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John Knox Christian School



‘Love In Action’

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Let love be genuine. Obhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit serve the Lord Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:9-12



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Principal's Message



If you can think about Christmas carols and how many use the word joy, which ones would come to mind? Maybe first would be “Joy to the World”, and then the lines “Joy for all people”, “Why your joyous strains prolong?” and “Great joy to all.”

At school, there is so much evidence of the joy of Christmas. There is joy in making Christmas crafts, listening to familiar scripture passages, and in exchanging gifts. There is also joy in preparing for the Christmas program, eating sweet treats, and decorating the classroom. This year, it is the first year I was able to experience Christmas at school as a parent and as an educator. My daughter came home eager to hang up the most recent ornament she crafted, she can recite most of Luke 2, and sings her Christmas program song before bed. I was even able to take a break from my principal's desk to join her class on the field trip to Sipkens Nurseries. What a delight it is to share in these moments with her as she celebrates Christmas within the school community!

In Luke 2:10-11 it reads , *“And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.’”*

The joy we experience at Christmas in our school, homes and churches is a small taste of the greater joy we can find in Christ Jesus and the knowledge of the future joy that is still to come. I pray that your homes and hearts, may be filled with the deep joy that is a gift from Jesus through this Christmas season and into the new year!

JOY



Marnie Lisson
Principal

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School Happenings

Welcome to Our New Students and Our New EA!!



Mehar Sahota
Grade 2

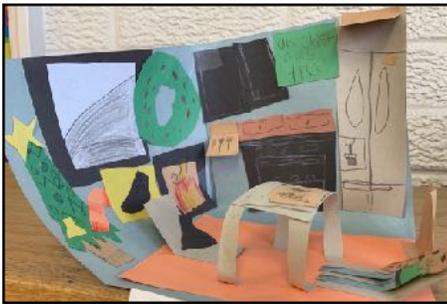


Emma Deelstra
Junior KinderStart

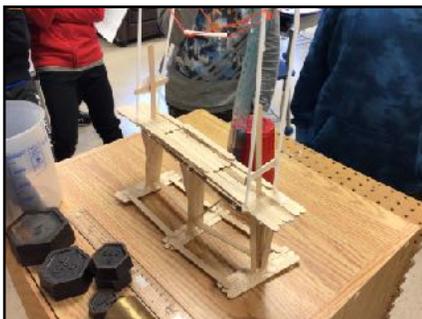


Madeline Jackson
Educational Assistant

This fall, Grade 3 read the novel *The Bears on Hemlock Mountain* by Alice Dalgliesh. Eight year old Jonathan needs to go over Hemlock Mountain to borrow a large iron pot from his Aunt Emma. While he is gone, his mom bakes many cookies as she worries about Jonathan meeting bears on the way. After falling asleep at Aunt Emma's, he has a late start returning home in the dark with the iron pot and does meet up with some curious bears! Grade 3 completed different activities to wrap up our novel study including baking cookies like Jonathan's mom and creating 3-D scenes of Jonathan during different parts of the book. This novel study was enjoyed by all!



Our grade 5/6 class studied Forces and Structures and how different internal forces affect different structures like bridges. Students were given the task to design, plan, budget and build a bridge using only a limited selection of materials. Some groups found it difficult using the materials they purchased, while others had more than they needed. Once bridges were completed they were weighed to determine if a 1.5 cm bend was evident.



School Happenings

OPEN HOUSE

VISIT JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Wednesday
JANUARY 19



Register online via Facebook or
by phone - 519-845-3112



Encouraging news! The “Finish the Task” campaign has reduced the outstanding amount of the school expansion and renovation project to \$450,000. As we head into the final few weeks of the calendar year, the Faith & Mortar team reminds you to consider giving to the campaign, cut down those interest charges, and wrestle down this amount to zero (\$0.00)! Committee members are working at contacting supporters, but there's not enough time to connect with everyone.

Please take the initiative - year-end giving can be done in a number of ways. Funds can be sent via e-transfer to the school treasurer and cheques can be mailed or delivered (“back pack express”) to the school office. Please remember to itemize the funds for Faith and Mortar. Team members are also willing to pick up contributions and pledge forms. For more information, feel free to contact: Jack Koetsier (519 331 4131) or Ymko Boersma (519 845 0646).

Volunteers at JKCS



How thankful we are to those who invest their time, often working behind the scenes at JKCS. Our classroom helpers, voucher ladies, committee members, librarians, and parents who join us on field trips, the list goes on. Without your dedication many of the happenings and blessings at John Knox Christian School would never be possible!

