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*"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,

After being away for most of last week it was wonderful to come back and see all the students and teachers again; to hear their stories and see how their learning is progressing. While at High Tech High (HTH), I was amazed at how articulate each student was. They could all clearly state what they were learning and why they were learning it. This school was built on Student Learning above all. In fact, they eagerly desired to have an adult ask them about their learning.

Their curriculum was teacher designed, not bought which was in line with state curriculum outcomes in mind. As for the type of technology that was used, each classroom has a set up laptops and tablets for students to use while researching their different projects. Grade 6-8 were allowed access to power tools with adult supervision when designing and building projects.

Finally, the last thing that caught my eyes was their use of space. Large common meeting areas filled the school. These areas were student centered where collaboration took place among students. All in all, it has given me many things to think about over the coming years. Perhaps, there are some ideas similar to these that you wish to share at the **TOWNHALL MEETING on FEBRUARY 11**; our Board would love to hear them. I fully believe our school community is a faithful learning community just as our God is a Faithful God. Please attend this meeting and share your ideas.



Shalom,
Andy Alblas

Looking Ahead:

Monday	Feb 4	- Sorting Kakabeka/Murillo Bus - Maintenance Meeting - Executive Meeting - Booster Club	7:00-9:00 pm 7:30 pm 8:00 pm 8:00 pm
Tuesday	Feb 5	- Open House Registration 2013-2014 - High School Information Night - Afterschool Skating	9-3 pm / 7-9 pm 7:30 pm 3:30-5:00 pm
Wednesday	Feb 6	- Open House Registration - Play Group - Wrestling - Afterschool Skating	9-3 pm 9:30-11:30 am 3:30-4:15 pm 3:30-5:00 pm
Thursday	Feb 7	-	
Friday	Feb 8	-	

From our School Community:



TOWN HALL MEETING form is attached to today's Journal. Please indicate on the .pdf form 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.

PRAYER REQUEST: Please keep Chris & Shawnee Pacholczak and family in your prayers as Chris's mom recovers from a stroke.

FROM STUDENTS' COUNCIL: The Great Penny Contest continues! Next week students may bring anything but pennies to put into other classes' penny cans during first break only. This will bring down the value of the total in the pot since pennies will be subtracted from the silver in the pot at the end of the week. So if you put 50 cents into the 9/10 pot, we will subtract 50 pennies (value) from the 9/10 can at the end of the week. Also coming up is Valentine's Day. You are invited to send candy grams to your friends and classmates. These will be 25 cents each and will be delivered to the recipients on Valentine's Day. Please place your orders (your money) on Friday, Feb. 8 and on Monday, Feb 11 from 8:50- 9:15 in the library.

THNAK YOU to the ladies who came out to serve us our Pizza Hot Lunch on this chilly day!

HDIC BOOT HOCKEY TOURNAMENT Anyone who has a conflict with their son's or daughter's practices or games can put on the registration forms the times that will not work for them. Paul Voortman will use these times to schedule your team so they will not be playing at the same time.

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER: TBCCC has sent a thank you note to the school that reads as follows: "*Thank you so much to everyone who donated food for our emergency food hampers. Every little bit helps and we appreciate everything you gave. We wish you God's blessings! With love from the TBCCC.*" Thank you to the Students' Council for their efforts in encouraging donations.

MICROWAVES NEEDED: The grade 7/8 and 9/10 classroom microwaves have been deemed irreparable. Donations would be gratefully accepted.

SCHOLASTIC: Classroom flyers were sent home with your child earlier this 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 Wednesday, February 6. Thank you.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR is attached to today's Journal.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Unfortunately, the cold temperatures prevented us from skating for Phys. Ed. today. Hopefully, we can go next week!

The February newsletter/calendar went home this week along with a Nightly Reading form (JK only) and a popcorn dictionary list (SK only).

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. Grade 1's came home with a sheet yesterday showing the results of recent testing on word wall recognition. Please take time to help your child learn the words that were not yet recognized. Thank you.

*New Reading diaries went home yesterday. Please remember to return it by next Thursday, February 7. Thanks!

*Thank you to all who sent in an empty Kleenex box. They were used to make our Valentine holders. A list of names went home yesterday to help your child write out valentines.

*Our next Memory Work will be Commandments 6-10 and is due this Wednesday.

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

Grade 3 & 4 – Mrs. Boer

☺ On Wednesday we enjoyed and learned so much from the grade 5/6 assembly. JOY means loving Jesus first, Others next, and Yourself last! We loved your recorder playing and awesome skits! Great job, grades 5 and 6!!

* Hurrah!! We finally went skating for P.E. this Tuesday, even though it was too cold again yesterday! 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 Samuel proved to be a good judge who taught his people to serve God. The Israelites, however, wanted a king so Samuel anointed Saul as God commanded him.

We continued our measurement chapter in math this week. Grade 4 worked with decades, centuries and millennium. Both grades also worked on telling time before, after and digitally, as well as, time passing. Some students could use extra practise, so parents if you have an analog clock, please ask your child the time as often as you can!

In Literature we continued *Owls in the Family* by Farley Mowat. Billy saw some bullies throw stones at a little owlet in an oil barrel. He traded the owl for his pocket knife, took him home and named him Weeps. Now Wol isn't lonely anymore and Billy has two pet owls!

This week in Social Studies we worked with picture maps, learning to use a legend and give directions. Picture maps from home are still very welcome!!

Monday: Return your homework folder and Reading Record sheet
Gr.4 Grammar page 63

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

★ Math test: Chapter 5 - Measurement
Test Yourself is due - Both grades

Thursday: Mad Minute worksheets

Friday: Word Wall Words test #14

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

Congratulations, class, on a job well done on your assembly! You did a wonderful job on your skits, recitations, and recorder playing! I am so proud of you all! Thank you for your hard work in making posters, gathering props and costumes, and for learning your lines in such a short time! Wow! We pulled this together in just a week and a half! Thank you, parents, for joining us at our assembly!

We finally got a warm enough day to go skating on the rink, and we had a fantastic time out there! We plan to try to skate again on Tuesday during our gym class (weather always permitting).

Next week we will really buckle down, now that our assembly is out of the way, and get diving into the books and units that we are studying. This week students wrote tests in spelling, grammar, and math (gr. 6) so please make yourselves aware of their marks on these tests.

Next week the grade sixes begin a unit on 2-D Geometry (constructing angles, triangles etc.) We will get back to our novel study on *Sign of the Beaver*, learn about suffixes in grammar, continue with the trading unit in social studies, and begin a science unit on the human body (body systems). In "How to Get Good Grades" this week, students were given tips and ideas on how to study for tests and how to write tests successfully.

Next Week:

Monday - January book reports to be handed in
- Chapter 1-5 material for *Sign of the Beaver* due

Tuesday - skating

Grade 5 Math: Students will have a test on multiplication and division next Thursday, February 7.

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

Language - The students have a couple exciting weeks ahead of them! We will finish reading *Hatchet*, and we will be moving on to *Bronze Bow*. As a final project for *Hatchet*, we will be compiling the students' written articles, on a research topic of their choice, into a magazine.

The students are also getting excited about a debate! The students have already been placed on the 'for' or 'against' team for their upcoming debate. They have begun writing an opinion piece, to be handed in prior to the debate, in order to get them ready for presenting their information.

In the next few weeks, the grade seven students will begin a poetry unit while the grade eight students will begin an essay writing unit.

Computers - The students are practising their typing skills as they work through some lessons on an on-line typing website - typingweb.com

Homework - The students should always be reading at home. They all have an independent novel to be reading and they are to read two novels, of about 250 pages minimum, a month.

With each novel they read they will have either a written or oral book report. I have provided each student with the book report guidelines and it is posted in the classroom. The first book report is due February 14

Science: The class will be looking at the gases that are present in our atmosphere next week. We will also gain an understanding of how important our atmosphere is, and how we need to take care of it.

Bible: The class is studying the unit Every Bit of Who We Are where they are learning more about who God is, and more about who we are as His followers.

History: Next week the class will be beginning to study the Renaissance time period. The class will be looking at how this time period differed from the Middle Ages in the way the people thought of the world around them. The students will also be presenting their Powerpoint slideshows to their peers.

Art - The students are currently trying out some different drawing/sketching techniques.

Memory Work:

Thursday February 7: Titus 3:4-5

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

GLC 20 Careers: Students started their second half credit this week by examining their Christian walk through scripture and reflecting on their lives so far.

Music – Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1/2 Music: Students composed and performed rhythmic pieces this week.

Grade 5/6 Music: Students played their first performance on alto recorder at the assembly. They sounded great! Please remember your recorder for Tuesday. In computers students wrote a story about a pet using Open Office.

Grade 3/4 Music: Students learned about sixteenth notes and practiced sight singing using do, me, so.

Grade 7 Band: Playing tests on page 15 will be on Monday and Wednesday. Students will be playing a solo with piano accompaniment for this test.

French – Mme Baxter

Grade 3: The third grade students have been continuing to learn more in French! This week we have learning how to describe different people. They are doing great, keep it up!

Grade 4: This class is finishing up their third unit and will have a test on Wednesday next week. It includes numbers, colours, new vocabulary and Avoir and Etre. Please help them to study😊

Grade 5: The fifth grade just finished designing their own dream house all in French. They will be reviewing the third unit on Monday and having a test on Wednesday.

Grade 6: The grade six class has been learning their third unit vocabulary. We did a relay to translate the words in the gym this week and they will learn about telling time in French and what the different careers are in French.

Grade 7: The seventh grade has been working on a project to plan a mission trip. They are doing well in their third unit and will be having a unit test in the next two weeks. Great work class!

Grade 8: The eighth grade class is working on their third unit. They continue to learn about life at a boarding school and are getting ready for next years French class. They will be making a commercial for a household item.

Grade 9/10: The ninth and tenth grade students are both into the fourth unit. The ninth grade has been working on a chart about three different countries and what they do to celebrate the New Year. The tenth grade is working on French prepositions and learning about the history of Genocide around the world. We are doing many readings and learning a lot of vocabulary and information.

MINI MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING –JANUARY 29, 2013

1. **Opening:** Chairman Ed Breukelman opens with Psalm 46 followed by prayer.
2. **Principals Report:**
 - a. CTBS (Canadian Test of Basic Skills) was discussed. Results from the assessment indicate a focus on science and language is necessary.
 - b. Motion to amend 7.37 "to open (unlock) outside doors during recess times" was made by Darryl Staal and Richard Veurink. **Carried.**
3. **TBCS Recess Rink**
 - a. Paul Voortman presents to Board of Directors regarding the ongoing improvement of the TBCS Recess Rink. The Board would like to thank Paul and his ad hoc committee for their commitment and dedication to the rink and students of TBCS.
 - b. Motion 7.39 "to allow Norwest minor hockey teams to practice at TBCS Recess Rink on Feb 20th and March 2nd" was made by Darryl Staal and Amy Breukelman. **Carried**
4. **Town Hall Meeting**
 - a. All members and supporters of the school community are reminded of the upcoming Town Hall meeting scheduled for Feb 11th at the school. Although your attendance is not required, the Board encourages you to attend this very important evening.
5. **Executive**
 - a. Motion 7.40" that CPC will oversee the wages for all teachers, Principal/COO, bus drivers and office staff" was made by John Meijaard and Darryl Staal. **Carried.**
6. **Human Resource /Program**
 - a. Motion 7.42" to approve the high school Dramatic Arts program (ADA20 Dramatic Arts) was made by Fred Van Elburg and John Meijaard Carried.
7. **Thrift Store**
 - a. **\$20 000** more was donated to the school for a total of **\$130 000** since July 2012. The Board would like to thank the committee and community for their commitment to the store.
8. **Maintenance**
 - a. Maintenance will investigate the cost of replacing the outside doors.
9. **Next Board Meeting** is February 19, 2013 (Andy's Birthday); the Executive will meet on February 4, 2013.
 - a. Motion to Adjourn was made by Darryl Staal and Lauri Fieldhouse and closing prayer was by Ed Breukelman.