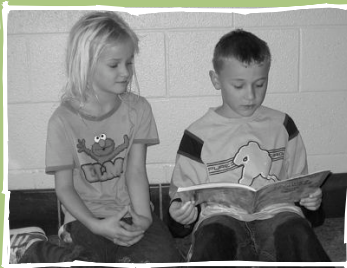


# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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January 19, 2009

## Theme: "Living in the Light"

**Snow Days:** After two snow days last week, it may be good to review our bad weather policy. It is outlined in the parent handbook, but every year there seems to be a new wrinkle. Generally, on snow days when buses are cancelled, classes are also cancelled. Our buses run in zones one and four. Last Thursday, zone one was closed. Our school is in zone one. Current policy states that buses may not run through a closed zone. Therefore, we had to cancel school for that day. Snow day bus cancellation is for the whole day; fog day buses are cancelled only in the morning, hence the request that parents bring students in on a fog morning once conditions are safe.

**Speaking Aloud...Allowed:** We are hosting a speechfest on February 17 at 1 pm. Students in all grades will prepare either a recitation (grades 1-4) or a speech (grades 5-8). These will be presented in class. Selections will be made for presentation at the assembly on February 17. Students will be given some time in class to write a speech or select a recitation; all are encouraged to practice presentations at home. We are also hoping that some of the students will save their speeches for the Legion Public Speaking Contest later this spring.

**Time for Talents:** Instead of a big-time spring musical, we are giving all students an opportunity to share their special talents at our "Time for Talents" evening scheduled for Wednesday, February 25 at

7:30 pm. Students can prepare a musical number, present a skit, or showcase their performance talent. All students will also have a chance to submit art pieces or photographs for our visual exhibit. A sheet will be sent home later this week outlining the event in more detail.



**Applications for Grants from Children First:** Every year for the past five years, the Children First Foundation has offered grants for tuition help to families who wish to have their child attend an independent

school. The grants are intended primarily for families whose children currently attend a public school but would prefer an independent school. There are also a limited number of grants for families currently enrolled in an independent school. For more information, please check with Amanda in the office. The applications must be filled out online at [www.childrenfirstgrants.ca](http://www.childrenfirstgrants.ca). The deadline is March 31, 2009.

**Basketball:** The boys' team will play against Wyoming Public school today at 5 pm at Lambton Centennial. Just a reminder that the tournament is next week Monday in Chatham. We are taking a bus and parents are welcome. Please check for a separate information letter on the tournament later this week.



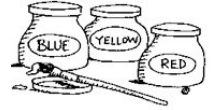
**JKCS Open House/KinderStart Registration:**

On Wednesday, January 28 is our annual open house. The invitation to visit the school is open to all families interested in a Christ-centred education. Families are encouraged to come to the school either in the morning (10:00 to 12:00 with a tour at 11:00) or in the afternoon (2:00 to 4:00 with a tour at 2:30). This is not limited to Junior/Senior KinderStart but is open to families with students in all grades. Please be encouraged to spread the word and invite those you know who have expressed interest in JKCS. Please contact the school for more information.



accordingly. Proper outerwear, hats and mitts are a must! The north winds blow strongly across our schoolyard during the winter months. When the temperature hits the extreme of -8C, the students will be kept indoors during recess.

**Pizza Day:** is this Thursday, Jan. 22. Orders are due tomorrow!



**Art Club:** begins this Thursday at 12:15 in the Spare Room. An information session will be held tomorrow. We still need approximately 10 more 2L milk/juice cartons by tomorrow.

*Meetings This Week:*

- **Board of Directors meets this Thursday at 7:30**

**Literacy Day and Reading Partners:** Celebrate Literacy Day at your local libraries. Check to see the activities and draw prizes at your branch! Winter Reading Programs are scheduled to begin soon. It's a wonderful winter term tradition that the students at JKCS "partner up" for reading. This year, it begins tomorrow at 10:10 and will continue every week until March Break. An older student will join a



younger one, find a comfortable spot somewhere in a classroom, library, or gym and read aloud to each other. It's become a tradition at our school yet it remains a great way to encourage reading. It is, however, only the beginning. Family reading time is a wonderful opportunity to share stories, strengthen bonds, and boost learning. Later this month, Family Literacy Day is set aside for "family activities" based around reading. There is no need to limit it to once a year or an occasional evening. As this programme is an encouragement to read, we also ask that you provide opportunity and resources for your students to read wisely and often at home. Read to your child and have he or she read to you. Reading

**Scholastic Book Orders:** Were sent home to the families that had requested them last week Monday. We have not received any orders back yet so we will extend the due date until this Wednesday. Again, if you would like to receive the flyers, please fill out the permission form that was sent home a while ago or call the school.

**Voucher Committee:** Vouchers sales are starting up again this week. 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!

- the rewards are too numerous for words!



**Cold Weather:** BRRR.. now that the cold and blustery weather has arrived, we ask that you ensure students dress



**Happy Birthday**



<b>Bethany R.</b>	<b>Jan. 22</b>	<b>Gr. 5</b>
<b>Sydney C.</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>Gr. 7</b>
<b>John W.</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>JK</b>

**Upcoming Events:**

- JANUARY 26** - Basketball Tournament in Chatham
- JANUARY 28** - Open House
- FEBRUARY 13** - P.D. Day
- FEBRUARY 16** - Family Day

**KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson**

We will work with wonderful Ww. WOW!



**Memory Work:** Psalm 100

**Bible:** Elijah and Elisha

**Thursday Snack:** Eddy

**Socials:** We will continue to learn how animals adapt to winter. We will also consider how people enjoy this cold and blustery season.

**White Day:** Tuesday, January 27 is "White Day". Don't forget to wear white and to bring a white show and tell.

**Reminder:** This Friday is an SK Day!

**Please Remember:** to bring some money for Francisco. Our class piggy bank is very empty!

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

**Memory Work:** Ephesians 6:1 - "Children, obey your parents in the Lord. For this is right."

**Bible: Mon:** Meat in the Wilderness

**Tues:** The Report of the Spies

**Wed:** The Sin of Moses

**Thurs:** The Bronze Serpent

**Spelling:** Gr. 1 - fit, wig, sit, hid, six, spin, flip, wind, gift, swift

Gr. 2 - oil, boil, tinfoil, point, join, spoil, avoid, moist, rejoice, voice

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

**Special Child:** This week: *Luke Bos*  
Jan 26 - Feb 6: *Chariese Vriesema*

**Socials:** This week we continue with the Four Food Groups, Personal Grooming, as well as care for our teeth.

**GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

Welcome Gr. 3/4 to another cold, white, wintry week! We have reading partners on Tuesday! Thursday is pizza day!

**Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** is for next Friday, Jan. 30th from John 12: 35,36 NIV.

**Bible:** Due to a short week last week the Bible test has been rescheduled for Tuesday. We will begin a

new unit dealing with Israel as a divided Kingdom. This week we will learn about Rehoboam and Jeroboam.

**Math:** Gr. 3 should review their 0-5 timetables at home. We will work a little bit with dollars and cents in class.

Gr. 4 should review their 6-10 timetables at home. We will continue to do some work with decimals - tenths and hundredths.

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

*Wed.:* Clayton K., Caleb N.

**Science:** A blue review sheet came home last Monday for the test on *The Heavens Declare* for this Tuesday. We will begin a Canada unit this week! We will learn about its variety of landforms, its major bodies of water, provinces, territories, capitals as well as our privileges and freedoms as Canadian citizens. We will see Canada as a gift from God and will acknowledge our need to be responsible citizens. This week we will look at the six major landforms - *The Arctic, The Cordillera, The Interior Plains, The Canadian Shield, The Lowlands* and the *Appalachian Highlands*.

**Mrs. Tamming:**

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

Gr. 3 - looked, good, brook, football, cookie, stood, full, put, food, school, truth, room, true, chew, due

Gr. 4 - chain, chance, chapter, cherry, Churchill, bunch, French, kitchen, peaches, watched, catch, change, charm, cheap, checking, chief, chalk, match, pitch, which

**French:** Our French unit focuses on describing relationships between family member

- le frère, la soeur, la mère, le père, le fils, la fille  
- eg. "Robert est le frère de Renee.

**A.R Reading:** Please encourage your child to read at home. We are halfway through our term and many students are still working towards reaching 25% of their goal.

**GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman**

**Memory Work:** John 3: 17-18

**Socials:** We are continuing to learn about the United States. This week students have a current events assignment due on Wednesday. Already we

have had some very interesting news items to share in class.

**French:** This week Thursday there will be a test on Unit 2. Students have received a test review sheet to help them prepare for the test.

**Writing:** Today we will begin to look at speech writing and students will begin to plan their own speech. By the end of the week students should have their topics chosen and have begun their research.

**Reading and Writing Day:** Next week Tuesday, as part of Family Literacy Day, we will spend a good part of the day reading great books, spending time with our reading partners, writing, and listening to stories. As a part of the day students may bring one comfy object along to school.

*\*Today a number of marked quizzes and assignments will be going home with your student. Check your child's backpack for these papers!\**

**Spelling:**

Gr. 5: **slice, reduce, false, force, purse, distance, produce, silence, whose, advice, decide, decision**

Gr. 6: **I'd, that's, we'd, shouldn't, doesn't, didn't, couldn't, wouldn't, weren't, hadn't, they'll, they're**

**GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

**Mrs. Koetsier:**

Although the two snow days last week were enjoyed by all, it leaves us with the job of catching up this week...be prepared for a little extra homework.

**Spelling:** Unit 15 for Wednesday - watch for those study words in your child's planner!

**Literature:** Quizzes were written today. The speech will be written out here at school, and typed at home. These will be due Thursday. The outline, rough copy and "good" copy will be collected for my perusal. I will make any comments necessary and return them next week. Our next writing project will include writing poetry for a poetry anthology.

**Music:** We will be taking part in the Bluewater Music Festival once again this year! We'll be learning some new pieces as well as doing some theory and appreciation activities in the next several months.

**Art:** Pointillism projects, as well as the "crayoning" for our new projects must be completed by Wednesday. We'll be painting, so students should keep that in mind when choosing their "ensembles" for the day.

**Mr. Boersma:**

**Memory Work:** Thessalonians 5: 16-22

**Bible:** Quiz on Wednesday will cover Paul's first missionary journey. Writing assignment is due Friday.

**Science:** Projects are due on Wednesday; presentations of experiments will begin on Thursday. Quiz on atoms and molecules on Tuesday.

**Math:** Problem solving reports are due on Thursday.

**Gr. 8 French:** Our test on Unite 3 is scheduled for tomorrow. Students will receive a study guide. Last week's review assignments were extremely well done! Keep up the great work grade 8!