

# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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November 23, 2009

## Theme: "Serving God...Serving Others"

**Science Fair:** Our Science Fair is set to go this Thursday, November 26. Displays will be set up that afternoon allowing viewing by all students. Judging is scheduled for 6:30 - 7:30. Displays are open to parents and the public at 7:30. Judges' results will be announced shortly after 8:00 pm. All projects are designed around a question. 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 Thursday.



**PD Day:** There will be no school this Friday, November 27. This is a PD day set aside for teachers to work on report cards and to prepare for parent teacher meetings.

**Report Cards:** First term report cards will go home next Wednesday, December 2. The youngest child will bring them home in a sealed envelope. If you wish, the envelopes may be picked up at school after 1 pm. The schedule for parent teacher meetings will be enclosed. Also included will be a *Guideline for JKCS Report Cards*, an explanation of the various components that are assessed. We hope this will be useful to you as it gives more detail about how your student is doing.

**Parent Teacher Meetings:** These meetings take place on Thursday, December 3, in the afternoon (from 3:30 to 5:30) and in the evening. Please return the form attached to last week's Knox Talks or else phone the office and let Mrs. Bydeley know your preferred time. Families who have not expressed a preference will be assigned a time.

**Petrolia Food Bank:** We are beginning our annual drive for the Petrolia Food Bank. Students and families are encouraged to bring in canned food and other non-perishable items. Items can be brought to the school by students or parents anytime during the day. They will be distributed by the Food Bank staff to needy families in central Lambton. This is a two week campaign and items will be brought to the drop-off location next Friday, December 4 so please have them in before then.



**Volleyball:** The CDCS volleyball tournament is scheduled for next week Monday, November 30. Both boys and girls' teams will be playing four games against Chatham area Christian schools. Players should arrive at the school by 8:05 on Monday morning. Please bring a lunch or money for a McDonald's trip, a water bottle and lots of energy for an exciting day of athletics! More details will follow for team members.

**Poinsettias:** Christmas is just around the corner and the grade 8's have the perfect decoration for your home...poinsettias! If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please speak to one of the grade 8's or phone the school. There are 7 different colours available as well as a tropical planter. Price is \$8.50 for one or \$22 for three. Cheques are payable to John Knox Christian School. They will be on sale until next Friday, December 4 and may be picked up after lunch on Wednesday, December 11.

**Wyoming Community Christmas Concert:** Please mark your calendar for a unique musical experience as several Wyoming choirs join together to share the good news of Christ's birth at the Wyoming Christian Reformed Church on Sunday, December 6, at 7:00 PM. Hosted by the Con Spirito Choir, the evening will feature participation from Covenant Christian Church, The United Church, The Presbyterian Church, and a Handbell Choir from John Knox Christian School. Share the warmth and fellowship of the season with your friends and neighbours as we make a "joyful noise" in praise of the Infant King! A Freewill Offering to benefit the Wyoming Ministerial Fund will be taken. For further information, contact Audrey VanRuitenburg at 519-845-0108.

**Picture Day:** Picture proofs are coming soon and the orders will be due **December 4**. Retakes will be available on **December 15**.



**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 **strong, biblical self-esteem**: "Help them to develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the realization that they are 'God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus'" (Ephesians 2:10).

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

#### FROM HELPING HANDS:

**Toy Sale:** Helping Hands is inviting all you shoppers to attend the annual toy sale in London No-

vember 20-29. Please remember to have your receipt stamped and return it to the school.

**Cheese Orders:** The cheese orders were due back today and all orders will be ready for pickup next Wednesday, December 2.

**Containers:** There are still a bunch of containers left in the staff room from the baked goods. Please pick them up. We thank you all for your donation of baked goods.

**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. 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.

**Vouchers:** Please continue to look over last weeks Christmas Gift Certificate order form and consider your shopping needs for the upcoming months. Please send in your orders by next week Tuesday December 1.



#### Happy Birthday



Matthew V.R.	Nov. 23	Gr. 1
Liana K.	Nov. 29	Gr. 4
Mike V.	Nov. 29	Gr. 4

#### Upcoming Events

**NOV 26** - Science Fair

**NOV 27** - PD Day

**NOV 30** - Volleyball Tournament in Chatham

**DEC 2** - Report Cards are sent home

**DEC 3** - Parent Teacher meetings

**DEC 15** - Picture retakes

**DEC 18** - Christmas Assembly

**DEC 21-JAN 1** - Christmas Break



**KINDERSTART:** Mrs. Robinson  
KinderStart kids karate kick Kk!

**Memory Work:** Isaiah 9: 6&7

**Bible:** Joseph

**Thursday Snack:** Nicole

**Handwriting:** Both classes are beginning to work on letters with big curves.

**Black Day!** Tuesday is "Black Day". Don't forget to wear something black and to bring a black show and tell.

**All About Me:** This unit is coming to an end this week. Pictures and baby clothes will be returned. Thank you for your help in sharing these items. The special "All About Me" books will be sent home with the report cards on December 1.

**Looking Ahead...:** The December calendar will be coming home this week. The highlight of the month will be the special Christmas unit. We will continue to perfect our recitations and song for the Christmas Chapel on December 19.

**Report Cards:** All KinderStart report cards will be going home in a sealed envelope next Tuesday, December 1.

### **GRADE ONE AND TWO:** Miss Sluys:

**Memory Work:** For Fri. Dec. 4: Deuteronomy 5:16 - "Honour your father and your mother as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long and that it may be well with you."

**Bible: Mon:** The Israelites in Egypt

**Tues:** Drawn from the Water

**Wed:** Moses the Prince

**Thurs:** Moses Flees

**Student Reader:** Next Friday: *Aaron*

**Special Child:** Nov. 30- Dec.4: *Chariese Vriesema*

**Socials:** This week we wrap up our unit on *The Earth Declares*. We will also finish our class "science" display on landforms and water bodies for the Science Fair.

### **GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

Welcome to the last week in November! Congratulations to Mike and Liana who hope to celebrate their 9th birthday, Sunday, Nov. 29th! The Science

Fair will be held Thursday evening. At the end of the month, our class money for Francisco will be counted. If you are able to contribute to the Francisco fund that would be great! Just a reminder that Friday is a PD day for the teachers so enjoy a long weekend!

**Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** is for next Friday, Dec. 4th from Romans 12: 13,14,15 NIV.

**Bible:** We will be covering the stories: *Jacob Returning to Canaan* and *Joseph Sold Into Slavery*. Then each student will be asked to do a little mini-project on an aspect of Egypt. This will be done in class and shared with the class.

**Math:** Gr. 3 continues to work with place values - hundreds, tens, ones.

Gr. 4 will finish up with rounding numbers to the nearest ten, hundred or thousand. They will begin learning about Venn diagrams.

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

**Current Events:** *Tues:* Liana K., Esther K.

*Wed:* Clayton K., Caleb N.

**Health:** We will be studying several organs: *the heart, kidneys, bladder, spleen, pancreas* and *gall bladder* and learning their functions.

**Mrs. Tamming:**

**Spelling:** No test this week.

**Music:** The grades 3-6 classes have been invited to play our bells at the Wyoming community Christmas concert. There will be many different musical selections from participating churches. The concert is set for Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 at the Wyoming CRC. We encourage all the students in gr. 3-6 to attend this time celebration of the birth of our Saviour. Please send a note to school to let us know if your son or daughter is unable to perform with us that evening.

### **GRADE FIVE AND SIX:** Mrs. Tetreault

The long-awaited Science fair has nearly arrived. Grade 5/6, you've worked so diligently on these experiments for so long, and this week you can present your efforts to the judges, teachers, parents and your friends!

**Spelling:** This week we'll be working on spelling activities from our Literature novel, *Number the Stars*. There will not be a test this week.

**Literature:** Our unit test on *Number the Stars* will be on Wednesday. Last week students spent some time reviewing scenes from the novel by presenting skits and discussing themes. Considering the busy week ahead, this week we'll continue to review in class so students will be well-prepared for the test. Any missed chapters should be read at home.

**Serving Others:** We have plans to put our theme of *Serving God, Serving Others* into action. On Tuesday, December 8, our class will be travelling to the Inn of the Good Shepherd to tour the facility and work on sorting donated goods. In order to do this, we need some parent volunteers to drive and chaperone. We'd also like to show our support by bringing along as many canned goods as we can! Let me know as soon as possible if you could drive us (9:30-11:30) and let's get those food items pouring in!

**Science Fair:** An extra reminder: one forgotten item on the checklist was a bibliography. Proper format is outlined in student planners. We're working on writing a Christian perspective in class this week. This doesn't need to be posted onto the project board, but may be set on the table with the project. Students requested to type these at home instead of in the computer lab, so there's still room for family discussions on this part. Please feel free to phone or email me with those last-minute questions.

**Ancient Farming:** Our Socials unit is off to an exciting start. We're looking forward to a December visit from a Dairy Education program speaker on how farming has changed through the years. We're also spending some time looking at language and numbers in ancient cultures.

**Current Events:** Our reporters for next week Wednesday are Aaron and Jacob.

**Math:** Our new unit is on *Measurement*. This week we're working hard to master metric conversions (How many hectometres are in 3 kilometres?). Depending on student progress, we may complete this unit before Christmas.

**Portfolios:** A reminder that portfolios will be stocked with graded work today. Please take special notice of the descriptive writing pieces and math

tests.

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## **GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

**Mrs. Koetsier:**

**Geography:** "Quests" will be returned on Wednesday.

**Book Reports:** are due this Thursday!

**Vocabulary Quiz:** Thursday! This will cover words from Ch. 8-13 of *The Bronze Bow*.

**Mr. Boersma:**

**Science Fair:** The students are reminded that the project must be at school on Tuesday, November 24. Be sure to include your written work on Christian perspective.

**Memory Work:** Hebrews 2: 8b, 9: Please know for Thursday.

**Bible:** We will have a Bible test on Jesus' early ministry on Wednesday. All students should make sure they have completed the required assignments for this term.

**History:** We finish the first segment of this unit with a short essay on Champlain which is due on Thursday. We will complete a series of reading comprehension questions together in class on Tuesday.

**Math:** Quiz on area on Wednesday. Students who did poorly on the earlier test covering multiples and fractions will have a third opportunity to boost their mark via a test on Thursday.

**Spelling:** Lesson Eleven: Do the lesson exercises and be prepared for the word quiz on Thursday.