



Covenant Connection

Covenant Christian School News

Living for Jesus, Learning for Life, Serving with Gladness

February 7, 2011

Principal's Point

"OPEN DOORS" INFORMATION EVENING:

Please be reminded that we will be having our annual **Covenant** information evening on Thursday, February 10, 2011.


It will be held in the school library beginning at 7:30, and will end by 9:00 at the latest. We encourage you to join us, especially if you have a child entering JK or SK in the fall. Please invite a friend or neighbour along, as well.

An interesting quotation that is taken from a booklet titled "For the Love of your Child" says this:

*There is no neutral ground in educating children.
All schools are based on a philosophy of life that promotes particular values.
Whose values do you want your children to learn?
Six hours a day, for at least twelve years of life, your child is guided and nurtured in school.
For the love of your child, consider that these hours would best be spent in a Christian school!
For the love of the Lord!*

Babysitting will be available for those families who require child care.

- **Farewell . . .** today is a special day for students at Covenant. For a month now they have been hosts to 11 Korean students. They have marveled at hearing a completely foreign language. They have tried to show their guests what school is like in Canada. They have shown them what life is like here in Canada. They especially all enjoyed recesses together with the great winter weather we've been having all month. Today we held a Farewell Assembly for our guests. While three of the students will be remaining for an extra 3 weeks, the others will gather at the school tomorrow morning at 5:00am. They will board a van and begin the long journey home. They will fly from Toronto to Vancouver and then from Vancouver to South Korea. It will be tiring, but we hope and pray that they leave here with warm hearts and great memories. We have had opportunity to touch these young lives with the love of Christ in our regular day to day events. It is my prayer that they may have seen God through us! We pray for their safety and that their lives in Korea may have been changed because of their experiences here.
- **Condolences . . .** during the last few weeks, two families in our community have lost loved ones. We send our condolences to Kevin and Elizabeth van der Wier (Keturah in Gr.4, Skyler in Gr.3, Carson in Gr.1) with the passing of Elizabeth's grand-mother in New Brunswick and to Mike and Vicky DenBak (Bailey in Gr.5, Connor in Gr.2, and Nathan in Gr. 1) with the passing of Vicky's father. When death touches those near to us, we are all affected. And while we share the sorrow together for a day, we recognize that for family members the grief and pain can last for years! May God grant you strength for each day!

- Skating . . . We're still enjoying our skating rink and kids are improving their skating skills!! It's been a great classic winter!
- **Hockey** . . . tomorrow morning our hockey team will venture to Barrie for a tournament! We are looking forward to some great hockey! Our opponents will be Barrie, Stouffville, and Alliston. 
- **Basketball Referees needed** . . . on February 19 our school will be hosting the Niagara District Christian Schools' Basketball tournament. One key part of a successful tournament in having referees! If you or someone you know has an interest in helping out the school in this way, please do not hesitate to give us a call! 905-957-7796.
- **Custodian needed** . . . After ten years of faithful custodial work, Mr. Bert Kingma has decided to retire. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the fine work that he has done as the custodian of John Knox Christian School. Mr. Kingma will be retiring effective April 30, 2011. JKCS will be requiring a custodian beginning on May 1, 2011. This is a part time position that involves approximately 5 hours of work per day (sometimes an hour or so before school, but most of it after 3:00 p.m.), with additional duties on Fridays and Saturdays. In addition, there are specific duties to be performed during the school breaks (Christmas, Spring, and summer). If you are interested in this position, or know someone who would be, please contact Bonnie Desjardins (bdesjardins@nace.ca) or Tony Kamphuis (tkamphuis@nace.ca) for a more specific job description.



WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER . . . We have officially launched the public phase of the 'Writing the Next Chapter' Campaign. To date we have gifts and pledges totaling \$728,860. That is exciting and gives us good hope that with a little extra push we can achieve our campaign goal of \$1.5M! Thanks be to God, and to those who have given or pledged so far!
 ~ Tony Kamphuis and Lorraine Vermeer

INNER PEACE GRANT APPLICATIONS (Turkstra Lumber) are being accepted as of February 15th, 2011. To learn more about this grant, please visit <http://oacsfoundation.org/turkstra-lumber-scholarship-p105.php>. Or go to <http://oacsfoundation.org/> - / "Grant" / Grant Seekers/ Turkstra Lumber Scholarship. Deadline is April 1st, 2011.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Tues. Feb. 8 – Hockey Tournament in Barrie
- Tues. Feb. 8 – JKCS "Open Doors" Information Evening
- Thurs. Feb. 10 – CCS "Open Doors" Information Evening
- Fri. Feb. 11 – Options (session 3 of 4)

Advanced Calendar . . .

- Tues. Feb. 15 – Education Committee meets at CCS @ 7:30.
- Thurs. Feb. 17 – Hockey Tournament in Grimsby
- Fri. Feb. 18 – **PD Day, no school for students.**
- Sat. Feb. 19 – Boys Basketball Tournament in Smithville



DIRECTORY UPDATE:

The teBrake's have not moved, but their house number has changed. Please make this change in your school directory. It is now **32420 Bell Rd.** Thanks.

TUITION REDUCTION INCENTIVE PLAN (T.R.I.P.) - Voucher/Gift Certificate Program

Considering some spring renovations/painting? We have a limited number of Home Hardware gift cards available for purchase. They are available in \$25/50/100 denominations; just add them to the bottom of your order form.

WOOD WORKING OPTION - Students are asked to bring a **SMALL MASON JAR** for the project you will be working on this week. Please let Mrs. Colyn know if you CANNOT locate a mason jar.

FROM THE WILLING WORKERS

We have some events coming up that we will need your help with once again (book your spot early for these).

Wednesday, Feb. 16th at Mountainview CRC in Grimsby.

2:00 - 6:00pm kitchen help (2 people needed).

3:30 tables need to be set; 2 or 3 people working together makes short work of this).

4:00 - 7:00pm we need another person or two in the kitchen. Who loves to cook and scoop?

5:30 - 7:30 - Servers; call early, only a few are needed.

Finally, about 3 volunteers are needed to ensure the dishes are clean and put away.



Saturday, Feb. 26th- keep this date in mind if the 16th doesn't work for you. Details will follow in the near future.

To ensure your name is on the list for Feb. 16th please contact Christine VanderWier (c_vanderwier@hotmail.com or 289-331-9778). Thanks in advance and see you all there!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARENTS' FORUM:

Sometimes the best thing you can say to your kids is 'no'. Come hear what psychotherapist Sam DaSilva has to say about the difference between discipline and punishment and how to parent your children in a way that suits their characters and personalities. Everyone is invited and admission is free. Thursday, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., Smithville Christian High School. www.sdch.on.ca.

"DATE NIGHT AT THE DISCO"

On Saturday, Feb 12 the Smithville CRC Youth will be hosting their annual Valentine's Dinner to raise funds for SERVE. There will be two seatings, one at 5:30 and the other at 7:30. It will be held in the Covenant Christian School gym. Please call Nicole Breukelman (903-386-0939) for reservations, and feel free to get back into your 70's wardrobe for the evening!

DEALING WITH TODAY'S TEENS

Parenting teens is not an easy task, especially in today's world! So if you have teens at home or are soon to have teens under your roof, The Grimsby Life Center along with Smithville CRC will be offering a parenting course to specifically help you! This 8 week small group will start Wednesday evenings, Feb 23, 7:30 to approximately 9, in the Fire Side room of the Church offices of Smithville CRC. If you are interested please call Carolyn at the Church office to sign up (905)-957-2116. We look forward to partnering with you as you raise your child in the Lord!

CLASSROOM CORNER

JR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. PRINS:

- Our letter/sound of the week is Mr. Ff and our colour of the week/month is PINK.
- Our theme verse for the month is Psalm 139:13b 14: *"You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well"*.
- Your photos will be returned at the end of the month.
- We are hoping to sing "We are One in the Spirit" with our Grade 3 buddies for the next assembly. Could you please help your child memorize the words to the song. The words are printed below. Thank you!

*We are One in the Spirit, We are One in the Lord
We are One in the Spirit. We are One in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored*

Chorus *And they'll know we are Christians by our love. By our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*




SR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. DEBOER

- We had a great time on our trip to the Doctor's Clinic in Welland. Thank you to good friends of mind, Dr. Renee and Ivy DeWet for allowing us to visit their clinic and for being such good "teachers"! We learned a lot about "what doctors and nurses do" when we aren't feeling well. We also learned about healthy things we can do to keep our bodies in "tip top" shape! A big Thank You to Mrs. Langendoen, Mrs. Meinders, Mr. Bezuyen and Mrs Damm for accompanying and driving us.
- This Wednesday is our skating day again! Please send along a loonie if you haven't already done so.
- This week we are learning about the letter Ff and reviewing the letter Ll from last week.
- Have a great week!

GRADE 1 - MISS BRUNSVELD:

- www: where, had, nice, look, if, because.
- Vocabulary: knew, other, see, there, turn, turned, with, fall, spring, summer, winter, first, good, these, things, this.
- Bible: Review of Moses Life.
- **100 DAY**: Thanks for your response for helping with 100 day. We have enough helpers for walking, but, **need pancake makers. Is there a mom, dad, grandparent, aunt who can help us?** Please let me know. (100 day and Valentines are celebrated on February 15th this year in the grade one class).
- Phonics: short e.
- Please return Scholastic book orders by Friday.
- We're going skating on Wednesday at the arena. Please remember skates, helmets, loony for the bus and mitts. If you can help us tie skates that would be wonderful!
- Memory Work: Shortened version of 10 Commandments (extra time because of days away from school).
 1. You shall have no other gods before me.
 2. You shall not make for yourself and idol.
 3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
 4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
 5. Honour your father and your mother.
 6. You shall not murder.
 7. You shall not commit adultery.
 8. You shall not steal.
 9. You shall not give false testimony.
 10. You shall not covet.





SK & Grade 1
Skating
West Lincoln Arena
2:00-3:00pm
Feb. 9th & 23rd.
Helmet, skates, mitts,
and a loonie for the
bus ride 😊

GRADE 2 - MISS BYLSMA:

- Spelling: List 16 (Friday).
- Memory Work: Poems.
- Guest Reader: Sophie (Monday).
- Sharing: Devin (Monday)
- We are working on subtraction facts right now and several students are having difficulty with this. They should be practicing at home *every night*. Students received extra practice sheets. Those should be returned to school when they are completed.
- We have two tests this week: Science test: tomorrow, and Bible test: Friday – a review has been sent home.
- Students may hand out their Valentines next Monday.
- The 100th day of school will be Tuesday, February 15.
- Students are invited to submit some computer art for this year Fine Arts Festival. It is a category that we can enter, so while we are not going to be doing it at school, students are welcome to do it at home. It must be on standard 8 ½ X 11 paper and can be printed in black and white or colour. It must be their own drawing rather than shapes used on a program. Any art must be submitted to me by February 15.
- Please return any Scholastic order by Wednesday. Thanks!



GRADE 3 - MRS. ZWIERS:

- Spelling: Unit 18 (review week). Test on Friday.
- Poetry Party: We will have our next poetry recitation on Friday at 12:30om. All parents are welcome. Please support your child in this endeavor.
- Math:– Refer to parent letter of suggestions for activities you can do at home for collecting and organizing data.
 - Bring a sample of a bar graph, circle graph, pictograph to school by Wednesday. Make your own or find one in a newspaper/magazine.
- Creation Studies: 5 “Animal Group” sheets due Thursday.

GRADE 4/5 - MR. ABBAS:

- Memory Work: Review of the last nineteen books of the Bible names, Proverbs - Malachi.
- Spelling: Lesson 18
 - Grade 4 page 84 - 2-4
 - page 85 - All
 - page 87a - 1
 - Grades 5 page 84 - # 2,3
 - page 85 - All
 - page 86 – 1,3
 - page 87a - #1
- Math Test: Grade 5 on Tuesday. Rescheduled from last week due to the snow day.
- Speeches: We will be saying them today and tomorrow.
- Devotions: Tuesday – Cheyenne, Wednesday – Shannon t, Thursday –Jared, and Friday – Emily.



GRADE 5 / 6 - MRS. ABBAS:

- Today we have to say “Good-bye” to Amy and Anna, our two friends from Korea. They have been a blessing to us, and we will miss them a lot. May God bless you, girls!
- Memory Work: our speeches (due Thurs. Feb. 10).
- Grade 6 will have a French test next week (unit 3).

GRADE 7 - MRS. RAMSEY:

- Grade seven will have two tests this week. On Wednesday, they will have a French test and on Friday they will have a Bible test. They should be studying for each of these tests.
- Next week, Tuesday they will be having a History test.
- Spelling: Lesson 16
- Memory Work: Phillipians 2:5-6.

GRADE 8 - MR. KINGMA:

- Monday – Science Fair: Display plan and results were due on Friday but many students did not have them so the due date was postponed until today. A number of students again did not have these for me.
- Tuesday – Hockey players are gone to a tournament in Barrie
 - Rough draft of speech is due.
- Thursday: – Final copy of speech is due.
- Friday – Spelling: Assignment and Test for unit 26.
 - Memory Work: Psalm 23.
- Next Week: We will present our speeches on Tuesday, Feb. 15.

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SPORTS CORNER

- **BOYS BASKETBALL**: The Heritage boys team will be coming to our gym after school on Wednesday (Feb. 9) for an exhibition game. We plan to start by 3:55 and end at about 4:55. Please arrange rides for these times.
- **REFEREE(S) NEEDED**: Do you have talent blowing a whistle and know basketball rules? We are looking for you! This Wednesday, Mr. Kingma needs 1 or 2 refs for the exhibition game in Covenant’s gym. We are additionally in need of a number of refs for our tournament next week Saturday (19th). Please talk to Mr. Bakker or Mr. Kingma - High School students, this is an opportunity for community service hours!

