



**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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**From The Principal's Desk:**

Greetings TBCS,

As I mentioned last week, for the past 4 days I have been in San Diego, CA attending a conference at High Tech High (HTH). HTH's program is virtually textbook-free. HTH is structured around four design principles, including three from NUHS and one developed by HTH:

1. personalization
2. adult world connection
3. common intellectual mission
4. teacher as designer

These principles determined the small size of the schools, the openness of the facilities, personalization, emphasis on integrated and project-based learning, and display and exhibitions of student work. All students are required to complete internships in the community. HTH is teaching students to think deeply about content and then do something with their knowledge, not just race through a textbook. One slogan at High Tech High is: "You can play video games at HTH, but only if you make them here."

Along with seeing and interacting with these educational ideas, I am also investigating what technological tools may be needed to support these ideas. It is my hope to gain some ideas that may extend into our Grade 7 and 8 classes as well. I look forward to sharing these ideas in the near future with you.

Please keep the High School teachers here at TBCS in your prayers as they finish their marking and report cards which will be going home on Wednesday. We all look forward to meeting the parents on Thursday.

Shalom, Andy Alblas



**Looking Ahead:**

Monday	Jan 28	-
Tuesday	Jan 29	- Board Meeting 8:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 30	- Play Group 9:30-11:30 am
		- Grade 5/6 Assembly 9:00 am
		- High School Report Cards are sent Home
Thursday	Jan 31	- Staff Meeting 3:30-5:00 pm
		- <b>Afterschool Skating 3:30-5:00 pm</b>
Friday	Feb 1	- High School Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:30-530 pm
		- <b>Afterschool Skating 3:30-5:00 pm</b>
		- Hot Lunch (Pizza)

## From our School Community:



**Thunder Bay Christian School**  
**REGISTRATION/OPEN HOUSE**  
for new students in JK - 8 will be held on  
Tuesday, February 5, 2013 - 9:00 am-3:00 pm & 7:00-9:00 pm  
AND  
Wednesday, February 6, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



**FAREWELL** to Jesse & Shannon Jones and family (Wesley-Gr.3, Olivia-Gr.2). We shall miss you at TBCS and wish you God's blessing as you make the change to a different local school.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please keep Steve & Melissa Seguin and family in your prayers as Steve's dad recently suffered a heart attack and has been transferred to Winnipeg for further medical treatment.

**FROM STUDENTS' COUNCIL** We are inviting all students to start bringing their pennies to school throughout all of next week for our "Great Penny Contest" to raise money for worthy causes in other parts of the world where school supplies, clean water, etc. are not plentiful. Each class has a coffee can to deposit your pennies into for one week, and during the week after next, during the first break only, students may put any other coins (or bills) into the coffee cans of other classrooms which will cancel out the total value of the amount of pennies collected. The class with the highest value in pennies (not canceled pennies) wins, even though we know that the class with the most money in total in their can will benefit those in need the most. The idea is to have some fun as we raise money with our coins.

**HIGHSCHOOL REPORT CARDS** will be sent home on **Wednesday, Jan. 30**. Highschool parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, Jan. 31 from 3:30-5:00 pm**. There will be no scheduled times but parents can meet individually with teachers in the gym.

**HDIC BOOT HOCKEY TOURNAMENT** will be held on Saturday, February 16. Get your teams of four together and save this date. Registration forms were sent home earlier this week and are attached to today's Journal. Contact Paul Voortman at 252-0860 or [mrvoortman@hotmail.com](mailto:mrvoortman@hotmail.com) for more details on this or if you would like to help out with the outdoor rink at school.

**PLAYGROUP** begins Wednesday, January 30th from 9:30-11:30. We will meet in the room across from the grade 5/6 classroom. Please feel free to invite your friends. Everyone is welcome!!! For more information call Shelly Van Voort at 577-4587.

**FEBRUARY MILK FORM** is attached to today's Journal. Please fill out and return by **Wednesday, January 30**.

## From the Classrooms:

### JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Today was our 50<sup>th</sup> day of Kindergarten so it was jam-packed with different activities, treats and experiments. Be sure to ask your child for more details!

### Grade 1 & 2 – Miss de Haan

\*Work folders were sent home yesterday. New word wall words were also sent home. Please remember to practice with your child.

\*Our next Memory Work will be Commandments 6-10 and will be due Feb. 6. If you are still using the "tablets" that had the list, please remind your child to use the number picture clues to help them remember.

\*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 31. Thanks! {FYI, when your child returns 12 completed diaries, the reward is a coupon for a free kid's meal from Boston Pizza. Several reached this goal last week and the coupons were handed out.}

\*\*Request: We are in need of empty Kleenex boxes. If you have any, please send them in! Thanks!

### Grade 3 & 4 – Mrs. Boer

☆This week we really missed our former classmate, Wesley Jones, who transferred to another school. We will miss the good humour, cheerfulness and interesting topics of discussion he brought to our class. We wish him all the best as he settles in to his new school and classroom.

\* Once again, our plans to go skating for P.E. this week were cancelled because of the extreme cold. We'll try again next week Tuesday and Thursday so bring your skates and helmets on both days please!

☺ In Bible this week we saw how God was displeased with the Israelites for taking the Ark of the Covenant into battle. The Philistines won, Eli and his two sons died and the Ark was taken. However, God showed that he is the only true God when Dagon fell (bowed) before the Ark.

We continued our measurement chapter in math this week. Grade 3 learned to choose the correct unit of measurement and worked on finding the perimeter. Grade 4 also worked on perimeter and learned the formula for rectangles. They also worked on problem solving using diagrams

In Literature we continued Owls in the Family by Farley Mowat. After a chinook Bruce, Billy and Murray found two dead owlets and one surviving one in the bluffs. They took the little owl home in their haversack and named him Wol.

Students have been asked to bring "picture" maps to class for Social Studies. We've begun working on a mapping unit.

Monday: Return your homework folder and Reading Record sheet  
Gr.4 Grammar page 59

Tuesday: Bring your skates and helmets  
Wednesday: Library - Remember all your books!!

Thursday: Math/Mad Minute worksheets  
Friday: Word Wall Word test #13

## Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

Brrr! It's been cold and we've had to stay inside a bit but...

The students have been working very hard preparing posters, skits, writings, and memory work for their assembly which will take place next week. Come on out on Wednesday, January 30 to find out how to have true JOY in 2013!

In math we continue working through the unit on multiplication and division. There will be a chapter test for grade six on Tuesday of next week.

We finally finished listening to all the oral book reports from December. Students were "Passage Pickers" and shared excerpts from the books they were reading. January book reports are soon due. The students only had to read one book for January but had 2 assignments to complete: Word Wizard and Connector.

We continued to read from *How to Get Good Grades*. Next week I will share steps 6-10.

Next Week:

Memory Work- Assembly material including scripture verses for the end of skits

Monday - Grammar Unit Test - Units 13-18

Tuesday - Math Test Grade Six - Chapter 6

Wednesday - Our Assembly!

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

**Science:** Next week the class will be having a quiz on their chemistry unit on Thursday, January 31. The students should know the terms we have been learning during the experiments we have completed in class.

**Geography:** The class will be studying how the people in the temperate grasslands of Australia get water when there is not very much rainfall. We will be looking at the idea of irrigation.

**History:** Next week the class will be studying the 100 Years War as we work to complete our study of the Middle Ages. We will be looking at who was involved in this war, why the war was being fought, and the results and effects of the war on Europe.

**Memory Work:** Colossians 3: 2 & 3, Wednesday, January 30

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

**CHV 20:** Students enjoyed their last day of Civics this week. We'll start Careers next week.

## Music – Mrs. Hawkins

**Grade 1/2 Music:** Students learned sofa hand signs and practiced sight singing.

**Grade 5/6 Music:** Students learned two pieces on their recorders. In computers, students finished researching computer terms through various on-line dictionaries.

**Grade 3/4 Music:** Students learned sofa hand signs and sang a few funny songs. They also learned about sixteenth notes.

**Grade 7 Band:** Practice pages 15, 16 and 17 as well as new band pieces.

