

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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October 5, 2009

Theme: "Serving God...Serving Others"



Thanksgiving: As Thanksgiving draws near, we give thanks to God our Heavenly Father for all He has done for us. We give thanks to His

many provisions and blessings shown to us, the changing seasons and the beauty it brings, our Christian school and the school community, our staff and the teaching they give to our students, and so much more. As we celebrate this weekend all the many wonderful blessings, we wish everyone a very "thankful" Thanksgiving.

Sports: (i) **Cross Country:** Students in grades 3-8 will take part in the Optimist cross-country run in Petrolia on Wednesday. Students in grades 3&4 will leave first. A bus will take them. The bus will return to school and pick up the students in grades 5-8 later in the morning and then bring the younger students back to school. All students should be back in class shortly after 2:15. A blue letter detailing this will be sent home today.

NOTE: For various reasons a small number of students have been excused from taking part in this event; they are expected to be at school and will be given work to do.

(ii) **Cross Country II:** Next week the team will participate in the Christian School meet at Canatara Park. Students taking part in this run will receive a green letter on Thursday. As in the past few years, we are doing two runs as one small way of encouraging running and fitness; interest in this

activity has dropped off (previous to this year) and we see this as one way to reverse the trend.

Chapel: All are invited to a chapel which is being held this Friday afternoon at 2:15.

Soccer: Our coed soccer team had an interesting day last Wednesday in Chatham. Although they did not come home with a pennant, they competed well and played well as a team. A special thank you to coach Shelley Korvemaker for taking on this challenging task of managing a large team and maintaining a positive atmosphere.

Praying for our Children: This week we add to our list of ways to pray for our students and children. The intention is to help us pray specifically and purposefully for the young people in our life. This week's focus is on "growth in grace". We pray that they may, as the apostle Peter writes, "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18).



Pizza Day: is NEXT THURSDAY. Those who have not completed a yearly order are asked to have this month's order in by Tuesday, October 13.

Ed. Committee: meets this week Wednesday at 7:30pm.

Golf Tournament: Thanks to the ever busy Helping Hands Committee for hosting the annual JKCS fundraising golf tournament. Some 45 duffers and hackers covered the Forest Golf and Country Club on a rather cold and rainy Saturday morning. Persistence and patience were rewarded as the players completed 18 holes of golf and were rewarded with lunch and good fellowship. Thanks to the sponsors and players; special thanks to the organizing committee of Deb DeBoer, Grace DeBoer, Theresa Boelens, and Randy Klazinga.



Tracy Klazinga proves to us just how windy the day was!!!

Hepatitis B Vaccines: The Lambton Health Unit will be coming to our school on October 13 to administer the first dose of the Hepatitis B vaccine to the Gr. 7 students. The consent and information form went home today. Please return the consent form signed to the office in order for your child to receive the vaccine.

From the LDCSS Lambton County Chapter: September 27th's Hawaiian Luau Gala Dinner was again a resounding success! Great food, service, atmosphere and even better company all combined to create a wonderful evening in celebration and support of Christian secondary education. The amount raised for the weekend's efforts came to approximately \$32,000.00! As both parents and students we are so grateful for the incredible support within this community which continues to be offered not only financially, but also with prayer and words of encouragement! To our heavenly Father, who makes

all things possible, and to all who supported this effort we would like to say "mahalo nui loa" (which is Hawaiian for "thank you very much")!

JKCS Vouchers: Just a reminder that the special blue voucher order form you received last week attached to Knox Talks is due TOMORROW, October 6. You may send it in to the school or you may give it to a committee member. Please keep payment for this order separate from the regular yellow weekly orders. Orders may be picked up Thursday, October 15, at the school between 1 - 2:30 p.m. or may be sent home via backpack, or you may call to make alternate arrangements.

Parent Handbook: We apologize for not having the handbook out last week. We are preparing it for this week.

Student Information Sheets: If you received an envelope last week requesting your student information sheet, PLEASE return the form THIS WEEK!

Vendors Needed: Helping Hands will be doing Christmas in the Village on November 6,7 here at our school. We are looking for unique artisans that would like to book a table to show their wares. If you know of anyone that makes and sells crafts and that would like to be a part of Christmas in the Village, please have them call Angela Moesker at 845-0886. Thanks!

From Helping Hands: Just a reminder that pick-up for the cheese and apples orders is between 2:30 - 3:30 on October 7, 2009 at the school. Cheques are payable to **H.H.C.** or **Helping Hands Committee.** Thank you for supporting our fundraising!



Happy Birthday

Brandon W.
Nicole S.

Oct. 11
Oct. 12



Gr. 5
JK

KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson
Amazing Aa announces an awesome
alphabet!

Memory Work: Genesis 28:15

Thursday Snack: John

Bible: Noah

Socials: We have begun a new unit on fall. Students are encouraged to bring in signs of fall to show the class. There will also be time this week to think about thanksgiving.

Handwriting Without Tears: JK - F
SK - N,M

KinderStart students are constantly being reminded to "start their letters at the top!"

Phonemic Awareness: We will work with alliteration!

Field Trip: The KinderStart class will be visiting Zekveld's market on Thursday, October 20 in the afternoon. Drivers/chaperones are needed. Please let Mrs. Robinson know if you are able to come. All students must have a booster seat for this trip.

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Genesis 12:2 - "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."

Bible: Mon: Ishmael and Isaac

Tues: The Three Visitors

Wed: The Birth of Isaac

Thurs: Hagar and Ishmael

Sight Words: (Gr. 1) - You're doing such a great job on learning your sight words, Gr. 1. Keep up the good work!

Spelling: (Gr. 2) - **up, it, him, I, for, or, four, we, man, men**

Book Reports: (Gr. 2) - *Hook a Book* reports are due this Friday, Oct. 9.

Student Reader: This Friday: *Chariese*
Next Friday: *Levi*

Special Child: this week - Jesse Korvoemaker
Oct. 19-23 - Lauren Wright

Bug Hunt: We had a wonderful bug hunt last Thursday. We could not have asked for better



weather! Our hunt turned up some interesting creatures including a salamander! This week in Socials we'll be taking a short break from our unit to do some fall and Thanksgiving activities.

Author of the Month: Our author of the month for September was Robert McCloskey. This month we look at books by Barbara Reid who not only writes books but creates amazing illustrations with plasticene.

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome to the first full week in October! There will be a cross-country run in Petrolia on Wednesday, Oct. 7. (Keep an eye on the weather and maybe take a dry set of clothes along).

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for next Friday, Oct. 16 from Romans 12:4,5 NIV.

Bible: Great work on your Bible test, gr. 3/4! We have begun unit 2. This week the following stories are: *Abram and Sarai in Egypt, Lot's Choice* and *God Hears: The Story of Hagar and Ishmael*.

Math: Both grades will be finishing up the unit on *Patterning*.

*Both grades have a homework assignment to be completed and handed in no later than Thurs.

Current Events: *Tues:* Shane B., Adyson K.
Wed: Liana K., Esther K.

Science: We will be discussing the advantages of certain types of foundations for particular building structures. We will also be looking at a variety of roof shapes - the advantages and disadvantages of certain shapes.

*Be sure to pick out a project idea and have fun designing and building it! The project is due Monday, Oct. 26.

Mrs. Tamming:

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

Gr. 3: **rocket, pocket, hold, told, often, grow, throne, so, sew, most**

Gr. 4: **fact, began, clasp, rapid, able, later, space, stranger, grade, display, main, explain, freight, neighbour, weigh, vein, April, ankle**

Writing: This week we will continue to focus on the ideas that make a story and how to organize them for others to enjoy.

Penmanship: Ask your gr. 4 student about the 'clock' letters we've been practising for cursive writing.

P.E.: Our focus will be on stretching and long distance running for the next few weeks.

Grammar/Phonics: The gr. 4's will be identifying all kinds of verbs this week, while the gr. 3's are reviewing short vowel sounds in Phonics.

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Mrs. Tetreault

Spelling: Test on Unit 3 on Friday. Lists will (hopefully) be sent home today.

Memory Work: 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Cross Country: We have a meet in Petrolia on Wednesday. Check out the general announcements for more information.

Chapel: Grade 5/6 will be hosting chapel on Friday afternoon at 2:20.

Current Events: Jacob, Aaron and Brandon will present a news article on Thursday (Wed. is cross-country).

Science: Students will be presenting their Mammals projects to the class this week. We'll have a test on other unit information next week Friday.

Science Fair: On Nov. 19, students in grades 5-8 will be participating in the JKCS bi-annual Science Fair. An extra packet of information will be sent home today. All topics will be reviewed for approval by Mr. Boersma and Mrs. Tetreault. Please have your topic outline sheet handed in by Wednesday, Oct. 14.

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Literature: We'll begin a unit on the novel *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare. Short story tests will be handed back tomorrow.

Vocabulary: Quiz on "short story" words tomorrow!

Geography: Test on Thursday on our first unit. A study guide will be handed out tomorrow.

Homework: Just a reminder that completion of homework is an expectation, not an option! Those who neglect to complete assignments can expect to remain indoors at recesses.

Mr. Boersma:

NOTE for parents and students: A mini-report will be going home this Wednesday summarizing student achievement to this point in the term. It is meant to encourage students either by highlighting early successes or spurring them on to better work.

Memory Work: Luke 6: 37-38. Please know for Friday.

Bible: Writing assignment is due on Friday.

Spelling: Lesson 5: Do the lesson exercises and be prepared for the word quiz on Friday.

Science: Mini project on the atmosphere will be assigned this week. NOTE: The science fair topics must be chosen and submitted by October 14.

French: We will complete our review this week and begin with our first units next week. Quiz on Friday.

Math: Quiz on factors on Tuesday.

Upcoming Events

OCT 7 - Optimist Cross Country Meet in Petrolia

OCT 12 - Thanksgiving Day - no school

OCT 15 - Cross Country Meet in Sarnia

OCT 29&30 - Professional Development Days