



Covenant Connection

Covenant Christian School News

Living for Jesus, Learning for Life, Serving with Gladness

September 20, 2010

Principal's Point

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Ephesians 4:3

- **Unity in Community** . . . While we all desire unity, it grows over time with trust and caring one for another. It comes as we have shared experiences. As one pastor put it, unity is something that is experienced. As a school community it is my prayer that trusting may be implicit as we may share in the joy of seeing our children grow in knowledge and faith!

- **Restorative Justice** . . . is a new look at nurturing responsible, compassionate children. When a school or bus incident causes broken-ness in our community, Restorative Justice seeks to mend relationships between the wronged person and the wrong-doer. It goes beyond punishment and restitution to restoration. Please join us next week Thursday at 7:30 for a workshop on Restorative Justice lead Mark VanderVennen of Shalem Christian Counselling Services. Be prepared for an informative and interactive evening!

Restorative Justice Information Night

Date: September 30
Place: Covenant Library
Time: 7:30
Speaker: Mark VanderVennen of
Shalem Christian Counseling Services

- **Christian Schools Canada** . . . holds a conference for administrators every two years. This year the 5th such conference will be held in Edmonton with the theme, "God Prints: Stories of Leadership". The focus will be on how our personal and communal Christian school stories are unfolding as part of God's grand meta-narrative of Christian history. We will also have opportunities to renew our hearts for the journey with administrators in Christian schools across the country! As Mr. Kamphuis, Mrs. Desjardins and I head there this week, please pray that we may have safe travels and an engaging time of learning and fellowship!

- **West Lincoln Lions Food Drive** . . . begins this week. Please send along with your students non-perishable items to replenish the shelves at our local food bank.



- **Piano available for adoption** . . . to the first interested responder. We have a freshly painted piano but no place to store it. It has mobility challenges, but the piano tuner says it's a solid piano! If you'd like to give it a home, please give the school a call.

Also . . . Two 2 drawer filing cabinets available for sale. Call the school if you are interested!

- **TPCE Golf Tournament** . . . was once again a great success! Though the Thursday event was *somewhat soggy*, golfers enjoyed a great day of fellowship. Saturday was a blessing! We could not have asked for better golfing weather! Thanks to all who came out to support our schools! Thanks to our many sponsors! And a special thanks to our tournament organizers: Dan Huinink (chair), Marco Zwaan, Jim Sappendel, Caroline Eyk, Bryan VanGeest, Brian Breukelman, and Brian van Staalduinen! Thanks also to Mr. Ted Harris and Mr. Tony Kamphuis for all the "behind the scenes" work! We couldn't have done it without all of you!

- **BAZAAR TIME** . . . the NACE Bazaar Committee will meet at Covenant Christian School on Tuesday, September 21st at 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining this committee come on out to our first meeting and what we're all about. You will feel very welcomed.

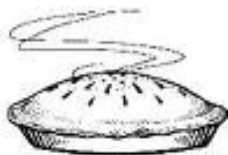


- **Public Health Alert** . . . Parents take note: After a few reports of head lice we had an "all school" check. Thanks to our volunteer moms for helping out. Please be on the alert, check your child(ren) regularly, and notify the school if you detect head lice.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE . . .

- **NACE NOTES**...NACE Notes is quarterly newsletter that is sent to all the NACE supporting churches, as well as grandparents of JKCS & CCS families, supporting businesses and inquiring friends of both from both JKCS & CCS. If you would like to support us by advertising your business card in the NACE Notes, please give Mrs. Diana Kingma, a call, 905-643-2460 and she'll tell you how that can be done. To view the advertising pages on the NACE Notes check the NACE website, under publications, NACE Notes. Your support will be appreciated.

Apple Pies in time for THANKSGIVING DAY!



The annual NACE Apple Pie Fundraiser will take place Thursday, October 7, 2010. We are looking forward to a great day of community building activity and need all kinds of help, both to *get* orders, and to *fill* the orders. This event is becoming a major fundraiser for our schools, but we can only make it happen if we have a lot of committed volunteers who are willing to put in a little time. Order forms are available on the website www.nace.ca (Fundraising, Forms) or by calling the school. If you are available to come and help by making pie crust (Wednesday 6:30 pm, October 6), or peeling apples and/or assembling pies, or cleaning up (on Thursday, October 7), please call Irene Huinink @ 905-945-6788 or the John Knox school office @ 905-643-2460 or return the form that was sent home last Tuesday. We would appreciate receiving donated baked goods and/or soup and funds for buns & cold cuts for "pie day" volunteers! The apple pie coordinators need *your* help. Last year we raised over \$5000 for our schools – in ONE day! We have a lot of fun fellowship as we work together – let's do it again.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Tuesday (Sept. 21) – JK School Photos
- Tuesday (Sept. 21) – Bazaar Committee meets at 8:00pm at CCS
- Wed. (Sept. 22) – Hepatitis B Shot for grade 7
- Wed. (Sept. 22) – School Photos (SK, Gr. 1-8)
- Advanced Calendar. . .**
- Wed. (Sept. 29) – B&G Committee meets at
- Thur (Sept. 30) – Finance Meeting @ JKCS at 8:00pm.



FROM THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR . . .

Mrs. Regnerus can be reached at her home office by phone 905-945-0568 or she can be emailed at finances@nace.ca. Tuesdays and Thursdays she can be found in the office at John Knox.

ALL SCHOOL PHOTOS: The date has been set for **Wednesday, September 22 (JK students and the Gr. 1 class group photo will be taken tomorrow; Tuesday, September 21, parents; see Gr 1 announcement below).**

CLASSROOM CORNER

JR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. PRINS:

- The first two weeks have gone by and students are beginning to adjust to the many school routines. New friends are being made, new centres are being discovered and new activities have been introduced.
- We are working at learning how to print our names. Your assistance at home in this endeavour is appreciated. All letters begin at the top. Names are taught with the first letter being uppercase and the remaining letters lowercase. eg. Addison. A how to page of the alphabet letters is included for Tuesday.
- This week we meet "Miss Achoo A." Except for their names the majority of our time will be spent learning and practicing the uppercase letters. Please be sure to send an item with the "a" sound tomorrow.
- This Friday we will be leaving the school at 1:35pm. for the Fire Hall in Smithville. Thank you to Mrs. Thies, Mrs. Breukelman, and Mrs. VanHerewynen for assisting us on our walk.
- Students in JK typically line up for the bus at the end of the day beside the Kindergarten room. They are dismissed only when an older sibling arrives to pick them up. If your JK child is the oldest in the family a friend or an assigned individual will assist him/her to the bus.

SR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. DEBOER

- Greetings from Senior Kindergarten!
- We welcome Taylor Schilstra to our classroom. She is a co-op student from Smithville Christian High School and will be helping out in our classroom every afternoon until January 2011. We are so excited to have her help in our room! We hope she will enjoy her experience at this wonderful level of learning!
- Thank you for all those who are able to drive for our apple orchard field trip! I will send you a confirmation note in your child's communication bag this week. Let's pray for nice weather!
- This week Wednesday your child needs to bring an apple to school. We will be making apple sauce with it, so any apple will do! Ask your child what the different parts of an apple are and see if they can tell you. Some of you may wish to put some apples on top of your television, as one child informed me last week that the "stem" was called an "antennae"! CUTE!!!
- FYI, SK will begin taking books home from the library in October. They will be able to take home one book a week. Their library day will be Thursday of every week.

GRADE 1 - MISS BRUNSVELD:

- **Parents please note:** Because Mrs. Reckman will not be at school on Wednesday, we'd like to have our class photo taken **tomorrow** (Tuesday). The individuals will still be taken on Wednesday so you get to dress up twice:). We do not want Mrs. Reckman missing from our class picture; thanks in advance for your cooperation.
- **Memory Work:** (due Friday, Sept 24th) Psalm 199:14; *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*
- **Special Day: Sharing**

Tues. Sept 21	– Victoria Hilson	Fri. Sept. 24	– Cole Landendoen
Wed. Sept 22	– Ezekiel Iriarte	Mon. Sept. 27	– Madison LaPenna
Thurs. Sept 23	– Cadence Kiers	Tues. Sept 28	– Liam Roelfsema
- **Math:** We are focusing on numbers 1-12 and starting number patterns.
- **Vocabulary:** Colour and number words from zero to twelve (same as last week) as well as *big, out, hill, we, get, together*
- **Letter Study:** We will be learning the sounds and the names of L, D, N, W, C,
- **Bible:** Stories are about sin, Noah, and Abraham.
- **Creation Studies:** My Amazing Brain, Heart and Stomach



GRADE 2 - MISS BYLSMA :

- **Spelling:** List 2 (Friday)
- **Memory Work:** Ephesians 4:3-4 due Thursday, Sept. 30
- **Guest Reader:** Connor (Monday)
- **Sharing:** Ashley (Monday)
- As we have been talking about mapping our neighbourhood, it's apparent that not all students know their addresses. This is something that they should know. Please practice this at home as necessary. Watch for some mapping homework that will be due this week.
- **Math:** There will be a **test** tomorrow on patterns.
- Remember that we are participating in a Food Drive over the next few weeks. Please consider sending some food for those who need it!

GRADE 3 - MRS. ZWIERS:

- **Memory Work :** Genesis 1:27, 28 (due today)
- **Spelling** – Unit 2: test on Friday
- **Stars of the Week**-Samson, Chloe, Michelle, Katrina
- We welcome Mrs. Vaughn from the local public library to introduce our first genre of REALISTIC FICTION books!
- NOTE- We are still practicing our procedures so they become routines in our classroom. Please ensure that your child's agenda is signed AFTER checking their homework for that particular day. Thanks for your support!!

GRADE 4/5 - MR. ABBAS:

- Memory Work: Ephesians 4:2
- Spelling: Gr. 4 - WW - #1-5,7; WP - 2; and CWW - 1 and 2.
Gr. 5 - OP - 1-5; DP - 1 and 2; EP - 2; and CW - 1,6-7.
- Please look for a parent letter with further information.

GRADE 5 / 6 - MRS. ABBAS:

- The new arrangement of grades 5 and 6 together in our class is working our well. The students are getting to know each other. We have had 2 good weeks! Thanks for signing the agendas each day, and thank you for all the tissue boxes. Please help your child learn addition and subtraction facts better. Later on in the school year we will focus on multiplication and division tables, although students may practice those at home too!
- Spelling: Unit 2: Sentences are due Monday, Exercises are due Tuesday, and our Test is on Thursday.
- Gr. 6 students have a Bible test on Thursday (Mr. A.).

GRADE 7 - MRS. RAMSEY:

- Last week, we spent some time discussing covenants. We came to the realization that when God is involved in a covenant He always keeps His promises. We are not quite so faithful. We also discussed reasons behind why our school is called Covenant Christian School.
- Memory Work: Psalm 23
- Spelling: Lesson 3 (assignment is due Thursday; test is on Friday).
- French: There will be a quiz on Thursday (on conjugating "er" verbs)
- Find the daily assignments at: www.homeworkdepot.net
- The first of the 2 part Hep B vaccine will be given on Wednesday.

GRADE 8 - MR. KINGMA:

- Tuesday – Math: Math Tests are due back to school with parent signature.
- Thursday: – Assembly: Students are to be well prepared for their roles in the assembly today.
- Friday – Memory Work: None this week as we are preparing for Thursday's Assembly.
– Spelling Test and Assignment: Unit 3.
- Thinking Ahead: Next Week - Memory Work is Ephesians 4:29-32.