

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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November 9, 2009

Theme: "Serving God...Serving Others"

Remembrance Day Assembly: This year's special assembly will be held on Wednesday at 9 am. We "do" Remembrance Day every year. Does it become a habit or just another thing to do? Remembrance Day can be understood as a two minute window allowing us to glimpse our need for the true ultimate sacrifice - the sacrifice Christ made once for all. His crucifixion contains all the bloody elements of a battle scene; his resurrection triumph releases a joy exceeding all the liberation celebrations man has experienced. Thank our veterans; their sacrifices and willingness to serve fostered our lives of peace. All parents, grandparents, and supporters are invited to join us in remembering the sacrifice of soldiers and our need for God's peace.



Poppies: Poppies are available to students for a small donation. Please try to remember to send a donation in. The money supports not only the Veterans' Education programmes but also provides assistance to veterans in need.

Board of Directors: The Board meets this Wednesday at 7:30 at the school. Members are reminded to review all the items in the package coming home today. *Reminder:* Please remember that Hugo Marcus, currently the OACS supervisor for elementary schools, will be joining us at the Board table to discuss OACS work and answer questions about policy

and procedure. Mr. Marcus will be the new Executive Director of the OACS starting in January. Adrian Guldemon, currently holding that position is retiring after a long and distinguished career spent boosting Christian education in Ontario.

School Absences: The cold and influenza season is upon us. Given that, absentee rates have remained average to date. Parents are encouraged to keep their students at home if they are not well. The intention is simply to contain the spread of illness. The chart on last week's Knox Talks is handy to review key symptoms. It is also helpful if you can let the school know where you can be reached if you are not available at any of the numbers listed on the student information sheet. Those who are ill like to be at home and our purpose is to make that happen quickly and smoothly. Thank you.

Picture Day: It's that time again! Lifetouch will be coming to take individual and class pictures at the school this **week Thursday, Nov. 12** in the morning. Staff pictures will be taken at noon. The picture package forms are being sent home tomorrow and are due back the same day as picture day. Remember to dress nicely and bring those smiles!

Scholastic Book Orders: The book orders for November are being sent home with those families that requested them. The orders are due back next week Monday.

Pizza Day: is next Thursday, Nov. 19. Please return orders by next week Tuesday.

JKCS Fall Membership Meeting: Please note that the annual Fall Membership meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. here at the school. We plan to approve the budget for this school year, as well as hear reports from the principal and various committees. This is your opportunity to learn about the recent activities at the school, and fellowship with other members of the school community. Remember that a strong attendance reflects interest and commitment, and is encouraging to all who attend! If you have not received the information package, please contact the school at 845-3112, or Kathy Vanderlinde at 899-2204

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 **mercy**: "May they always be 'merciful as (their) Father is merciful.'" (Luke 6:36).



[Source: Bob Hostetler, "31 Ways to Pray for Your Childrend," *The Banner*, August, 2009]

Science Fair: The Science Fair is coming up and students are eagerly working on their projects to be put on display for the curious minds. This year, the Science Fair is next week Thursday, November 19. Their science fair projects will be set up in the gym and we invite parents, grandparents, friends, neighbours, and supporters to come and tour the exhibits. All projects are designed around a question. The gym will be open to the "viewing public" starting at 7:30. Are you curious as to what is the best stain remover, or if a pizza box can be used as a solar oven, or how diabetes affects human cells? Satisfy your curiosity and please join us next Thursday.



FROM HELPING HANDS:

Toy Sale: Helping Hands is inviting all you shoppers to attend the annual toy sale in London November 20-29. Please remember to have your receipt stamped and return it to the school.



Containers: Please pick up your containers in the staff room. We thank you all for your donation of baked goods.

Goodie Trays: There are 12 goodie trays left over from Christmas in the Village. If you are interested in buying one please call Tara Boelens. They are \$10 and are in the fridge at the school. A huge thank you to all who helped out in making the Christmas in the Village a huge success.

Vouchers: Vouchers are on sale every Thursday from 1-2:30 in the spare room.

Diabetes Information Night: On Thursday, November 12 the North Lambton Community Health Centre is hosting a Diabetes Information Night at 6:30 pm. This is taking place at the Wyoming Lions Hall on 554 Main Street. This class is designed for people who are new to diabetes, want more information, or require a refresher in diabetes care. Family members and support people are welcome to attend. To register, please call Janice or Brenda at 519-786-4545 ext. 307.

Pop Cans: There has been a change in the pop can collection program. It was previously mentioned that pop cans were not going to be collected anymore. This has changed, and pop cans **will** still be collected as a fundraiser for the school. The cans can still be dropped off at school or delivered to Doug and Tara Boelens home. Doug and Tara will be collecting them and also crushing them. Due to lack of space storing them at the school, John and Sandra Benjamins will be storing them at their place.



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Memory Work: Isaiah 9:6

Bible: Joseph

Thursday Snack: Kees

All About Me: Students are asked to bring in one of their baby outfits on Tuesday. I would like to display them in the classroom for the next week. We will also continue to work on our special "All About Me" books.

Math: We have spent a lot of time learning to identify, extend, and create patterns. We have seen that patterns can be made from colours, shapes, actions, and sounds. While we will continue to be on the lookout for patterns, we will also be spending time learning about numbers during the next month.

Book Count: Our class has read a total of 340 books to date. Way to go KinderStart!

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 - "Encourage one another and build each other up."

Bible: Mon: Pharaoh's Dreams

Tues: Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams

Wed: Famine

Thurs: Ten Brothers in Egypt

Spelling: (Gr. 2) - **no, go, going, most, kind, find, gave, so, do, doing**

Book Report: (Gr. 2) - *Flip a Title* due this Friday.

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

Special Child: This week: *Luke Bos*

Next week: *Eddy Zekveld*

*Just a reminder to bring in money for a poppy for Wednesday's Remembrance Day Chapel.

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome to a spring-like week in November! Remembrance Day Chapel will be held Wednesday morning at 9:00.

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for this Friday, Nov. 13 from Romans 12: 9,10 NIV.

Bible: Good work on your Bible test. We will continue with the stories on Jacob and Esau. The stories this week are *The Blessing, Jacob at Bethel, Jacob at the Well* and *Jacob Marries Leah and Rachel*.

Math: Gr. 3 will be doing some exercises on divisibility, problem solving as well as taking a closer look at place values - hundreds, tens, and ones. Gr. 4 will continue to do some place value practice, comparing numbers and picturing what regrouping looks like.

***Both** grades have a math **homework assignment** due this Thursday.

Current Events: *Tues:* Josiah V., Mike V.

Wed: Emily W., Devyn Z.

Science: Nice work on your project gr. 3 and 4! It was interesting to see the variety of projects you brought in along with your explanations. Look for your projects in the science fair. This week we will take a quick look at inclined planes and wheels and axles. We will be wrapping this unit up soon and beginning a Health Unit called *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made* which will involve learning different body organs and functions and putting together a paper skeleton of our bones and organs.

Mrs. Tamming:

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

Gr. 3 - **messed, willing, balloon, spelling, pretty, still, off, added, letter, different, pattern, middle**

Gr. 4 - **strong, wrong, copy, cloth, problem, bottom, whole, explode, control, shown, bowl, October, smoky, coach, throat, toast, doughnut, foe**

Creative Writing: Good work on your storybooks, gr. 3 and 4! It was fun to read them to the primary grades and share our stories.

A.R. Goals: Just a reminder that the last date to take an A.R. quiz for this term is Thursday, Nov. 26. Keep reading!

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Mrs. Tetreault

Spelling: Test on Friday.

Memory Work: Psalm 105: 1-3.

Math: We've started our unit on *Addition and Subtraction*. This will be another short unit, so keep up

with the homework grade 5/6! Excellent work overall on the *Numeration* test.

Current Events: Our reporters this week are Bethany and Aleta. Next week we'll have a break for the Science Fair.

Socials/Science: This week grade 5/6 will be looking at the land potential and obstacles in *Ancient Egyptian and Chinese Farming*. We'll also study the tools of the day.

Grammar: Quiz on Unit 2 this Wednesday. Please study the review pages and Lesson sheets #1-7. The quiz will cover synonyms, antonyms, homographs etc.

Science Fair: The Science Fair is just 11 days away! Keep up the great work on your projects! Continue to do a little each evening till it's done. Can't wait to hear about your findings and see your displays!

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Art: We are working on Remembrance Day posters. This will require some at-home work in order to finish them up for Thursday.

Vocabulary: Quiz on words from ch. 1-7 of *The Bronze Bow* on Wednesday.

Literature: "Quests" will be returned tomorrow.

Geography: Be prepared for a quiz on the first part of the coniferous forest unit next Wednesday.

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Work: Romans 3: 25-26. Please know for Friday.

Bible: Writing assignment is due on Friday.

Science Fair: Students should aim to complete work on their science fair project by this weekend and allow next week for final improvements.

History: Students are busy with their Remembrance Day writing. It's due on Thursday. Please sign the permission sheet students bring home to allow the school to submit work to the local Legion branch. We are reviewing some basic facts and knowledge about Canada's participation in war; students should be prepared for a test on Tuesday.

Math: Quiz on perimeter and circumference on Wednesday.

Spelling: Lesson Nine: Do the lesson exercise and be prepared for the word quiz on Friday.

Upcoming Events

NOV 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly

NOV 12 - Picture Day

NOV 12 - JKCS Membership Meeting

NOV 19 - Science Fair

NOV 27 - PD Day

NOV 30 - Volleyball Tournament in Chatham