

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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September 3, 2008

Theme: "Living in the Light"

Living in the Light- Week Two: Christians know very well the interplay between darkness and light; we should have a clear understanding of the presence of evil and of good in this created world. Through this year's school theme, we encourage ourselves and each other to "live in the light". We know the shadowlands of darkness well enough: we see lying and deception in so many places in our society; we read of violence and passionate hatred; we know the environmental cost of industrialization and materialism. Despair and acceptance is not an answer. We can take action and step into the light and see how brilliantly the light of Christ's message of love and forgiveness reveals the weakness and misguided acts of man apart from God. The psalmist writes, "...blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord." May we focus on that goal this year.



Kick-Off BarBQ: Thanks to the Promotion Committee for starting the new school off with a fine community event. Thanks also to the many families and students that came out to enjoy an evening of fellowship and food. May we continue to come together in support of our students and strengthen our community of support.



Thank You: A special thank you goes to our very active Building Committee. A number of repairs

and updates have taken place over the summer. A few items to mention include: cleaning up the portable and the storage shed; mastering the weed problem; replacing damaged door locks; fixing the popular climbing wagon; and, last but not least, building a flower bed around the school sign. Showing care in small things reflects care for our school and community.

Popalooza: Summer leaves behind a trail of memories ... and a trail of pop cans. Collect those cans, crush them if you can, bag them, and bring them to John Knox. It's a good fundraiser and reduces pressure on our landfills.

Oofy Olympics: Our annual icebreaker and student team builder takes place next Thursday afternoon. This always entertaining event needs some extra hands; if you can spare the afternoon and are willing to accept youthful enthusiasm and laughter as rewards, then please call the school to help out.

Terry Fox Fundraiser: Every year we include a Terry Fox run as part of our Oofy Olympics. Over the past 25 years this event has raised significant money for cancer research. John Knox Christian School would like to raise its donation to research this year. We encourage each students to bring in "two toonies for Terry". Larger donations are also welcome; tax receipts are available.

Cross Country: We have two meets scheduled for October. This is a good time to run outdoors and practise for the upcoming events.



Pizza Day: See attached form.

Handouts: Just a reminder to return the family envelopes with the Student Information form and Authorization form to the office by the end of this week.

Student Planners: Thank you to all the students who have brought in their \$3 so far. Every student has received a Bible League planner. Students in grades 1-8 are asked to bring in \$3 each to help cover the cost. Thank you.

From JKCS Helping Hands Committee:

Fair and Pies: It is Wyoming fall fair time, and with that comes pie and tart making. Helping Hands committee is looking for donations. We need raisins, brown sugar and corn syrup. We are also looking for helpers. If you are able to help in any way please contact one of our members.

Grass Cutting Schedule This Week

Front/West Area -Barry & Heather Wright
Back/East Area - John & Louise Deelstra



Happy Birthday



Olivia N.	Sept. 7	Gr. 8
Miss Rekman	Sept. 8	
Andrew D.	Sept. 11	Gr. 7
Andrew N.	Sept. 12	Gr. 8
Sam B.	Sept. 13	Gr. 7

Upcoming Events:

SEPT 12 - SK begins every other Friday

SEPT 13 - Wyoming parade

SEPT 16 - Terry Fox Assembly

SEPT 18 - Oofy Olympics

SEPT 29 - Soccer Tournament in Chatham

Board Report: *September Meeting:* Welcome back after a relaxing and safe summer! It was a busy summer still for us on board. As you can see on the school property much work has been done by the building committee to keep it trimmed and looking good inside and out. If you received a phone call by this committee for floor waxing or grass cutting you will understand how diligent they are. Please consider making an extra effort or changing your plans a little to help out. It's a great way to keep our school looking good at a lower cost and working together builds friendships and community spirit. Thank you to all who do help out!

The helping hands organized the inside cleaning once again. Many visitors do comment on the cleanliness of our school. They also paid for all the new sidewalk games behind the school. When you come for a visit check it out and see if you can find the spelling mistake! Keeping students busy outside is healthy and keeps them from getting into trouble. Be young and try them out.

Promotions Committee have been very busy redoing all their literature and promotion material. They have handed over their job of doing the Standard to our Administrative Assistant, Amanda. Their first big event of the year is the big Kick Off at the school. Transportation Committee took a second look at the transportation routes to see if they could change them to be more efficient, saving gas and time. This effort will save the school thousands of dollars. Thank you for your efforts. Mark Moesker and his gang over at Broadway Service have been indispensable in keeping our busses up to Ministry Guidelines.

As you can see it takes many volunteers to keep our school looking great and to keep the costs down so it is affordable. Thank you to all who make the effort!

At our last couple of meetings we have spent much time discussing a new Admissions Policy and the implications for our school. This leads to much discussion and still is an ongoing project.

What a surprise to see 2 new families at school on Tuesday. We hope you will make an effort to get to know them and welcome them into our school community!

On behalf of the board,
Maxine Zekveld

KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

Can curious children catch cunning Cc?

Memory Work: Genesis 8:22

Bible: Creation

Thursday Snack: Calvin

SK Phonics: Letter C and rhyming words.

Math Readiness: Number recognition- 1-10

Book of the Month: We will continue to have fun with Bill Martin's book, *Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom*. It provides a great opportunity to recite the alphabet and play with rhyming words. We will also learn about coconuts!

SK Friday: The SK students will spend their first Friday at school by reading about the Gingerbread boy and doing some Gingerbread activities.

Handwriting Without Tears: The workbooks have arrived and we will soon begin on this program. More information will follow.

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Psalm 19:1 - "The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

Bible: Mon: The First Sin

Tues: Judgment and Promise

Wed: Two Sons

Thurs: The Death of Abel

Sight Words: Gr. 1 - The first set of sight words has been sent home today. Please practise the words and the stories that go with them.

Spelling Words: Gr. 2 - **bat, fan, fast, crab, flash, stamp, sand, strap, grasp, thank**

Math: We've been busy with our new Math curriculum - Math to the Max. Our first unit is Patterns and Relations. This week both Grades will be sorting by attributes (size, thickness, colour, etc.)

French: We're learning colours!

Socials: Our first unit is called - *The Sky Declares...* Last week we took a long look at the sky and marveled at God's amazing work in creation. We also discussed why and how we have day and night. This week we study the four seasons.



GRADE THREE AND FOUR

A hearty welcome to our brand new grade three and four class! We are looking forward to working with you and getting to know you well! We hope you all had a wonderful

summer and are ready to continue to learn some new and interesting things. Our theme this year is "Living in the Light". We will discover more about this theme and what it means for us as we work with it this year.

Mrs. Noorloos:

Welcome grade three and four to your first full week of school!

Magazines: Wow! Everyone sent their slips back the very next day! This must be a record! Thank you.

Memory Work: is for Friday, Sept. 12 from Ephesians 5:8 NIV.

Bible: We have been looking at the development of writing in the Bible times and we will be looking at the old Testament books and how they are divided into certain groups - Pentateuch, History, Poetry and Prophets.

Math: Gr. 3 is brushing up on their adding and subtracting with regrouping to the place value of 100.

Gr. 4 is also brushing up on their adding and subtracting with regrouping to the place value of 1000. Gr. 4 is also dealing with estimating sums to the nearest ten or hundred. We will begin "mad-minutes" this week.

Current Events: *Tues.* Hannah K., Brady M.

Wed. William N., Shaelyn W.

Social Studies: We have begun our tree unit. We have studied about the function of the roots and we will be looking at the trunk and bark this week as well as the purpose of the leaves. Please begin collecting a variety of leaves to press in an old book. We will need these leaves on Thurs. Sept. 25.

Mrs. Tamming:

Spelling: Our weekly spelling lessons are due on **Thursdays**. Any work not completed in class will be homework. Spelling tests are on **Fridays**, unless otherwise stated. This week's words:

Gr. 3: **said, ask, stand, catch, eight, afraid, away, always, playing, waved, takes, than, great, they, prey**

Gr. 4: **enemy, enjoy, best, instead, foggy, month, jungle, uncle, sudden, facts, camp, bat, rest, except, picnic, pink, bought, dock, uncle, rest**

Phys. Ed.: Our P.E. classes are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Please make sure to have/bring running shoes (not sandals or flip-flops) for outdoor P.E.

Library: We have our library time at 11:25 on Thursday mornings. Students are allowed to take home 3 books and are encouraged to make sure at least one of them is an A.R. book.

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman

Memory Work: 2 Timothy 3: 16-17

Bible: We will be having a short quiz on Thursday. Students received a study guide today in class.

P.E.: Students are reminded to have gym clothes with them on Tuesday and Thursdays. Many students in the class have signed up for soccer. Practices are Monday and Wednesday at lunch. Be sure to have proper clothing for these practices as well.

Spelling: Gr. 5: **choice, moist, boil, noise, soil, poison, join, pointed, coins, voice, spoil, broil**

Gr. 6: **passenger, reporter, forever, traveller, shutter, computer, member, clever, happier, hamster, lobster, diameter, photographer, producer, reviewer**

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Welcome to our first full week of school!

Literature: We are beginning the year with a unit based on several short stories. We hope to begin studying *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien following this unit. New to our reading program in 7/8 this year is the Battle of the Books! It is hoped this will help to generate some more enthusiasm for reading - and some friendly classroom competition! The program will run as follows. All students have been placed in reading teams, and will be given a list of books to be read. Each team member is to read as many books as possible by "Battle Day", which will be the last Monday of October. The "battle" will consist of content questions from each book on the list; teams will be able to collect points for correct answers. A written summary of at least one book is required as well with the scores for these being added to the team's score. The winning team will, of course, receive a special prize! We will have five Battles, with the last one being in June - the team with the most points at the end of the year wins the Grand Prize!!

Spelling: Our spelling program begins this week with Unit 1. Dictation will be on Wednesdays, and the lesson work will be due this day as well. Students are given ample class time to complete the lesson work; at home time for review of list words will be necessary.

Students will be copying their words into their planners each week so that the lists are at home when needed. As was done last year, five perfect spelling dictation scores will earn your student a "week off" of lesson work.

Geography: We've begun a unit on the grasslands biome, which will focus on the vast grassland areas of Australia, as well as some of the challenges associated with managing this important and unique part of God's creation.

Art: We've begun a pencil sketch/pastel project that will focus on the uniqueness of each student - watch for them in the halls in the coming weeks!

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Work: Please know for Friday: John 20: 27-29

Bible: Students will finish last week's introductory writing assignment on leadership by Tuesday. A new writing activity will be set for completion by Friday.

Math: Review continues this week with more math operations and a focus on order of operations. Quiz Thursday for both grades.

History: The information package for the history fair will be handed out this week. Students are expected to begin this project promptly and complete the various target dates. The structure is necessary to help students focus on a suitable, manageable topic. The intention of the history fair project is to encourage discovery and exploration of a subject in Canadian history; the hope is to inspire students to see history's wonders and its many connections to the world in which we live.

Science: Our study of heat expands this week to include temperature and sources of energy. We will review what we have covered so far and have a fact quiz on Friday.

French: Our review of French focuses on verbs. On Wednesday students will show mastery of two key irregular verbs - avoir and être - by means of a quiz.