

# JKCS KNOX TALKS



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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JANUARY 27

Open House

#### FEBRUARY 3

Basketball Tournament in Chatham

#### FEBRUARY 15

Family Day

#### FEBRUARY 19

Speaking Aloud...Allowed

#### MARCH 15-19

March Break

#### APRIL 2

Good Friday

#### APRIL 5

Easter Monday

#### APRIL 16

Clean-Up Day

#### APRIL 26-29

Christian Education Week

**Haiti:** One of the poorest countries in the world has dominated the headlines since an earthquake devastated the capital city on January 12. Countries in North America and Europe have stepped in to provide medicine, food, shelter, and water. How do we respond? We know that corruption and serious injustice exists there; most citizens are extremely cynical about their government and business leaders. Yet as Christians, our hearts go out to those citizens who feel so helpless in this situation. We can take seriously our theme of serving others and understand it applies both locally in our daily lives and on a larger scale in response to suffering elsewhere. Our response: We are applying literally the directive to bring a "cup of cold water" in Christ's name. We are joining with area Christian schools, the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, and Trojan UV to raise funds towards providing a water treatment unit for Haitians. Please



read the attached flyer for more details.

**Open House:** This Wednesday, January 27, the Promotion Committee is hosting an Open House at JKCS. The invitation to visit the school is open to all families interested in a Christ-centred education. We would ask that you share this

date with any family you know who may be interested in Christian Education. During that day, families can tour the school, meet with staff, look over the school curriculum,

watch a video presentation, and enjoy snacks and refreshments. This is not limited to Junior/Senior KinderStart but is open to families with students in all grades. The Open House will run in the morning (10:00 to 12:00 with a tour at 11:00) and in the afternoon (2:00 to 4:00 with a tour at 2:30). Contact the school, or the Promotion Committee, for more information.



**MS Readathon:** Every other year our school participates in the multiple sclerosis readathon. It serves a dual purpose: it raises awareness and funds for MS and it encourages reading. To introduce the programme, we are hosting an assembly on Tuesday, February 23 at 9 am. Reading is always an activity to be encouraged - in this case, there are additional rewards; the school receives Scholastic book vouchers based on the amount of funds raised.

**Art Club:** Students from Gr. 5-8 interested in joining Art Club are invited to an information session on Jan. 27 during the morning recess in the Spare Room.

**Family Literacy Day:** At JKCS we are eager to encourage reading and writing at every opportunity.

This month there is a family literacy day on Wednesday, January 27. It is another way to encourage reading. Our local libraries in Wyoming, Mandamin, Petrolia, and Forest have activities connected to this day.



Last week, a list of suggestions for families to try at home was attached. Making reading a regular home activity is a great way to support young readers.

**Basketball:** Our basketball teams are traveling to Chatham next Wednesday, February 3 for the annual Chatham District Christian Schools basketball tournament. Students are receiving an information sheet with a schedule this week. Mrs. Tetreault and Mr. Boersma will accompany the team as coaches. A bus will leave the school at 7:30 am sharp and return to Wyoming at 5:00 pm.

**Speaking Aloud...Allowed:** Our annual in-school speech event is scheduled for February 19. Students have received information from their teachers about speeches and recitations. It is a good opportunity for all students to build confidence in speaking to a group - in this case, a friendly group of schoolmates.

Once the speech is written or recitation is selected, we do encourage students to practice at home with parental support. One presentation from each class will be selected to appear before all students at a special assembly on Friday, February 19 at 9 am. (Please note change of date).

**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 **joy**: "May they be filled 'with the joy given by the Holy Spirit'" (1 Thessalonians 1:6). [Source: Bob Hostetler, "31 Ways to Pray for Your Children," *The Banner*, August, 2009]

**Buses in Bad Weather:** Owning our own buses will not change the protocol for bus cancellation. Remember that our buses run in zones one and four. Please check your radio for announcements(CHOK AM1070, Fox FM 99.9, WNFA FM 88.3), or [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) if heavy fog or snow / ice conditions are prevalent. Remember on fog days, only the morning buses are cancelled. Parents are asked to bring students to school in the morning once conditions are judged to be safe; buses will bring students home in the afternoon. On "snow days", buses will not run in the morning or in the afternoon and classes will be cancelled. Bus cancellations will also be posted on the school website.

**Vouchers:** 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!



**KINDERSTART:** Mrs. Robinson  
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**Memory Work:** Exodus 15: 1b, 2

**Bible:** The Passover

**Thursday Snack:** John

**"White Day":** Tuesday, January 26 is "White Day".  
Don't forget to wear something white!

**Socials:** We will be wrapping up our unit on "Winter" this week.

**Phonemic Awareness:** We are stretching words apart and listening to the different phonemes (sounds). Everyone will have a chance to pull some words apart as we do some journal writing this week.

**Field Trip!:** The KinderStart and grade 1&2 classes will be going to the London Regional Children's Museum on Tuesday, February 9. While they are at the museum, they will be participating in a workshop, *Ski, Skate, Slide*. This workshop will discuss healthy lifestyle choices as well as the benefits of physical activity. We will also learn how Olympic athletes train for the Games. We will leave JKCS by bus at 9:00 am and be back around 3:00 pm. The cost for the trip is \$4.00. Please send the money to school prior to the trip. If you would like to accompany us as a chaperone, please let Miss Sluys or Mrs. Robinson know by contacting the school.

**Looking Ahead:** The February calendar will be coming home this week. In addition to celebrating Valentine's Day, we will spend time on the Vancouver Winter Olympics and healthy living.

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

**Memory Work:** John 14:2 - "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

**Bible: Mon:** Moses Looks Back/Moses Looks Ahead

**Tues:** Rahab and the Spies

**Wed:** Crossing the Jordan

**Thurs:** The Fall of Jericho

**Spelling:** Gr. 1: **sit, big, win, spin, flip, swim, gift, fist, tilt, strip**



Gr. 2: **less, tell, well, will, still, off, letter, little, silly, happy**

**Special Child:** This week: *Samantha Korve-maker*

Next week: *Jared Huizinga*

**Student Reader:** This Friday: *Mystery Reader*

Next Friday: *Eddy*

**Class Trip:** On Tuesday, February 9 the Gr. 1/2 class together with KinderStart will be participating in an Olympic Workshop at the London Children's Museum. We also hope to check out the other exhibits at the museum. We'll be taking a bus and students are asked to bring in \$4. I'm looking for 2 parent volunteers to join as chaperones. Please let me know if you are able to join us for the day.

### **GRADE THREE AND FOUR**

Welcome to the last week of January! We are looking forward to *Open House* this Wednesday and chapel Thursday morning. Being the last week of the month, money will be counted for the Francisco Fund. If you are able to contribute to this that would be great!

**Mrs. Noorloos:**

**Memory Work:** is for this Friday from Romans 12:20 NIV.

**Bible:** This week our stories will be about the *Tenth Plague, The Passover, The Exodus* and *Israel's Celebration*. A Bible test is scheduled for Tuesday of next week.

**Math:** Gr. 3 will continue working with fractions this week and they should work on learning their 2 and 3 timetables.

Gr. 4 will be doing some work with column addition and borrowing in subtraction. They will also work with some word problem solving. Remember to take a few minutes to review your upper timetables.

\***Both** grades have a math homework assignment that is due on Thursday.

**Current Events:** This week: *Tues:* Clayton K., Caleb N.  
*Wed:* Josiah V., Mike V.

Next week: *Tues:* Emily W., Devyn Z.  
*Wed:* Aiden M., Katelyn V.

**Social Studies:** We continue our study on Canada. We will be learning about the equator, the prime

meridian, the different hemispheres and working with the alpha number system to locate places in an atlas.

**Mrs. Tamming:**

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

Gr. 3: **looked, good, brook, football, cookie, stood, full, put, food, school, truth, room, true, chew, due**  
Gr. 4: **lived, living, rattled, rattling, studied, studying, traveled, traveling, changed, changing, appeared, appearing, raced, racing, hoped, hoping, wrapped, wrapping**

**Poetry Projects:** due Feb. 1.

**Speaking Aloud...Allowed:** This is set for Feb. 19. Our in-class recitations will be on Mon., Feb. 8. Please send in a copy of your poem/Bible passage by Wednesday, Jan. 27th. (minimum of 4 verses/16 lines).

**Vocab. Quiz:** There will be a vocab quiz on *Mr. Popper's Penguins'* chp. 1-9 vocab words on Wednesday. Books are coming home tonight.

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

**Spelling:** Test and work due for Unit 13 on Friday.

**Memory Work:** Lyrics to *The Ride of Our Lives* (musical).

**Book Report:** The book report involves a 1-page written portion and an art piece. We spent our Art period on Friday working on the art pieces. The rest of the writing and art should be done at home. Both parts are due next Tuesday, February 2.

**A.R.:** Our next A.R. deadline is March 11. Keep up your reading!

**French:** A quiz on vocabulary and numbers will be given this Wednesday. Please be prepared.

**Speeches:** Please read through speech outline marks, comments and suggestions. The speeches that the students handed in would be greatly improved by some research; adding facts and quotes will add interest to your speech. Students must bring in research print-outs or books from home by Wednesday so we can spend one more class period re-working our draft. Please encourage and work with your child on finding some useful information to add to their speech for Wednesday's class.

Our Speechfest is set for February 19. Our classroom speech days will be from February 9-11, and a typed copy is due on February 8. A more detailed guideline for the speaking event (speech length etc.) will be sent home this week.

**Portfolios:** Student portfolios will be stocked with a Math test, Music test, memory work and a spelling test. Any student work that is a 60% or lower requires a parent signature and a rewrite.

**Math and Music Tests:** Our math and music test retakes will be this week Thursday (for 60% and under). Please prepare well.

**Kleenex Request:** We have many sniffly noses and have been out of tissues for quite some time. If you haven't brought in your three boxes of tissues yet, please think about adding that to your grocery list. Thank you!

### **GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:**

**Mrs. Koetsier:**

**Literature:** "Quest" on Chapters one through fourteen of *LITB* on Wednesday. The January book report is due this Thursday!

**Geography:** Test on the coniferous forest unit on Thursday. We'll be making study notes at school. The Geography Challenge will begin this week.

**Writing:** Essays will be returned this week. We'll finish up the classroom part of our speech writing tomorrow. Students should begin perfecting their presentations at home.

**Mr. Boersma:**

**Memory Work:** Mark 4: 39-41. Please know for Friday.

**Bible:** Writing assignment will be due on Friday.

**History:** Students need to finish their "illustrated history" assignment this week.

**Science:** We will finish up our overview of solutions and mixtures this week by looking at water treatment processes and water pollution. Students will do a small project based on this information. There will be a unit test next week Tuesday.

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

**Spelling:** Lesson Sixteen: Be sure to complete the assigned exercises. Be prepared for Thursday's review quiz on FMW (frequently misspelled words) as well as the lesson words quiz on Friday.

**French:** Test next Monday on Unit 2 for both grades.