12pm. We need volunteers! Come prepared to help clean the back shed, transplant shrubs and other general maintenance. Of course, donuts and refreshments will be provided!

From JKCS Helping Hands Committee:

Fundraiser: Another excellent fundraiser from New Orleans Pizza. Order one of their family favourite combo and New Orleans will donate \$3 to the school. More information and coupons can be found on the sheet attached to this week's Knox Talks.

JKCS Cleanup: Although school is just ending for the year we are making preparations for next year. You will find a schedule for school cleaning attached to Knox Talks. Please make yourself available one of the two days. If everyone contributes 3-4 hours it makes the job easy and fun. The first person listed for each room is a Helping Hands member and they will be contacting you in July to remind you about school cleaning.

Thank you for your help and support this year in all our fundraising efforts. Have a great summer!

Advance Golf Tournament Notice: We will be hosting our annual golf tournament on Saturday, October 4 2008. Please keep this date open and join us for a great day out. More info in September.

Early Dismissal Friday: Students will be excused early on the last day of school. Busses will be picking them up at 2:00 p.m. Report cards will also be going home.

Grass Cutting Schedule This Week

Front/West Area - Steve & Debbie DeBoer

Back/East Area - Leonard & Angela Moesker

Board Report: *June Meeting:* The school year is almost at a close. Where has the time gone? We give thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed on us with 50 years of Christian Education in Wyoming. Thank you to the staff for your commitment and efforts in teaching from a Christian perspective and for being an example to our students. Thank you to the students for your positive attitudes, caring for each other and persevering to reach many goals. It is truly amazing to see how much you have

all grown and changed since September. Thank you to the parents for your commitment financially and spiritually in encouraging your child in their educational growth. Thank you to the many volunteers who are on committees, who help with driving, with library, with coaching, with book keeping and library etc. We could not keep this school going without the commitment from our whole community. Thank you!

We are sad to see Cheryl Batterink retire from teaching music on a volunteer basis at John Knox. She will still teach music lessons at the school and help out with musicals, but she will no longer be teaching the recorder, hand bells and tone chimes. Her commitment and excitement will be missed but we wish her God's blessings in new goals she wishes to pursue in her life. Thank you Cheryl for all for all you have done in encouraging the musical gifts God has blessed each student with.

The school year may be done but the work of the school board will continue over the summer. One item that will be a continuous work in progress for the summer will be the Pre Enrollment Tracking Binder created by the Promotion Committee. It will be a way of keeping contact with future students/families of JKCS. The Promotion committee is hard at work at promoting the school to the wider community. Ed Com will take a much needed break for the summer but the rest of us will continue to look to the new year and make plans for another year of Christ centered education at JKCS. See you in September!

On behalf of the board,

Maxine Zekveld



Library: Attached to the Knox Talks you will find a list of overdue books. Any books not brought back need to be replaced at cost value. Parents will be contacted by the end of this week if the books have not been returned.

Plympton-Wyoming Fall Fair: A complete outline of the competition classes for this year's Fall Fair is available at the school. They are displayed on the lobby table.

Lost and Found: Our Lost and Found bin has been overflowing for quite some time now. As the school year comes to an end this week, please come in and have a look to see if your child's clothes are there. We will be bringing the clothes away shortly if nothing is picked up.



Readers: Please check your home for any school readers: Gr. 1 - *Skip Along, Hopscotch, Hide and Seek*
Gr. 2 - *Cartwheels, Somersaults*

From the Voucher Committee: This week Thursday, June 19 will be our last regular voucher sales day. During the summer months we will be selling vouchers on Thursday, July 17 from 1-2 p.m. and Thursday, August 14 from 1-2 p.m. at the school.
- *The Voucher Committee*

KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

Bible: Paul and a Shipwreck

Socials: Five Senses wrap-up.

Graduation: SK students will be joining grades 1-7 in song during the grade 8 graduation on Wednesday night.

Splashdown: Check the previous announcement regarding Splashdown. KinderStart students who will be going should bring their \$ to school by Wednesday.

Happy Birthday! Several KinderStart students will be celebrating their birthdays during the summer break. Happy birthday wishes are extended to Maddy (June 25), Luke and Levi (July 1), Chariese (July 4), Ethan (July 8) and Dohyoung (Aug 14).

***I want to wish all my students and their families a wonderful summer vacation. Thanks are also extended to all the KinderStart parents for their support this past year. I have certainly seen much growth in all of the students and it has been a joy to spend this school year with each one of them.**

-*Mrs. Robinson*

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

A.R. Carnival: Tuesday afternoon we'll be celebrating our AR achievements this past term with a carnival. Students will participate in various games and activities. We might even get wet!

Summer Birthdays: Will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 17.

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome to the last week of the school year 2007-2008! (But whose counting?!) Thursday we hope to go as a school to "Splash Down" and Friday report cards will be coming home. Where has the time gone! We have enjoyed teaching you this year and wish you God's blessings as you move on. Have a wonderful, safe summer break! Remember to check the lost and found for any items that you might be missing.

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: No Memory Work. We will review Psalm 103.

Bible: We will note that God fulfilled his promise made hundreds of years earlier, to give Abraham's descendants the land of Canaan. The book of Joshua begins with Israel's preparations to cross the Jordan and enter Canaan. This week we will look at the stories of Rahab and the Spies, Crossing the Jordan and Israel at Gilgal.

Math: Gr. 3 is trying their hand at long division.

Gr. 4 continues working long division and will try 3 digit dividends.

Current Events: *Tues:* Hannah K., Aaron B.

Thurs: Brady M., Sarah K.

Social Studies: We will be welcoming Mrs. Hennie Moesker Wednesday afternoon. She will be bringing her spinning wheel and teaching us a little on how the pioneers used the wool from the sheep to make clothing. We will also be finishing up our novel study, *They Called Us, Loyalists*.

Mrs. Tamming:

Spelling: No Spelling this week!

A.R. Celebration: Tomorrow afternoon we will be having a celebration with a carnival theme.

***We have been blessed with a wonderful year together as a class. Thank you, parents and students, for all the effort you put into making this year such a success! Have a wonderful summer, and keep reading!**

-*Mrs. Tamming*

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman

Literature: Today we had a unit test on *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. As part of our A.R. party on Wednesday we will be watching the movie.

A.R.: Almost all students have reached their A.R. goals. Congratulations "fintastic" readers in 5/6.

Writing: Students submitted their fantasy world projects. They have all been marked. Students demonstrate excellent creativity and imagination.

***As this school year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for welcoming me into the community at JKCS. I have enjoyed my time as teacher in 5/6 and am excited to teach again come September. Students, have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer!**

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Thanks so much to our volunteer drivers/ chaperones who have helped us out in the past week. Mrs. Benjamins, Mrs. Marlene Noorloos, and Mrs. Marg Noorloos helped us out on the Gr. 7 trip to the Pinery; Mrs. VanderWal, Mrs. Vanderlinde, Mrs. Zekveld, Mrs. Konzelmann and Mrs. C. DeBoer all drove for our "Amazing Race Geography Challenge" today. What great fun and learning of course!

Have a safe and blessed summer!

Mr. Boersma:

The grade eight students had an enriching time at Fair Glen last week. Their time was filled with a range of activities and challenges. The students did a fine job of raising funds for their trip and enjoying this opportunity. Thanks to Mrs. Bos for serving as chaperone and to Mrs. DeBoer for navigating the bus so ably through the jungles of Toronto.



Happy Birthday



Josh P.

June 19

Gr. 5

Mr. Boersma

June 24

Summer Birthdays:

Maddy D.	June 25	Clayton K.	Aug 2
Levi B.	July 1	Jared B.	Aug 9
Luke B.	July 1	Devyn Z.	Aug 12
Chariese V.	July 4	Dohyoung K.	Aug 14
Hannah K.	July 6	Bryanna M.	Aug 15
Ethan S.	July 8	Aleta M.	Aug 17
Brady M.	July 16	Josh K.	Aug 20
Josiah V.	July 18	Aaron B.	Aug 29

Upcoming Events:

JUNE 17 - Two Pitch Tournament

JUNE 18 - Graduation

JUNE 19 - Splash Down

JUNE 20 - Last Day of School