

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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January 18, 2010

Theme: "Serving God...Serving Others"

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 27

Open House

FEBRUARY 3

Basketball Tournament in
Chatham

FEBRUARY 15

Family Day

FEBRUARY 19

Speaking Aloud...Allowed

MARCH 15-19

March Break

APRIL 2

Good Friday

APRIL 5

Easter Monday

APRIL 16

Clean-Up Day

APRIL 26-29

Christian Education Week

Speaking Aloud...Allowed: Our annual in-school speech event is scheduled for February 19. Students have received information from their teachers about speeches and recitations. It is a good opportunity for all students to build confidence in speaking to a group - in this case, a friendly group of schoolmates. Once the speech or recitation is selected, we do encourage students to practice at home with parental support. One presentation from each class will be selected to appear before all students at a special assembly on Friday, February 19 at 9 am. (Please note change of date).

Open House: Next 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.

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. Last week, a list of suggestions for families to try at home was attached. Making reading a regular home activity is a great way to support young readers.



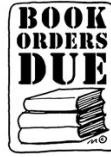
Board Report: The Board of Directors continues to meet monthly to deal with the regular business of JKCS. At our January meeting we agreed to participate again in SQAP (School Quality Assurance Program) in the next school year, as offered by the OACS. As you may recall from several years ago, this program was established to replace the OACS school evaluation, and encourages us to examine our strengths and weaknesses as a school, which inspires thanksgiving, as well as the opportunity for growth and improvement. It also creates the "push" to ensure our facility, paperwork, policies, and program are in order! More information will be forthcoming in future Knox Talks.

The board has also participated in several special meetings in the past couple of months. In November we met with Mr. Hugo Marcus, the director of Curriculum Publications at the OACS, who will be the new executive director of the OACS effective this month. The goal of the meeting was to open up the lines of communication between the OACS and its member schools. Representatives of the board also met with the councils of the supporting churches in the late fall to encourage each other in the support for Christian education. The board is committed to maintaining more regular contact, and plans to continue these visits every year or every other year. With the New Year comes the responsibility of planning for the next school year, and so the board is in the initial stages of developing a preliminary budget. The board nomination process has also begun. If you are contacted in the next few weeks to serve on the board or a committee, please consider prayerfully how you can serve in this way. Plans are underway for the Dinner Auction, scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010! Please keep this date in mind and consider how you can contribute to this exciting fundraiser!

Board members continue to take turns visiting the school on a monthly basis to keep their "finger on the pulse", and provide feedback to the board. This is one of the most rewarding responsibilities of being a board member, as the hallways and classrooms of JKCS continue to be a great place to visit. Please continue to remember the board, staff, committees and members in your prayers...."Unless the

Lord builds the house, it's workers labor in vain".
In His Service, *Kathy Vanderlinde, Board Secretary*

Scholastic Book Orders: were sent home to the families that had requested them last week. They were due back today, but we will extend the due date till **Wednesday**.



Picture Retakes: Orders for retakes are due Jan. 25.

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 **peace**: "Father, may they 'make every effort to do what leads to peace'" (Romans 14:19).



[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!



Happy Birthday



Andrew S.	Jan. 18	Gr. 8
Bethany R.	Jan. 22	Gr. 6
Tim V.	Jan. 22	Gr. 6
John W.	Jan. 24	SK

KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson
We will work with wonderful Ww. WOW!



or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Rev. 21: 4. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Memory Work: Exodus 15: 1b, 2

Bible: The Plagues

Thursday Snack: Jaxen

Socials: We will continue to read different versions of the story, *The Mitten*. We will even "sew" our own mittens this week. Ask your child to tell you the story of the mitten.

Happy Birthday!: Our class wishes John a very happy 6th birthday on Sunday, January 24.

"White Day": Tuesday, January 26 is "White Day". Don't forget to wear something white and to bring a white show and tell.

Reading Partners: Students from grades 4-6 are reading partners with KinderStart students. Reading partners takes place every Tuesday morning for 20 minutes. KinderStart students are encouraged to bring books from home which their partners can read to them.

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Galatians 6:9 - "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we don't lose heart."

Bible: Mon: The Sin of Moses

Tues: The Bronze Snake

Wed: Balaam - Part 1

Thurs: Balaam - Part 2

Spelling: Gr. 1: **pet, bed, Ben, stem, sled, help, nest, spent, cleft, blend**

Gr. 2: **candy, went, sent, take, like, puppy, time, didn't, by, my**

Special Child: This week: *Brooklyn Boelens*
Next week: *Samantha Korvemaker*

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

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome to a new week! Just a reminder that pizza day is this Thursday! Our condolences go out to Adyson and her family with the passing away of her grandfather, Mr. Klazinga. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for this Friday from Romans 12:19 NIV.

Bible: Great work on your Bible test grade three and four! We will continue our new unit. We will be looking at nine of the plagues and Pharaoh's refusal to let the Israelites go.

Math: Gr. 3 will be looking at fractions this week. Please work at learning the two timetables up to 12. (Notice they are adding doubles.)

Gr. 4 will be working on mental math and some estimating. They are encouraged to review their upper timetables.

Current Events: This week: *Tues:* Shane B., Adyson K.
Wed: Liana K., Esther K.
Next week: *Tues:* Clayton K., Caleb N.
Wed: Josiah V., Mike V.

Social Studies: Wonderful job on your health test! We will continue our *Canada Expedition*. What a beautiful country we have, rich in natural resources!

Mrs. Tamming:

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

Gr. 3: **lady, ladies, surprise, surprises, toys, shoes, shy, cry, cried, study, studied, story, only, finally, family**

Gr. 4: **anyone, however, everything, himself, birthday, herself, somewhere, afternoon, chalkboard, daydream, downstairs, grandparents, breakfast, outfield, scarecrow, nobody, dragonfly, keyboard**

Poetry Projects: Poster paper will be coming home this week. Projects are due on Feb. 1.

A.R.: Students are encouraged to choose at least two A.R. books each week from the library. Final day to take A.R. quizzes is March 5. Keep reading!

SpeechFest: Please bring in your poems by next week Monday. I will make a photocopy to keep here at school. Poems should be a minimum of 4 verses.

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Mrs. Tetreault

Spelling: Test and work due for Unit 12 on Friday.

Memory Work: Hebrews 11: 13

Math: Our test on Multiplication and Division will be this Thursday, January 21. Please go through each lesson and make sure you know how to solve the various problems. Math tests require studying.

Book Report: Book reports are due on February 2. The written portion of the reports must be done entirely at home. We will use this Friday's Art class (Jan. 22) to work on the artistic portion of the assignment.

A.R.: Our next A.R. deadline is March 11.

Speeches: There are several dates associated with our speeches, but students must have them completely prepared for February 8. On Monday, February 8, students will practice their speeches at school in small groups. Our in-class speeches will be presented February 9-11, and the all-school Speechfest is set for February 19. This week we'll be finishing our outlines, writing a first draft, and learning some basics about public speaking. After this week students will take their work home to complete it. Parents are asked to take some time to help with wording, editing and practicing.

Music: Students will have a music playing test on "Tallis' Canon", and a quiz on notes and note values and theory on Wednesday.

Grammar: We're finished our unit on sentences. This week we'll begin a unit on parts of speech.

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Literature: Quizzes will be returned tomorrow.

Vocabulary: A quiz on *Lost in the Barrens* words from chapters one through six will be given on Wednesday. There are a lot of words in this unit! We will do some review in class, but students will need to spend some time studying them at home to be successful on this quiz.

Writing: We have begun writing speeches! Topics have been chosen - many excellent ones! -and completed "first draft" outlines were handed back today with directions for improvements. Parents, we need your help! All students need to do some research at

home on their topics and will need some time and encouragement to do so. Please have your student complete this research by Thursday so that class time can be devoted to re-working and improving speech outlines. The "final draft" outlines will be due next Monday. We will also continue with persuasive essay writing.

Geography: This week we'll be talking about how acid rain has affected the community of Sudbury. The final test for this unit will be given next Thursday.

Chapel: Next Thursday's chapel will be led by our class. The school's theme *Serving God, Serving Others* will be the focus. Students are to think of someone they know in their family, church or local community that serves God by serving others, and to bring in (or even better, email) a picture of this person if at all possible. Pictures can be emailed to me at jlkoetsier@xcelco.on.ca. Thanks!

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Work: Mark 4: 18-20. Please know for Friday.

Bible: This week we are looking at four parables of Jesus. Students will present their group work on Friday.

History: Students should complete their "illustrated history" for Friday.

Science: Quiz on chemistry terms on Thursday. Student research groups will turn in their findings on aqueous solutions in the human body on Thursday.

Math: An in-class assignment on ratio, rates, and scales will be given on Thursday. Problem-solving reports will be due next week Tuesday, January 26.

Spelling: Lesson 15. Please complete the exercises assigned and know the list words for Friday.