

# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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January 11, 2010

**Theme: "Serving God...Serving Others"**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY 27**

Open House

**FEBRUARY 3**

Basketball Tournament in  
Chatham

**FEBRUARY 15**

Family Day

**FEBRUARY 17**

Speech Fest

**MARCH 15-19**

March Break

**APRIL 2**

Good Friday

**APRIL 5**

Easter Monday

**APRIL 16**

Clean-Up Day

**APRIL 26-29**

Christian Education Week

**Reading Partners:** It's a wonderful winter term tradition that the students at JKCS "partner up" for a time of reading. This year, it begins this Tuesday at 10:10 and will continue every week until March Break.



An older student will join a younger one,

find a comfortable spot somewhere in a classroom, library, or gym and read aloud to each other. It's become a tradition at our school yet it remains a great way to encourage reading. As this programme is an encouragement to read, we also ask that you provide opportunity and resources for your students to read wisely and often at home.

**Family Literacy Day:** At JKCS we are eager to encourage reading and writing at every opportunity. This month there is a family literacy day on Wednesday, January 27. It is another way to encourage reading. Our local libraries in Wyoming, Mandaumin, Petrolia, and Forest

have activities connected to this day. We have attached a list of suggestions for families to try at home. Making reading a regular home activity is a great way to support young readers.

**Open House:** On Wednesday, January 27, the Promotion Committee is hosting an Open House at JKCS. The invitation to visit the school is open to all families interested in a Christ-centred education. We would ask that you share this date with any family you know who may be interested in Christian Education. During that day, families can tour the school, meet with staff, look over the school curriculum, watch a video presentation, and enjoy snacks and refreshments. This is not limited to Junior/Senior KinderStart but is open to families with students in all grades. The Open House will run in the morning (10:00 to 12:00 with a tour at 11:00) and in the afternoon (2:00 to 4:00 with a tour at 2:30). Contact the school, or the Promotion Committee, for more information.



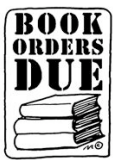
**Medic Alert - No Child Without:** Attached to the Knox Talks this week please find a brochure from the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation. They are teaming up with service clubs, the government, and schools to offer free medic Alert bracelets to children ages 4-14. If you have a child that has a medical condition that may benefit from a medic alert bracelet, please read the information carefully. Conditions such as asthma, insect bite allergies, defined food allergies, diabetes, and others are considered eligible for this programme. A doctor's certificate is not required but you may consult your doctor about the necessity of a medic alert bracelet. Feel free also to call Mr. Boersma at the school if you have more questions. The enrollment procedure is explained on the brochure.

**Board of Directors:** The JKCS Board of Directors meets Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the school. Packages are coming home today.

**Pizza Orders:** for January have been sent home today and are due back Tues. Jan. 19. Pizza Day is next week Thursday, Jan. 21.

**Bake Sale:** There will be a bake sale this Thursday.

**Scholastic Book Orders:** Were sent home to the families that had requested them. These are due back **next week Monday, Jan. 18.** Remember, if you would like to receive a copy of the flyers, please fill out the form that can be found outside the office on the table with a signature or call the school.



**Cold Weather:** BRRR.. now that the cold and blustery weather has arrived, we ask that you ensure students dress accordingly. Proper outerwear, hats and mitts are a must! The north wind blows strongly across our schoolyard during the winter months.



**Praying for our Children:** We continue our list of encouraging 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 **generosity:** "Grant that they may 'be generous and willing to share [and so] lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age'" (1 Timothy 6:18-19)..



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

**Basketball:** The Christian Schools' basketball tournament is on Wednesday, February 3 in Chatham at the Chatham school. Mrs. Tetreault and Mr. Boersma will be accompanying the teams. A schedule and related information will be coming home soon.

**Vouchers:** Vouchers are on sale every Thursday afternoon from 1-2:30 in the spare room. What a great fundraiser and way to save on your tuition!

**Buses in Bad Weather:** Owning our own buses will not change the protocol for bus cancellation. Remember that our buses run in zones one and four. Please check your radio for announcements(CHOK AM1070, Fox FM 99.9, WNFA FM 88.3), or [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) if heavy fog or snow/ice conditions are prevalent. Remember on fog days, only the morning buses are cancelled. Parents are asked to bring students to school in the morning once conditions are judged to be safe; buses will bring students home in the afternoon. On "snow days", buses will not run in the morning or in the afternoon and classes will be cancelled. Bus cancellations will also be posted on the school website.



## **KINDERSTART:** Mrs. Robinson

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**Memory Work:** Exodus 15: 1b, 2

**Bible: Tues:** Moses' Call

**Thurs:** Let My People Go

**Thursday Snack:** Jacob

**Socials:** We will be reading several versions of the story, *The Mitten*. In addition to doing some "mitten work", we will learn how God has created animals to survive in the winter.

**Phonemic Awareness:** We have been saying words very s-l-o-w-l-y in order to hear all of the sounds. We will continue to focus on the beginning sounds of words this week. SK students should be able to easily identify both upper and lower case letters. Some students may need some extra identification practice at home.

**Book Count:** We have read nearly 700 books. Way to go KinderStart!

**SK Friday:** January 15 is an SK day!

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

**Memory Work:** For Friday, Jan. 15 - Matthew 6: 25,26,34: "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink. Is not life more important than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself."

**Spelling:** Gr. 1: **sad, cap, flag, slam, last, camp, stand, plant, grabs, stamp**

Gr. 2: **send, pick, end, both, fast, last, must, just, bath, black**

**Special Child:** This week: *Matthew VanRooyen*  
Next week: *Brooklyn Boelens*

**Student Reader:** This Friday: *Maddy*  
Next Friday: *Calvin*

## **GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

Welcome to another wintry week!

**Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** is for Friday from Romans 12: 17,18 NIV.



**Bible:** A Bible test is scheduled for tomorrow (Tues.) on the lives of Jacob and Joseph.

We will do some review today. We begin a new unit this week called *The Exodus*. This unit deals with the early life of Moses up to and including the exodus of Israel out of Egypt.

**Math:** Gr. 3 will continue working with ordinal numbers and using a grid. They will also be introduced to some multiplication!

Gr. 4 will be finishing up their unit on *Number Concepts*. They will be working on an assessment test on this unit.

**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.

**Health:** Test is scheduled for tomorrow. Know the four main systems: circulatory, nervous, digestive and respiratory. Know where certain organs are located in the body. Read over the info about the different organs. We will review in class also.

**Mrs. Tamming:**

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

Gr. 3: **awful, called, falling, mall, small, straw, drawing, strongest, longer, song, along, bought, brought, rough, tough**

Gr. 4: **didn't, that's, they're, you're, couldn't, haven't, o'clock, we're, isn't, I'm, it's, who's, they'd, could've, they've, you'll, don't, aren't**

**Phys. Ed.:** We are working on basketball skills and drills.

**Poetry Project:** Outlines with a marking rubric on the back were sent home on Friday and students' poetry is being sent home today. Students who need bristol board can bring it home this week.

**Looking Ahead:** We will be having a school wide "Speech Fest" on February 17 where two students from each class will have the opportunity to share a speech or poem during an assembly. Our in-class presentations will be on Monday, February 8 and from there we will choose the two students who will participate at the "Speech Fest".

Start looking for a poem you enjoy and would like to share, bring it to class for me to read

over, and start practicing! You may use the 'published' poem from your project, if you wish.

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

**Spelling:** Test and work due for Unit 11 on Friday.

**Memory Work:** Hebrews 11: 11-12

**Book Report:** A book report assignment sheet will be sent home today. This assignment involves a 1-page written portion and an art piece. Both parts are due on February 2. We will use one Art class (Jan 22) to work on the artistic portion of the assignment.

**A.R.:** Students have set new goals for this term. A record of reading achievements from September - January will be coming home today. This lists all of the books your child has read so far this year, their point value, and quiz grades. Please take a moment to look at your child's reading habits. Our next A.R. deadline is March 11.

**Science:** Electricity log is due on Thursday (January 14), and the comparison chart is due next Monday, January 18.

**Speeches:** Our Speechfest is set for February 17. This week we'll be choosing out topics and learning some basics about public speaking. Some of the speech writing will be done in class, but speeches will need to be typed and polished at home. Our classroom speech days will be from February 9-11.

**Music:** Students will have a music playing test next week Wednesday, January 20. We will also have a quiz on notes, note and rest values, and time signature.

### **GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

**Mrs. Koetsier:**

**Literature:** Quiz on Ch. 1-4 of *Lost in the Barrens* Thursday.

**Geography:** We'll finish up with our look at Eliot Lake this week; the "big test" will be forthcoming.

**Art:** We'll be creating some "snow themed" projects this week.

**Writing:** We are finishing essays and beginning to write our speeches. The in-class "speak off" will take place Feb. 9 and 10.

**Mr. Boersma:**

**Memory Work:** John 1: 10-13. Please know for Friday.

**Bible:** Writing assignment will be due on Wednesday; this is a carryover from last week.

**History:** Students need to finish their "illustrated history" assignment this week.

**Science:** We begin a new unit on solutions and solvents; this is an introduction to chemistry.

**Math:** Finish fractions assignment for homework. We are beginning a new unit on ratios and rates. Also this week, we will organize teams for problem solving.

**Spelling:** Lesson Fourteen - Be sure to copy out the words and complete the assigned exercises. Please be prepared for the test on Friday.