

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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September 14, 2009

Theme: "Serving God...Serving Others"



Buses: Please take note. Because the buses haven't been able to get to school on time due to route changes, the pick-up time for your child(ren) will be 5 minutes

earlier than your original time. This will come in effect beginning TOMORROW MORNING. Please have your child(ren) at their bus stop 5 minutes earlier tomorrow. Thank you!

Condolences: We offer our Christian sympathy to the Konzelmann family. Mr. Konzelmann's father, living in Switzerland, passed away last week. Daniel and Miriam have travelled to Switzerland for the funeral. We pray for God's care and assurance and that he would give the "peace that passes understanding" to the family.

Kick-Off Barbecue Thank You: Thanks to the Promotion Committee for starting the new school off with a great 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.

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 student to bring in "two toonies for Terry" which we will



be collecting until next Thursday. Larger donations are also welcome; tax receipts are available.

Student Planners: Thank you to those students who have brought in their \$3 for the planners. Just a reminder to those who haven't brought in their \$3 donation are asked to do so this week. Thank you!

The National Cell Phone Collection Program: This year, JKCS will be involved with this program. The primary goal of the program is to collect old, new, broken or working cell phones. For every cell phone donated, our school will receive \$1.00.

What Happens to Re-Usable Cell Phones?

Some are in 'almost new' condition and still in working order. These phones are cleaned and new display screen or lenses may be installed. Others require remanufacture including repair or replacement of internal components. They are tested for electrical and communication performance and new or refurbished batteries may be installed. Phones are sent to areas of the world where there are no land lines or where the cost of a new phone is prohibitive. Some phones are donated to shelters for abused adults and children so they may have 911 communication and others are provided to medical patients who are awaiting organ transplants. The program also recycles cell phones and batteries that cannot be reused to recover materials. So, what can you do? Round up your old cell phones and donate them to the school!

Student Information Sheets: The annual Student Information Sheets were sent to each family in August. They have been trickling into the office and we just ask those who have not returned their signed form to do so this week. School events are starting soon and students cannot go on these trips unless their Student Information sheet has been signed and returned.



Safe Arrival and Pickup: Please notify the school in writing or by a phone call if your child will be late or absent. Similarly, if your student is being picked up, please write a note or phone the office. If you designate someone else to pick up your child, please let the school know who and that you grant permission to do so. This is simply to ensure student safety.

"Hawaiian Luau" Gala Dinner: September 26, 2009 is the date set for the LDCSS (London District Christian Secondary School) Lambton county chapter's

fifth annual fundraising gala dinner!



So plan to come out for an evening of delicious food, great conversation, and wonderful entertainment all while seated in fabulously decorated surroundings. Please call Carolyn Nienhuis at 519-383-0448 or Pam

Botma at 519-899-2611 this week to reserve your spot!

Dear Supporters of John Knox Christian School: This coming Thursday the Helping Hands Committee will be preparing pies and tarts at the churches during the day. If you have not been contacted to help out and are available please come out and support our school. If you have ordered unbaked pies please pick them up between 3-6 pm on Thursday at the CRC church.

Pizza Day: is this Thursday, Sept. 17. Orders are due tomorrow. If you are not planning on doing a year order, please use the form for Thursday's pizza day.

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.

Meetings This Week:

Board of Directors: Wed., Sept. 9 @ 7:30

Upcoming Events

SEPT 17 - Oofy Olympics/Terry Fox Fundraiser

SEPT 18 - SK begins every other Friday

SEPT 23 - Prayer Around the Flagpole

SEPT 28 - Soccer Tournament in Chatham



Kees D.

Happy Birthday

Sept. 20



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KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

Can curious children catch cunning Cc?

Memory Work: We are learning our theme verses, Matthew 20: 26-28.

Bible: Tuesday: Creation Day 2

Thursday: Creation Day 3

Math: *Shapes* - Ask your child to find shapes around your home.

Handwriting Without Tears: JK - Aim and trace exercises.

SK - *Frog Jump Capitals* beginning with letter F.

Correction: The letter for the week of Sept. 29 should be letter R, not V. Please make the correction on your September calendar.

Socials: We will be doing a lot of nursery rhyme work during the next few weeks. Practice saying some at home!

Happy Birthday! Our class wishes Kees a very happy 4th birthday on Sunday, Sept. 20!

***It seems that the most difficult part of KinderStart is taking shoes on and off! If your child does not usually do their own shoes, please encourage them to do so at home. I know they can all do it!**
-Mrs. Robinson

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Bible: Mon: The First Sin

Tues: Two Sons

Wed: The Two Offerings

Sight Words: (*Gr.1*) - Last week List 1 was handed out. Just a reminder that they may be brought in and read at any time.

Book Reports: (*Gr. 2*) - Your first book report (the owl form) is due next Friday, Sept. 25. Take time to choose a book at your reading level and to complete the form neatly and accurately. Please hand in the book along with your report.

Spelling: (*Gr. 2*) - Each Monday a list will be sent home for Friday's test. The words will also be listed on Knox Talks just in case the list doesn't make it

home!

on, not, but, at, had, in, did, get, red, hot

Student Reader: This Friday: *Lauren*

Wright

Next Friday: *Mystery Reader*

French: This month we are learning to count to 10 as well as the names of 12 animals

Social Studies: Our first unit is called *The Earth Declares...* We'll be taking a close look at soil, air and water.

Phys. Ed.: Our Phys. Ed. classes are scheduled for Monday and Friday. Please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor footwear on those days.

***Reminder:** Please send in signed *Highlights* and *Chirp* forms as well as Pizza Orders asap!

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome to the first full week of our new school year! This Thursday afternoon (Sept. 17) we hope to participate in Oofy Olympics. Also, this Thursday is Pizza Day! This year we will again be collecting money for our foster child in Haiti, Francisco. Thank you for the many returned magazine order form slips! If you have not signed and returned the slips yet please do so this week. Thank you.

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for Friday, Sept. 18 from Romans 12:1 NIV.

Bible: We will be looking at stories from Genesis 3-7:9. The stories covered are *Adam and Eve Disobey God, Cain and Abel*, and *The Building of the Ark*.

Math: Gr. 3 will learn how to make predictions based on addition and multiplication patterns. They will also be introduced to a Venn Diagram.

Gr. 4 will use some Venn and Carroll Diagrams to solve and predict patterns.

***Both** grades will have a homework sheet which should be completed and handed in no later than Thursday.

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

Wed: Liana K., Esther K.

Science: We will be looking at the question: How do we design for stability and strength? We will look at forces of *gravity* and how the forces of *compression* and *tension* work together in structures.

Mrs. Tamming:

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

Gr. 3: **said, ask, stand, catch, eight, away, playing, takes, great, they**

Gr. 4: **enemy, enjoy, best, instead, foggy, month, jungle, uncle, sudden, facts**

P.E.: Please have appropriate footwear for outdoor P.E. class on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Reading: We are looking at short stories using our readers - *Handstands* gr. 3 and *Chinook* gr. 4.

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Mrs. Tetreault

Memory Work: Please know Matthew 20: 26b-28 for Friday.

Spelling: We'll have our test on Unit 1 on Friday. Students should take home their textbooks to study. Notebook work is also due on Friday.

Science: We've already started our project on Mammals. We hope to use this project as a learning tool for the upcoming Science fair. Classroom seminars on Internet research, plagiarism, bibliographies, note-taking and writing, and presentations will aid in the learning process. Students must bring in several pages of printed Internet research material for Wednesday's Science class. This may be done at school before Wednesday if Internet/printers are unavailable at home. If students use their class time wisely, most of the work for this project will be completed at school. Each student has a research folder with the assignment and extra resources. A list of possible research websites is included, though supervised Internet research is advised.

Music: Last week we started playing the recorder. Please encourage your child to practice at home as we learn new notes and songs.

Current Events: We will start our Current Events assignments next week. Two or three students per week will present an article and complete a short assignment. Tim, Jessica and Bethany will be our reporters next week Wednesday, and we'll continue to work our way through the alphabetical class lists backwards.

P.E.: Please be sure to have a change of clothes and proper running shoes for Phys. Ed. classes.

Math: We'll continue our review this week. Some students are a bit rusty on their multiplication facts (0-12). Each student should strive to have these memorized without having to count on fingers etc. We'll have a Math facts check-up this week, and students who are still having problems will be assigned some extra at-home practice. Flashcards are available from Mrs. Tetreault.

Literature: The novel *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry is our first unit of the year. This is a novel about a young Danish girl and her family during WWII.

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Vocabulary: A quiz on "beginning" words will be given on Thursday. Some review will be done in class; extra review will be necessary at home.

Literature: We are working at a unit on short stories. This will be a short one which will culminate in a test the beginning of October. Please keep up with reading and assignments.

Geography: Our "introduction to geography" unit continues. We are learning about the study of geography from a Christian standpoint, as well as some geographical terms and skills. Watch for a quiz next week.

Art: All students need to bring in an up-close portrait style picture of themselves for TOMORROW!

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Work: John 20: 30,31. Please know for Friday.

Spelling: Lesson 2. Quiz Friday.

Bible: Students will be asked to complete a Bible writing assignment for this Friday. Some of the planning and preparatory work will be done in class. There will also be a quiz on Wednesday reviewing our introduction to the gospels.

Science: Our introductory unit gives an overview of some of the key components of science. On Thursday we will have a quiz covering the main points of what's been covered so far.

Physical Education: We have P.E. every Wednesday and Friday at the end of the day. Students need proper sports clothing and footwear. Our focus is not only on the various sports we play but also on general fitness which will include running. Students are encouraged to run at home in preparation for our cross-country meets next month.