



### FOREVER FAITHFUL

*"For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations." Psalm 100:5*

## From The Principal's Desk:

Greetings TBCS,

Welcome back everyone; it has been delightful to see everyone again. We are all well rested and eager to continue where we left off in December. This week has felt like I never left southern Ontario with the warm weather we are having, yet I am sure we are waiting for the colder temperatures to come so that the rink can be flooded and skating can begin.

During the first few months of school Mr. Himanen has been spending a lot of time looking at our Social Studies and Science curriculum; investigating how it matches up to Ministry of Education expectations. For the most part we are doing very well; however, some gaps have been noticed in the area of Science. Hence, we have instructed the teachers to review what units are taught and what needs to be added in order to fill the gaps. On average one or two more units need to be done in order for all topics that are required to be covered. As a result we have determined that this year we will be taking a **sabbatical (a time of review) from doing a Science Fair.**

It is my aim that during this year of review we will gage the reaction from parents and investigate how we could embed a Science Fair within our curriculum so that most of the work is done at school. I welcome your feedback. Perhaps, you are willing to share your insight at our Town Hall Meeting on February 11, 2013.

In the meanwhile, if your child (grade 6 or 8) is interested in taking part in the regional science fair, please speak with Mrs. Himanen. She is very willing to provide all the resources that are needed in order to be successful.

Finally, you will notice that attached to this journal is a special letter inviting everyone to attend our **Town Hall meeting – school improvement plan.** YOU ARE ASKED TO REPLY INDICATING IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING. It is the TBCS Board and my desire that at least one member of every family in our school attend this special night. We need your voice to be heard.

Shalom,  
Andy Alblas

### Looking Ahead:

Monday	Jan 14	-	
Tuesday	Jan 15	- Executive Meeting	8:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 16	- <b>NO Playgroup</b> - Wrestling Practice	<b>postponed until Jan. 30</b> 3:30-4:15 pm
Thursday	Jan 17	-	
Friday	Jan 18	- Hot Dog Hot Lunch	



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## From our School Community:

### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Our Christian condolences are extended to Bram and Jennifer Drost and family on the passing of Jennifer's mom, Martha Bill, last week. As well, our thoughts and prayers go out to David and Margaret Hawkins and family in the passing of Margaret's uncle, Leo Ferguson, last week as well.

**TOWN HALL MEETING** form is attached to today's Journal. Please indicate on the .pdf form your name and the number of people who will be attending the meeting. The town hall meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2013, at 7:30 pm. Once you press the "submit via email" section, the school will automatically receive your reply.

**POP CAN BIN** has been moved to south parking lot beside the TAN bin for easier access. The school receives money from the recycling of the cans each year.

**WINTER HOT LUNCH FORM** is attached to today's Journal. A paper copy was sent home last week with each family. Forms are due back by **Wednesday, Jan. 16**. Please make cheques payable to TBCS Booster Club.

**SCHOLASTIC:** Classroom flyers were sent home with your child earlier last week. Two special flyers will also be sent home with the oldest in each family today. If you wish to order from any of the flyers, please return to the school no later than Friday, January 18. Thank you.

### **PLAYGROUP UPDATE!!!**

All moms are welcome to come out to playgroup **Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30** starting **January 30th!** We will meet in the room across from the grade 5/6 classroom. This is a time for moms to get to know each other and a fun time for little ones to play, eat, and do crafts! Please feel free to invite friends - Everyone is welcome!!! For more information call Shelly Van Voort at 577-4587. I look forward to seeing you there!! (P.S. if you are a mom without young children who would like to get to know other moms at TBCS please feel free to join us!!)

**SAFE ARRIVAL POLICY:** Last month you may have read in the Board Mini Minutes that all school doors will remain locked at all times, with the exception of the front door. This began on Jan 7. Therefore, if you arrive late, you must enter the school through the front door, because all other doors will be locked.

**COLD WEATHER REMINDER:** With the cold weather coming upon us, just a reminder that the office checks the internet weather forecast before each break. A temperature of -20 to -30 degrees Celsius with the wind chill is considered a penguin recess (children go outside but may come back if/when they are cold). Below -30 with the wind chill is an indoor recess. If you are on yard duty, please check the weather forecast or call the office before coming to school. The office uses Environment Canada website: [www.weatheroffice.gc.ca](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca).

**THE RECESS RINK** will be operational and ready to go starting Tuesday, Jan. 15. **Open skate will take place all Breaks, however, JK-4 only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the 1st Break.** Hockey/safety helmets (not bicycle) must be worn on the ice. When travelling on the bus, skates must have skate guards or be in a sturdy bag for safety. Our deepest thanks to the volunteers for all their hard work in getting the rink ready.

**RINK VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for volunteers who would like to help out with the outdoor rink at school. We would also like to organize a HDIC boot hockey tournament sometime in February. Anyone who would like to help out with these can call Paul Voortman at 252-0860 for more details.

**MAGAZINE SALES:** Total profit this year from the magazine sale is \$778.00. Thank you for your support. All profits go to the Student Fund.

**PLAYGROUND DUTY:** If you are able to help monitor our children during recess (only 25 short minutes!) please contact Emily Bakker at 475-0244. Thanks to those who faithfully help out with this. We can use more helpers with this, so if you are able and willing, please help keep our precious children safe!

## From the Classrooms:

### JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Many SK students are making good progress with their Snuggle Up and Read books and moving their way up the leveled readers. Great job! This program really helps with the mastery of our sight words as well as reinforcing the reading skills we are learning in the classroom.

The JK January reading form was originally going to come home on Friday but now because of the ice day it will be coming home on Wednesday instead. Please be on the look out for it.

### Grade 1 & 2 – Miss de Haan

\*Work folders were sent home Thursday with your child. New word wall words went home for both grades. Our Memory Work will be Commandments 1-5 (due Wed., January 23) and we will continue with Commandments 6-10 following that. Please keep the "tablets" that your child made with the list of commandments to refer to when memorizing (sent home Thursday). Thank you.

\*Grade 1's came home with a sheet for counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. Please help your child practice this.

In a few weeks, (s)he will be asked to do the counting without assistance.

\*This week in Library, your child chose three books instead of two. Please remember to return **three** books next week. Thank you!

\*New Reading diaries also went home Thursday. Please remember to return it by this Thursday, January 17. Thanks!

### Grade 3 & 4 – Mrs. Boer

☺ We worked hard last week to get out of our holiday mode and back into the swing of things at school and . . . we did quite well! I still want to thank you all so much for all the Christmas wishes, cards, and gifts I received from your children before the holidays. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!!

☺ In Bible last week we dealt with the story of Ruth who left her homeland of Moab and returned to Israel with Naomi because she wanted to serve the God of Israel. After she gleaned in the fields of Boaz, she married him and together they had a son named Obed, a forefather of Jesus.

We reviewed and finished chapter 4 in math last week. Last Thursday we wrote our addition and

subtraction test. Many students did very well! Good job, grade 3 and 4! Our next chapter is measurement.

In Literature we began a novel study of *Owls in the Family* by Farley Mowat. Bruce and Billy live on the Saskatchewan prairies and plan to capture an owlet for a pet.

Wednesday: Library -Remember all your books!!  
Thursday: Math/Mad Minute worksheets  
Friday: Word Wall Word Review test #3  
Hot Dog Hot Lunch

### Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

We have had a great week in grades five and six, getting back into the swing of things and looking forward to all the activities and learning possibilities in 2013! We enjoyed listening to the book reports presented by our classmates as they practised the

role of "Passage Picker" and explained why they chose several passages of their book to share with the class. We were able to ask questions about the books read, and hopefully, students got ideas of new and exciting books to read in the future.

For the January report, students will only need to read one book but do two activities for that book. They will practise being the "Word Wizard" and "Connector". We are trying a new system and at the same time practising ahead of time the roles we will take when working in Literature Circles later in the year.

Students also finished their "Proverbs Project" and began to present them. We are now doing a study on Job and are amazed that Job could maintain his integrity and faith in God despite the hardships that God allowed in His life. As a result, he was greatly blessed and serves as a model for us as we read his story.

In math the grade sixes are working through the unit on multiplication and division. It is highly beneficial for students to know their multiplication tables well. We have been practising with mad minutes each day but some practice at home would also be welcomed.

**Grade 7 & 8 – Mr. Himanen, Mr. Alblas, Miss Baxter**

**Science:** This week the class will be learning about different compounds (chemicals) that are used in our world, and the students will be researching how these compounds are made and what they are used for.

**History:** The class will be learning about the Middle Ages and what life was like for the people of that time period. We will be specifically looking at the plague that caused tremendous difficulties and death for the people who suffered through that period of time.

**Grade 9 & 10 – Mrs. Drost, Mrs. Baxter, Mr. Alblas, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Hawkins**

**CHV 20:** We're down to the last two weeks of Civics. All assignments are due January 25th.

**Music – Mrs. Hawkins**

**Grade 1/2 Music:** Students started learning to sing using Solfege signs this week.

**Grade 5/6 Music:** Students were given Alto recorders this week. They should bring them to class each Tuesday. In computers students investigated on-line dictionaries.

In Social Studies we continue our unit on trading - this week we looked at what resources, both natural and human, that Canada has to offer the rest of the world. We were amazed that there were so many very important and influential discoveries and contributions to the world by many Canadians. We look forward to seeing how God is going to use each one of us in the world for His Kingdom.

**Next Week:**

Memory Work: Luke 12:15

Tuesday: Hooray! The rink will be open!

Wednesday: Bible test on Proverbs and Job

Thursday: bring your skates - skating for P.E. (weather permitting)

Friday: Grammar quiz on quotation marks (both classes)

**Grade 5 Math:** Students will have a test on Chapter 5, Tuesday, January 15.

**Bible:** The students have been studying the book of Proverbs and how it is full of wise sayings that can give us help in showing us how to live our daily lives. Proverbs also shows us parts of God's character. This week we will be working on writing some of our own proverbs, and the proverbs that we write will be shared with each other.

**Geography:** The class will be learning about the soil and climate conditions in the temperate grasslands. We will be looking specifically at the country of Australia and how the people live in these areas.

**Grade 3/4 Music:** Students learned about the dotted half note this week.

**Grade 7 Band:** Students practised a new band piece this week. Please work on page 14 and 15 for next week.