



FOREVER FAITHFUL

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



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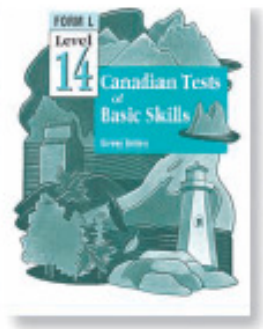
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From The Principal's Desk:

Greetings TBCS,

Last week our school received the results of the Canadian Test of Basic Skills (CTBS). The teachers and I have reviewed them. The results are very encouraging and enlightening. They



are encouraging because as a whole the students are often doing much better than the OACS average, which is consistent with other years. They are enlightening because they do show areas that need some attention.

Last week I commented on how Mr. Himanen; through his curriculum work, noticed a gap in our science and social studies curriculum. The CTBS results also provided data to support this understanding. Therefore, I am thankful that we are able to be proactive in our approach to improve our academics here at TBCS.

Perhaps some of you are wondering, is it possible to see the results of my child? The answer is yes. Simply contact the office and make an appointment to meet with me, and I will be more than willing to sit down with you and go over the results. Please call the office, or send an e-mail to (office@tbaychristianschool.ca). Mrs. Boyes will keep track of anyone seeking to set up a meeting. I will be away most of next week, for I will be attending a Technology conference in San Diego, CA which was mentioned in the Board Mini Minutes dated November 26, 2012. It is my hope to send you some information about it in next week's journal.

Shalom,
Andy Alblas

Looking Ahead:

Monday	Jan 21	- TAN Sorting Slate River Bus	7-9 pm
		- Program / HR Meeting	7:30 pm
		- Finance Meeting	8:00 pm
Tuesday	Jan 22	- Afterschool Skating	3:30-5:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 23	- Wrestling Practice	3:30-4:15 pm
		- Afterschool Skating	3:30-5:00 pm
Thursday	Jan 24	-	
Friday	Jan 25	-	

From our School Community:



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.

THE RECESS RINK: 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.

HDIC BOOT HOCKEY TOURNAMENT will be held on Saturday, February 16. Get your teams of four together and save this date. Registration forms will be available at the school on Monday, Jan. 21 or through email. Contact Paul Voortman at 252-0860 or mrvoortman@hotmail.com for more details on this or if you would like to help out with the outdoor rink at school.

MOM'S PANTRY SARANWRAP BACKORDERS Due to hurricane Sandy there was a delay in production. They are now being shipped out and should be arriving at the school shortly.

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.

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!!)

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

Due to last Friday's ice day the 50th day of Kindergarten should fall on Friday, February 25 (barring any other storms, that is! ☺)

Many students have been asking when we can go skating.

We are presently working on gymnastics in Phys. Ed. but I'm trying to schedule some ice times for gym very soon so we can work on our skating skills as well. (Waiting for slightly warmer temperatures is also key to a successful skating afternoon!)

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss de Haan

*Work folders were sent home yesterday with your child. Both grades will be doing a review of word wall words given over the past 6 weeks. Please refer to the list that came home with your child. Gr. 1's will be tested on word recognition (there will be no Spelling test next week so time can be spent on practicing the words sent home). Gr. 2's will have a larger Spelling test this coming Thursday.

*Memory Work (Commandments 1-5) is due this Wednesday. See if your child can say them to you!

(The remaining 5 commandments will be the next focus for our Memory Work.)

* Please remember to return **three** library books on Wednesday. Thank you!

*New Reading diaries went home yesterday. Please remember to return it by next Thursday, January 24. Thanks!

Grade 3 & 4 – Mrs. Boer

☺ Today we enjoyed our Hot Dog Hot Lunch. Thank you so much, "hot" lunch ladies.

☺ In Bible this week we dealt with the story of Hannah who prayed for a son. God answered her prayer and her son Samuel served in the tabernacle as a young boy, just as Hannah had promised God. Then God called Samuel with terrible message for Eli.

We worked on measurement in math this week. Grade 3 estimated and measured using centimetres and metres. They had fun measuring things in the classroom and hallway. Grade 4 worked with millimetres, centimetres, and decimetres and also measured classroom items.

In Literature we continued Owls in the Family by Farley Mowat. Bruce and Billy talked their teacher, Mr. Miller into taking pictures of the owl's nest so they could get an owlet.

Of course Mr. Miller was attacked by the owl, just as the boys had expected!

☺ Yesterday, our plans were to go skating for P.E. However, the weather was a bit too cold, so we had to cancel. We'll try again next week Tuesday and Thursday so bring your skates and helmets on both days please!

Monday: Return your homework folder and Reading Record sheet
Gr.4 Grammar pages 54

Wednesday: Library - Remember all your books!!

Thursday: Math/Mad Minute worksheets

Friday: Word Wall Word test #12

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

This week we continued to proceed through the curriculum and once again get into a routine after the “long weekend”. We heard some more great book reports and enjoyed acting out scenarios of being “Job’s comforters”.

Students wrote tests in Bible, Grammar, and Spelling, so all in all it was a pretty productive week.

The weather on Thursday did not allow for us to get onto the rink which was too bad, but we are enjoying learning and practising our basketball skills. We will again try to get out on the rink next week during our P.E. class. Students should be prepared for either Tuesday or Thursday so we can take advantage of any good weather and get skating!

Next week we will focus a good deal of time working on our assembly which will be presented on January 30th. Students received copies of their scripts today and should work on memorizing their lines over the weekend. This will be the memory work assignment for this week.

I am reading several things to the classes. One pamphlet that I am reading is called *How to Get Good Grades in Ten Easy Steps*. It has a lot of practical ideas in it (many of which we already do here at T.B.C.S.) to help students to maximize their potential.

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

History: Next week the class will be studying what life was like for the people in the Middle Ages. We will look at how the people lived their daily lives, what they ate, how they dressed etc.

Geography: The students will be presenting their grassland fauna next week starting on Monday. We will also look at the way people live in the grasslands of Australia, and compare that to other regions of Australia.

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

CHV 20: Students were given time to work on their final assignments. These are due Friday, January 25.

Step 1- Believe in Yourself

Step 2 - Be Organized - use an agenda and portfolios for homework, organize and pack your bag before bed

Step 3 - Manage Your Time Well - use class time wisely, create a study plan, prepare for sabotage (don't leave things to the last moment)

Step 4 - Be Successful in the Classroom - learn how to adapt to different teachers, be in school on time everyday, be prepared for each class, sit in front if possible, be aware of your body language and non-verbal behaviours, participate in class, be a good group member, always do your homework, treat others with courtesy and respect, involve your parents (have them help you study etc.)

Stay tuned for Steps 5-10! ☺

Next Week:

Memory Work - assembly material

Computers: In computers students explored online dictionaries and worked on their typing skills.

Grade 5 Math: Students wrote a math test on measurement this week. Our next unit is on multiplication and division.

Bible: The class will be completing their Proverbs unit by creating a booklet that contains all the proverbs that the students have written.

Memory Work: Proverbs: 5-7, Thursday, January 24.

Math: There will be a math Test for Grade 7 and 8 on the concept of percentages on Friday January 25.

Exam Schedule:

Tuesday- English

Thursday- Geography

Wednesday- French, Science

Friday- Math

Music- Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1/2 Music: Students learned about the music of J.S. Bach and learned about notation and solfa signs.

Grade 3/4 Music: Students learned about a Japanese instrument called the Koto.

Grade 5/6 Music: Students played the notes B, A, G on their recorders. Students should bring their recorders to class every Tuesday.

Grade 7 Band: Students worked through pages 14-16 this week and played two band pieces.

French -Mme Baxter

Grade 3: Students will learn family members in French and how to ask how they are and their name and age.

Grade 4: Students will learn new vocabulary and adjectives, how to accord adjectives with the feminine subject and what missionaries do.

Grade 5: Grade 5 students review adjectives, Avoir and Etre. and learn family members and rooms in a house and what will be in them in French. Students create their own floor plan for a dream house and must include all of the rooms and items in French.

Grade 6: Students continue to learn about Burundi, time, French poems, new vocabulary, careers and prepositions. They will learn and practice the past tense

Grade 7: Students are learning "articles indefini et defins", savoir and connaitre, adverbs, passe compose, imperatif, different types of writing and reflexive verbs.

Grade 8: Grade 8 students are continuing to learn about life in a boarding school in Europe. This unit they will learn reflexive verbs, adverbs and imperatif.

Grade 9/10: The grade 9 students have been learning many new words and familiarizing themselves with new texts, passe compose of irregular verbs, and with etre.

The grade 10 students fourth unit focuses a lot on reading comprehension and discussion. We review the different conjugations, review object pronouns, learn about the genocide in Rwanda and other times in history.