

JKCS KNOX TALKS



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February 24, 2009

Theme: "Living in the Light"

Heart and Stroke Fundraiser: Every other year we raise funds for the Heart and Stroke Association. This campaign has many benefits. It raises awareness of heart problems and the role that exercise and good nutrition play in maintaining a healthy heart. Funds raised by our students go directly to research and programmes; prizes are covered by donations from corporations. A side benefit for the student is that they have opportunity to be rewarded for their fundraising by receiving skipping ropes, balls, or other active play equipment. There is also a benefit for the school; every dollar raised gains the school a point. These points are traded in for balls and other sports equipment which helps keep down our expenses. Please encourage students to participate. They are not to go door to door, but deal only with close family friends, close neighbours, and family members. The collection envelopes were sent home today and include a booklet and heart inside. The heart is for your child to write someone's name down that they know who has heart disease. The hearts are to be brought back to school to decorate the gym in preparation for the event. Students may also collect donations online by going to **JumpRopeForHeart.ca**. You can even personalize your own webpage. For those students (Gr.'s 1-4) who are participating in the Jump Rope for Heart, reaching level 1, 5, and 7 will allow them to receive a ticket for a chance to win the prizes listed on the envelope. The funds collected commit the student to participate in our rope-skipping and basketball activities on Tuesday, March 10. The funds must be in

by March 9. We are also looking for 2-3 parent volunteers to come in on the event day to help count the money and hand out tax receipts. Please call the school if you are able to help. The time needed for you to come is 9 am on March 10.

School Hockey: Mr. Koetsier has offered to coach the school hockey team again this year. Students in grades 6-8 are welcome to play. Full hockey equipment is required - including neckguard and mouthguard. I know it's short notice, but a practice has been scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, at 7 am at the Watford arena. Players are urged to arrange car pools. Students will be back at school in time for class. To date, we only have one game scheduled. That takes place next Tuesday at 3 pm in Watford against Strathroy Christian. Again, students are requested to arrange rides to the arena and home. Cost at this point will be set at \$20. Refunds will be given if there is money left over.

Basketball: The boys' team plays next Monday at 4 pm at Lambton Centennial. Players are reminded to forward their \$8 to Mr. Boersma.

Custodial Position: The custodian position is up for renewal after this year. Any one who is interested can submit a tender to Doug Korvemaker by April 1 2009. Contract information is available from our secretary, Amanda. The custodian job is a 2 year contract.

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Board Report: The Board held an extra meeting on Feb. 19/09 to discuss the budget and tie up loose ends for the **Spring Membership Meeting**. The date has been set for **Thursday, April 2, 2009**. Please mark this date on your calendar. We will be voting for new board members since Doug Korvemaker, Bill Vanderlinde and myself will be retiring. We will also be discussing the budget for the 2009-10 school year. After much deliberation we had to make some difficult cuts. Look for your packages to come home (or in your church mail box) 2 weeks before the meeting. We pray that you will continue to support JKCS with your prayers, financial funds, your time and talents. God has blessed you so that you may share with others. JKCS can't continue without the support of everyone. On behalf of the board, *Maxine Zekveld*.

Friends and supporters of John Knox Christian

School: This is just a friendly reminder regarding our tuition reduction drive, if you have not yet made a contribution towards the drive, we prayerfully ask that if you are able, to forward your contribution in the coming week. Thank you for your continued support. *JKCS Finance Committee*.

Membership Committee Meeting: this Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 8:00 pm at the school.

Spring Membership Meeting: will be on April 2 at 7:30 in the school gym.

Beacon: The Beacon is going to be put together this week so any announcements should be sent to the office this week.

Speaking Aloud...Allowed: We thank everyone for coming to support our Speechfest. It was great to see such a big audience! The students did a great job presenting their speeches!



Talent Evening: Our Time for Talents is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1 (no fooling) at 7:30 pm in our gym. An information sheet went home to outline all the parts of the talent evening; please read

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carefully to check for audition times. We hope that students have begun deciding what they would like to do. Again, we want this evening to be a source of enjoyment and accomplishment for students as well as a rewarding time for the community.

Nominations: The Board of Directors is accepting signed nominations from the memberships for new Board members for the following year. There needs to be two signatures to support the nominee. These nominations can be handed to any member of the Board before the March 11 meeting. Thank you for your support.

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. The deadline is March 31, 2009.



School Skating: Thanks to our Helping Hands Committee, the students will go skating on Wednesday afternoon, March 11 from 1-3.

Voucher Committee: 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!



Happy Birthday

Ethan K.

Feb. 25



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KINDERSTART: Mrs. Robinson

Bring back big beautiful Bb!

Memory Work: Psalm 100

Bible: We will begin a new unit, *Jesus on Earth*. On Tuesday we will be introduced to Jesus' disciples, and on Thursday we will learn how Jesus turned water into wine.

Thursday Snack: John

Math Readiness: The KinderStart class has begun a new math curriculum, *Maximizing Math*. We are currently completing a unit on patterns. SK students will have a homework sheet on patterns at home. Please return when finished.

Happy Birthday!: Our class wishes Ethan K. a very happy 5th birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Looking Ahead!: The March calendar will be coming home this week.

GRADE ONE AND TWO: Miss Sluys:

Memory Work: Matthew 5: 14a, 16 - "You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Bible: Tues: Samson's Escape From Gaza

Wed: Samson Reveals His Secret

Thurs: Samson's Death

Spelling:

Gr. 1 - hops, runs, skips, jumps, sits, stands, cats, hens, pigs, dogs

Gr. 2 - bang, sprang, bring, morning, gardening, song, along, belong, rung, swung

Student Reader: This Friday: "Mystery Reader"
Next Friday: *Luke*

Socials: We begin a new unit this week called *God Shows Us How to Build*. An information sheet regarding this unit has been sent home today.

Phys. Ed.: To prepare for our Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser coming up in March we have been working on improving and refining our skipping skills. Students are encouraged to practice at home.

Chapel: This Thursday the Gr. 1/2 class will be hosting chapel. We invite you to join us.

Next Thursday, March 5 Gr. 1/2 will be visiting two places in our community. In the morning we



will be performing a short program together with Gr. 3/4 for the residents at Vision Nursing Home in Sarnia. Following lunch and recess at school we hope to visit

Brouwer's Sugar Bush along with SK. (This date is tentative...depending on both the weather as well as whether or not the sap is running by then.) We'll be taking a bus for both visits and are looking for 1 parent volunteer to join for either the whole day or half. Let me know if you can come. Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the days, especially the afternoon.

GRADE THREE AND FOUR

Welcome to the last week of February! Yikes! It begins with a snow day! Just a reminder to remember Francisco our sponsored child.

Mrs. Noorloos:

Memory Work: is for Friday, Feb. 27th from Psalm 119: 130, 133 NIV.

Bible: The students did a wonderful job explaining their assigned Bible story through a puppet play. This week we will look at the story of Jehu, several Kings of Israel and the exile of Israel. There will be a **Bible test** coming up on Tuesday, March 3rd. A matching memory review game went home last week Tuesday. (A light purple sheet.) There are many names to learn. Be sure to study!

Math: Gr. 3 is working with number sequencing and gr. 4 with place values. These units include homework assignments to review what is being taught in class. A math **homework sheet** will go home today and will need to be completed and handed in by Thursday of this week.

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

Social Studies: Good work on your quiz of the provinces and territories! Hope you are ready for the quiz on the capital cities which had been scheduled for Tues. Feb. 24th. (A yellow sheet went home last Tuesday.) This week we will take a look at how our government is set up.

Mrs. Tamming:

Spelling: We're back to our regular spelling schedule: Lesson work due by Thursday, test on Friday.

Gr. 3: follow, below, own, grown, town, ground, around, found, about, house, group, would, should, country, cousin

Gr. 4: telephone, nephew, gopher, graph, pharmacy, trophy, physical, photograph, elephant, alphabet, dolphin, rough, laugh, cough, enough

Reading: A study sheet was sent home on Thursday for *Owls in the Family* test reschedule for Thurs., Feb. 26th. Please review the questions about the story with your child.

A.R.: We are making good progress on our A.R. goals this term. Congratulations to those who have already reached 100%!

GRADE FIVE AND SIX: Miss Rekman

Memory Work: Luke 24: 5b-7

Math: Last week's test was very well done by both grades. These will be sent home today.

Science: The mealworms have been growing over the past weeks. We hope that this week we will see the worms move into the next stage of growth, the pupa stage. This week in science students will begin an invertebrate research project. Hopefully most of the research can be completed by the students in class. Guidelines for this project will be sent home this week.

Grammar: For the past month we have been learning about punctuation. There will be a quiz on capitals, commas, quotations, and end punctuation on Wednesday.

A.R.: Just a reminder that there are only a few weeks left to reach this term's goal!

Spelling: This week the students will be making their own individualized test. The list of words that they may choose will be coming home today and there will be a test Friday.

GRADE SEVEN AND EIGHT:

Mrs. Koetsier:

Mr. Boersma:

Memory Work: 2 Corinthians 1: 12. Please know for Friday.

Math: On Thursday we will have a review quiz on patterns and relations. This week we begin another

round of problem-solving teams.

Grammar: More action words! We continue to review proper use of those tricky verbs. Stay active - be prepared for a quiz!

French: Grade seven quiz on vocabulary and grammar for unit four on Thursday.

History: Students are reminded to keep up with the daily readings and notes. It is good practice to review the information everyday at home. There will be a small project assigned this week. Also a quiz on Friday covers John Knox and the English Reformation.

Note: Students will receive an interim report this week. It will give a summary of their achievement to this point in term two.

Upcoming Events:

MARCH 10 - Heart and Stroke

MARCH 16-20 - March Break

APRIL 1 - Time for Talents

APRIL 10 - Good Friday

APRIL 13 - Easter Monday