

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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December 8, 2008

Theme: "Living in the Light"

Leaders: Our national political leaders have picked a terrible time to show their lack of judgment and, dare we say, their poor leadership qualities. Unfortunately, it is not only our politicians, but also our leaders in business and health care that regularly blunder into mistakes and show a lack of innovative management. As Christians, it should give us pause to reflect on leadership. We are in the Christmas season; perhaps it is lost in the busyness and other preoccupations, but the child in the manger has something powerful to say about leadership. Jesus was not concerned about establishing an image as a strong leader. True, he showed authority by quieting stormy waters, by speaking effectively, and by healing the ill. But Christ became a servant and used power compassionately for the sake of others; he fed the hungry and gave sight to the blind. As a pending leader of a "new Kingdom, he resisted the temptations of fleeting worldly power by turning down offers of fame, glory and territory. He served God instead of satisfying people's false image of a leader. He told stories; he did not raise armies or amass large bureaucracies. He honoured those who are last by saying they would be first. For two thousand years, Christ's offer of peace and salvation has outlasted many "leaders" whose authority was based on power and wealth.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Thanks to the many parents who took time last Thursday to meet with the teachers. If some parents were unable to attend

and would like to discuss the first term report, please call the school to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher.

Report Card Envelopes: Please sign and return the envelopes which contained the report cards. It would be appreciated if you also return the family envelopes so that we can use them again. The copy of the first term report is for you to keep.



Mini-Assembly: Mr. Bill Abbott, Education Chair for the local Legion branch, will be at the school on Tuesday morning at 9:15 to hand out recognition awards for our school's participation in the recent Remembrance Day Posters and Writing event.

Christmas Chapel: We will end this part of the school year with a special Christmas chapel next Friday at 2pm. All classes will take part in celebrating our Saviour's birth in words and music. Consider this a gilt-edged invitation to all parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbours to join us on December 19.

Basketball: We are looking for basketball coaches. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the school. We would like to begin practice this week.



Book Flyers: Your book orders for Living Books and Scholastic Books must be returned to the school office **Wednesday**. If you have lost the information or would like a flyer, please request one from Mrs. Bydeley.

Bible League "Bible Banks": If there are more Bible League banks out there, please return them to the office by Wednesday. Thank you for supporting the Bibles for India campaign.

Helping Hands Fundraiser: The Helping Hands fundraisers are arriving tomorrow and will be ready for pick up. Please pick up your items between 2:30 and 3:30 pm. Payment is due upon pick-up.

Board of Directors: The JKCS Board of Directors meets this Wednesday at 7:30 pm at the school.

Education Committee: Due to last week's cancelled meeting, the Education Committee will be meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, at 7:30 pm.

Poinsettia Fundraiser: The grade eights were going to do their annual poinsettia fundraiser but unfortunately, this will have to be cancelled. Our supplier has undergone new ownership and they have chosen to downsize and not deliver to our school. We are sorry for any inconvenience.



Picture Retakes: Picture retakes will be taken on Thursday, December 18 at 9:30 am. If you would like your child to have retakes, please have him/her bring in their picture package from the first picture day. Picture packages should arrive this week so you can have a chance to view them.

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. Items will be picked up this Friday, Dec. 12 so please have them in before then.

Voucher Committee: Just a reminder that we will not be selling vouchers over the Christmas break so stock up before then. Remember you can still buy Tim Hortons and Canadian Tire gift certificates for your gift giving, along with your normal weekly grocery voucher orders. We have enjoyed seeing a few new families participating in purchasing weekly vouchers, so we thank them for joining up and we would still like to encourage others to join. If there is anyone who would like to cash in their voucher dollars towards their tuition before the end of the year, please let a committee member know.



Pizza Day: Order forms for December pizza have been sent home today and are due back Tues. Dec. 16. Pizza Day is next Thursday, Dec. 18.

Bakesale: There will be a bakesale this Thursday. Items are \$.25-\$.50.

Lost and Found: Please come and check out the lost and found for any of your child(ren)'s missing items. It is growing quite large and the items will be brought to Goodwill next week.



Happy Birthday

Aiden M.

Dec. 10



Gr. 2

Upcoming Events:

DECEMBER 18 - Picture Retakes

DECEMBER 19 - Christmas Assembly

DECEMBER 22 - JAN 2 - Christmas Break



KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

Please ponder perfect Pp.

Memory Work: Luke 2: 8-14. Parents, please review this passage with your child since we will be reciting at the Christmas Chapel.

Bible: Jesus' Birth

Thursday Snack: Samantha

Socials: Tues - Star, Thurs - Lamb, SK Fri - Candle

Library Books: There are many overdue library books taken out by KinderStart students. Please check your homes for JKCS books.

Book Report: Our class had nearly read 500 books. Way to go KinderStart!

"Green Day": Tuesday, December 16 is "Green Day". Wear something green and bring a green show and tell.

Christmas Chapel: Although it is not a K-day, our class will be participating in the Christmas Chapel on Friday, Dec. 19 at 2:00. Please bring KinderStart students to the classroom by 1:45. Thank you!

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Verse 2 of *Away in a Manger*:
"The cattle are lowing the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes
I love thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle til morning is nigh."

Bible: Mon: The Ten Plagues Part 1

Tues: The Ten Plagues Part 2

Wed: The Exodus

Thurs: Through the Red Sea

Spelling: Gr. 2: **first, third, fir, birch, skirt, swirl, shirt, thirsty, squirt, squirm**

Student Reader: This Friday: *Aaron Noorloos*
Next Friday: *"Mystery Reader"*

Special Child: This week: *Aiden Moesker*
Jan 12-23: *Luke Bos*

A.R.: We had a great Pajama Day last Friday! The bedhead was quite frightening!
A new AR term starts this week. New point goals will be given and a new celebration day planned. Look for an information sheet regarding the Term 2 AR celebration to come home in the new year.

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome to a new week Gr. 3/4! Just a reminder to bring in your "Home Bible League" banks and all book orders are due Wednesday.

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for Friday, Dec. 12 from John 3: 19-21 NIV.

Bible: Good work on your Bible test Gr. 3/4! We are working on our new unit called "King David and King Solomon". The stories this week will deal with King David's Reign, God's Covenant with David and David's Conquests. (2 Samuel 6-10).

Math: Gr. 3 should continue practicing their three and four timetables. In class we will do some review on addition and subtraction facts.

Gr. 4 will be working on division!

Current Events: *Tues.:* Shane B., Adyson K.
Wed.: Liana K., Esther K.

Science: We will be looking at some special characteristics of the different planets.

Mrs. Tamming:

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

Gr. 3: **into, today, without, something, become, upon, myself, everybody, everyone, maybe, outside, basketball, homework, skateboard, earthquake**

Gr. 4: **drank, skunk, blank, blink, chunk, drink, shrank, shrink, trinket, cranky, ankle, donkey, honk, ink, junk, pink, plank, think**

Kleenex: please bring in a box of Kleenex to help us get through the upcoming cold season.

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman

Memory Work: Isaiah 9: 6-7a.

Socials: On Wednesday we will be going on our field trip to Ska-nah-doht Iroquois Village. Students are reminded to dress appropriately for winter weather. Also, a number of students still have to bring \$4.50 to help cover the cost of this trip.

Today there were group presentations on the Fur Trade, Voyageurs, Rivers and Forts, and Explor-

ers. All groups did a great job with all the components of this project: the written assignment, mural, and oral presentation. Well done!

As our unit on New France is wrapping up, a test has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 17. A review sheet has been handed out. All students are encouraged to attend the at lunch study sessions that will be happening during a few lunch periods, this week and next.

Music: We have been practicing two pieces for the Christmas program next week. All students are encouraged to take their recorder home to practice the songs.

Literature: There will be a quiz on Chapters 3-7 of *King of the Wind* on Thursday.

Spelling: Work and test due on Friday.

Gr. 5: **fair, rainbow, spaceship, mistake, escape, safety, straight, raincoat, bakery, tablecloth, ache, chasing**

Gr. 6: **submarine, subway, subtitle, submerge, television, telephone, telecast, telescope, telecommunication, superhuman, supervision, supermarket, superior**

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Spelling: Unit 12, a review unit, for Wednesday. There are a number of students who have been receiving very poor spelling test marks recently. Each student will be compiling a list of spelling errors from the last five tests to aid in preparing for this week's review test. Please encourage your child to practice at home!

Literature: *Hobbit* tests should be returned tomorrow. Today we begin a unit of Christmas short stories featuring Charles Dickens' class *A Christmas Carol* along with several others. We will be discussing characterization and setting in connection with these stories.

Geography: We've begun working on our river systems models. It is hoped that these will be done the middle of next week. They will be on display until Friday, and may (must!) be taken home on that day.

Vocabulary: Many students did very well on the "hobbit words" quiz from last week. These will be handed back today.

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Work: Matthew 7: 7,8,12. Please know for Friday.

Bible: A new writing assignment will be given this week. The paragraph is due on Friday.

Math: Operations with fractions are on the math menu this week. There will be a quiz on Wednesday featuring addition and subtraction.

French - Grade Seven: On Thursday, there will be a quiz focusing on expressions using "faire" as outlined in unit 2.

History: On Friday, we will wrap up the Canadian history section centering on the rebellions of 1837. Students should spend twenty minutes each evening reviewing their notes. We will create a study guideline together in class.

Grammar: Quotation marks are the focus this week. We will practice their correct use in a variety of ways.