

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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November 3, 2008

Theme: "Living in the Light"

JKCS History Fair: After two months of planning, organizing, worrying, and, yes, procrastinating, the students are presenting their Canadian history displays this Thursday. The gym doors will open to the community at 7:30. Although this is no sense a competition, the displays will be "judged" by Mr. Campbell, history teacher and JKCS alumnus; certificates of recognition granted for interesting and exemplary work at 8:30.



Our local fair is part of the nationwide Historica Heritage Fairs. A limited number of these displays will be selected for official judging at the regional showing held in May at Fanshawe Pioneer Village.

Students are asked to be at the school by 6:45. They will have an opportunity to discuss their work with Mr. Campbell before the crowds arrive. While they are waiting, parents can enjoy beverages and snacks in the grade 7/8 room while watching Canadian history vignettes and checking out some other historical displays. Please invite friends, neighbours, or anyone who may be interested in celebrating history with us.

JKCS Society Meeting: All members of the JKCS Society are invited and encouraged to attend the fall meeting to be held at 7:30 on Thursday, November 20 at the school.

CTBS Testing: Our school takes part in the Canadian Test of Basic Skills every other year. This is our fourth year. Students in grades 3-8 take part. We are awaiting the copies of the tests from Chatham and plan to start this week. The tests are divided into a number of sections and are administered over a five day period. Students cannot "study" for them but they should make sure they are well-rested, relaxed, and focused for the questions.

Meetings This Week:

Education Committee: meets Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

Building Committee: will meet the Lord willing, Thursday, November 13 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Doug Korvemaker.

Cross Country: The continuing story! Last week I inadvertently left off a top ten finisher! Jessica Zekveld, a 5th grader finished 7th in her race. Jessica has been running Cross Country since first grade and shows a great enthusiasm for running. Congratulations on your finish, Jessica!

Shirley Deelstra

JKCS Purple Team Shirts: Please hand in all washed and folded team shirts that were used for soccer and Cross-Country this week.

Gr. 8 Barbecue: On Thursday, November 13 the Gr. 8 class will be hosting a barbecue. If you wish to buy hotdogs, chips, or juice please fill out the order form which was attached to the Knox Talks last week. If you do not have an order form, there are extras available at the school. Thank you for your support.



John Knox Work Night: The Building Committee is planning a work evening at John Knox on Thursday, November 27, the Lord willing. More details are coming. Please plan on dressing warmly as we will be doing some outdoor fence work for part of the evening.

Weather: Although we have been blessed with many warm days, the weather is often changeable. Parents are reminded to ensure that the students have proper clothes to deal with colder days and possibly rainy days.

Voucher Committee: Grocery vouchers are on sale every Thursday from 1-2:30 in the Multi-Purpose Room. We encourage each family to take full advantage of this great way to save on your tuition costs at no expense to you and raise money for JKCS. Attached please find a yellow slip detailing the available vouchers; they include a full range of grocery stores as well as Canadian Tire and Tim Hortons. You can send and receive orders via "backpack express" but please advise the office and complete a waiver form.

John Knox Caterers: Did you know that our school has a catering committee? Yes we do. So far we have catered for 4 weddings. We are looking to cater, the Lord willing for the weddings of Laura DeBoer and Chris Pool on November 8, Janina De Boer and Dan Dyxhoorn of November 29 and Alyssa Minielly and Justin Soetemans on January 3. Our committee members are Annie Klunder, Gertie Krale, Tracy Klazinga and Diana Schenk. We have catered 2 outdoor weddings at family homes and have catered 2 indoor weddings in the Camlachie Hall. We look forward to working in the Watford Community

Centre also later this month. If you have a function that would require a dinner or a light lunch please feel free to talk to Diana Schenk at 845-3208 to see if the John Knox Caterers could work for your event. Dinner menus are available upon request.

From JKCS Helping Hands Committee:

Christmas in the Village: Dear supporters of John Knox Christian School: Helping Hands needs your help. We are asking that each family donate 3 dozen baked goods. We will be using these to prepare Christmas trays, which we will be selling at Tara Boelens' house on November 14 & 15 for the annual Christmas in the Village. We ask that you place your items in the kitchen of the school by Thursday, November 13 before 5 p.m. If you have any questions feel free to contact any of our members.



Fundraiser: Today attached to the Knox Talks you will find a lump fundraiser. There are a few different items this year that we are trying. These orders need to be back at the school by **November 24**. The orders will be placed and you are to pick them up by December 9 between 2-3:30 p.m. All cheques are to be made out to **JKCS Helping Hands**.

Toy Sale: Also attached to today's Knox Talks, you will find a London Samko & Miko Toy and Book Sale flyer. This is running from November 21-Nov. 30. The easy thing to do is go shopping. If you purchase something, you need to get your receipt stamped, bring it to the school right away and we earn from this.

Upcoming Events:

NOVEMBER 5 - Gr. 8 Day at LDCSS

NOVEMBER 6 - History Day

NOVEMBER 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly

NOVEMBER 18 - Picture Day

NOVEMBER 22 - Volleyball Tournament in Chatham

NOVEMBER 26 - First Term Report Cards Home



KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson
Lads and Ladies love learning lots about
lovely LI.

Memory Work: Deuteronomy 6:5

Bible: Miriam and Moses

Thursday Snack: Julia

Handwriting Without Tears: JK - E
SK - U & V

"All About Me": Students need to bring in a baby picture of themselves by Tuesday and a family picture by Thursday. The pictures will be returned when we are finished with this unit.

Library Books: It may be possible that some students have mixed up their books with one of their classmates. Could everyone take a careful look around their home for missing JKCS library books? Thanks!

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Romans 8:28 - "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Bible: Mon: Joseph and His Brothers

Tues: Joseph in the Pit

Wed: Joseph on the Way to Egypt

Thurs: Joseph as a Slave

Spelling: Gr. 2: sits, clips, windy, twisty, wished, lifted, fishing, mixing, sister, stinker

Student Reader: This Friday: *Lauren*
Next Friday: *Luke*

Special Child: This week: *Brooke Boelens*
Nov. 10-Nov. 21: *Levi Bos*

Socials: We begin a new unit this week - *God Keep Our Land: Canadian Stories*.

French: Our new vocabulary - Family and Numerals 1-20.

A.R.: An A.R. update will be sent home tomorrow.

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome to the month of November! Did you all enjoy the extra hour of sleep? Congratulations to Shaelyn Wagenaar who hopes to celebrate her 9th birthday Tuesday, Nov. 4th!

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for Friday, Nov. 7 from Psalm 27: 1,14 NIV.

Bible: This week we will look at the stories of David and Goliath, Saul's Jealousy, and David and Jonathan.

Math: Gr. 3 will be moving on to multiplication. Gr. 4 will begin two digit multiplication.

Current Events: *Tues.:* Hannah K., Brady M.
Wed.: William N., Shaelyn W.

Social Studies: Your "Tree Tests" and projects will be coming home today! It was interesting trying to make some paper together this past week. Now we move on to a science unit called *The Heavens Declare...* We will learn about the solar system and the vast universe beyond. We will also look at some of the discoveries made by space shuttles, telescopes, probes and space stations in the last 50 years!

Class Trip: We enjoyed wonderful weather when we participated in a "Trees" program presented by Sharon Nethercott at the Lorne Henderson Conservation Area in Petrolia! A big thank you to Mrs. L. Koetsier and Mrs. M. Konzelmann for driving students and joining us for the morning.

Mrs. Tamming:

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

Gr. 3: missed, willing, balloon, spelling, pretty, still, off, added, letter, different, pattern, middle, Mississippi, zipper, carry

Gr. 4: during, June, July, pure, huge, fruit, new, flew, use, suit, crew, cruise, group, true, bugle, fuel, fuse, mew, usual, rude

Remembrance Day Writing: As Remembrance Day approaches we will be taking time to learn about why it is important to remember and reflect on the wars of the past and present. We will be putting these thoughts on paper and hopefully submitting some entries to the Royal Canadian Legion's writing contest.

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman

Memory Work: Psalm 40: 1-3

Bible: The Unit 3 Bible tests were completed very well by all students. Marked tests were sent home last Thursday. Our new unit is examining the writing on the Psalms.

Math: For this math unit students will be completing two math assignments rather than an in class test. The first assignment on graphing co-ordinate points is due tomorrow, Nov. 4

History Fair: On Friday students received a reminder and checklist for their project. The fair is scheduled for Nov. 6, and students are asked to have their projects in one day earlier on Nov. 5. The Christian Perspective portion of the project will be due at a later date. This way we can review and discuss what this is and how to write one.

Socials: We have begun our new Socials unit on New France. Over the past week we have learned about Samuel de Champlain, Jean Bribeuf, and the Huron Nation. There will be a short quiz Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Spelling: Here are the list words for November 7:
Gr. 5: **bicycle, gentle, popsicle, simple, whistle, trouble, nickel, novel, shovel, cancel, parcel, signal**
Gr. 6: **preview, precaution, prepare, interact, interfere, international, interview, review, rewrite, refill, reproduce, reopen, recycle, request, represent**

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Spelling: Unit 8 for Wednesday.

Literature: Quizzes on chapters four through nine were handed back last week. They were generally well done, especially on the grade eight side.

Geography: An "individual study" on one of the world's major river systems will be assigned this week. This will involve researching as well as creating a river system model using paper mache.

Art: Remembrance Day posters are in the works at present; students will have two more class periods to finish these and should be prepared to do some extra work at home.

Boys' Volleyball News: An after school practice will be held next Monday until 4:45 pm. Please make

arrangements to have your son picked up at that time.

Mr. Boersma:

We plan to start the CTBS tests this week; the classroom routines will be rearranged to accommodate these tests. This is also the week for the History Fair. Between these two events, the homework load will be somewhat reduced. Nevertheless, expectations remain constant!

Memory Work: Matthew 6: 1,2. Please know for Friday.

Bible: A writing assignment will be given today; it is due on Friday.

Math: We will finish the geometry unit with a wrap up assignment after the chapter reviews are complete. Next week, we will create math teams to solve a series of math dilemmas in groups.

History: We take a break from our study of early nineteenth century Canadian history to consider key events in World War 2. Students will be writing essays and poems as well as creating artwork to reflect on and remember roles of Canada's soldiers in that conflict.

Grammar: Quiz on punctuation this Friday.



Happy Birthday



Amber B.	Nov. 4	Gr. 6
Shaelyn W.	Nov. 4	Gr. 4
Eric V.	Nov. 9	Gr. 8