

From our School Community:

HDIC BOOT HOCKEY TOURNAMENT has been cancelled.

FAMILY DAY is on Monday, February 18, and there will be no school on that day. Have a wonderful and safe long weekend enjoying some family time together.

TBCS SKATE-A-THON is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 at the Norwest Centre. Sponsor sheets went home with every student today so everyone can start obtaining sponsors for this fun event.

FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE: TBCS will once again be collecting canned goods for the RFDA (Regional Food Distribution) from February 11-20. We want to encourage all students to go (with a parent) to your neighbours, family, and friends and collect canned goods (such as soup, canned meat, fruit and vegetables, stews, spaghetti sauces, etc.) The food will be delivered by the class who brings in the most items.

SCHOLASTIC: Classroom flyers are coming home with your child and two special Spring flyers are coming home with the oldest in each family today. If you wish to order from any of these, please have your orders returned to the school by **Wednesday, February 27**. Thank you!

PD DAY is on Friday, February 22. There will be no school on that day as well.

STUDENT ID CARDS were sent home with each student earlier this week.

BUS DRIVER CHANGES: Lydia Buitenhuis will be driving the "Cow" bus Feb. 19-21. Dan Breukelman will be driving the City bus Feb 19-21 and driving the Cow bus Feb. 25-Mar. 1. Grace Boyes will be driving Kakabeka/ Murillo bus Feb. 26,27.

SUPPLY WORKER POSITION: Thunder Bay Christian School is currently looking for a supply person to care for our child with special needs when the full-time caregiver is away. Training will be provided. Interested candidates should submit a resume and statement of faith to Andy Alblas, Principal, Thunder Bay Christian School. Email: aalblas@tbaychristianschool.ca. ; School fax: 939-2843. Phone: 939-1209.

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

THANK YOU to the volunteers who served us our Chicken Strips Hot Lunch today. It was greatly appreciated!

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Thanks for all the valentines and goodies sent in to celebrate the gift of friendship that we have at T.B.C.S. The class enjoyed being a mailman or mail lady and delivering mail to their classmates.

As we celebrated the "love" of this Valentine's Day, we took time to remember the most amazing love of all- the love that Jesus demonstrated to us when he died for our sins. "Greater love has no one

than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). It served to be a powerful reminder that he came to earth, died, and rose again because he loves us and desires an eternal relationship with each one of us!

The class is doing **so** well at skating and we are hardly using the skating trainers! Great job!!

Happy Family Day weekend!

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss de Haan

*Work folders were sent home yesterday. New Spelling words were also sent home. Please remember to practice with your child. Please note that due to the short week next week, the test will be Thurs., Feb. 28.

*New Memory Work (Psalm 18:1-3) was sent home last week on a purple piece of paper. The date due has changed to Wed., Feb. 27.

*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, February 21. Thanks!

**Thank you for all the valentines and treats that were sent in on Thursday! We enjoyed the special day.

**Thank you very much to those who sent in extra Kleenex boxes! They have already been put to use!

Grade 3 & 4 – Mrs. Boer

Today we enjoyed our Chicken Strips Hot Lunch! Thank you, "hot" lunch ladies!

Yesterday we had fun exchanging valentines and having a little party. Thank you so much, students, for all your cards and chocolates! I really appreciate your thoughtfulness!

In Bible this week we reviewed the stories of Ruth, Samuel, and Saul and wrote our test yesterday. You did a good job, grades 3 and 4! Look for the test results today.

Grade 3 is working on 3-digit addition and subtraction in math. They estimated and then calculated sums and differences. Grade 4 has begun a chapter on multiplication and division facts and learned several tricks, including doubling and using arrays to solve problems.

In Literature we continued Owls in the Family by Farley Mowat. Billy, Bruce and Murray entered all their pets in the pet parade. The dogs pulled the circus wagon with the owls and gophers. However, Bruce's pet snake caused a catastrophe! This week in Social Studies we worked with more road maps and learned to measure distances using a scale.

This week:

Monday: Family Day - no school - have fun!

Tuesday: Return your homework folder and Reading Record sheet
Gr.4 Grammar page 68

Wednesday: Library - Remember your books!

Social Studies: test - picture/road maps

Thursday: Math/Mad Minute worksheets

Friday: P.D. Day - no school - enjoy!

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

We've had a "sweet week" in more ways than one! We enjoyed the beautiful weather skating on the rink again this week, completed lots more work in our class, and enjoyed treating each other to cards, candies, and chocolate on Valentine's Day! Thank you, Students' Council, for arranging the colour day and candy grams for Valentine's Day! And thank you, students, for the wonderful cards and sweet treats!

Students in both grades wrote tests in spelling and grammar. The grade sixes wrote another unit test in math this week. Look for that test to be returned early next week. Please make yourselves aware of how your child/children are doing in class.

This week students learned about Longitude and located various cities in the world using Latitude and Longitude coordinates. In Science we studied the skeletal system and started making skeletons. Next week we will learn more about the muscular system.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Colossians 3: 12-14

Wednesday: Grammar quiz on Adverbs

Thursday: Spelling test - Unit 22

Grade 5 Math: Students measured and drew angles this week.

Language Arts -This past week the students have worked very hard to finish up some final items before Term 2 is over.

Tuesday was an exciting day as the students took part in a debate. The students did a great job as both the affirmative and opposition were successful in articulating their platform. Sadly, we did miss a few students as they were sick or elsewhere that day. Get well soon! For the students who did miss the debate, I would like you to sit down with someone on the opposite side of the debate and interview them to see what their group had to say. A short paragraph will be due on February 20th, summarizing the opposite group's main arguments.

Thursday, the students handed in or presented their first written or oral book report. The next book report is due February 28th. If they wrote a written book report the first time then they will present an oral book report next time and if they presented an oral book report the first time they will write a written book report next time. Books must be 250 pages or approved by Miss. Baxter. Please encourage your child/children to be reading their independent reading novel at home.

Next week, a three day week, we will be starting "Bronze Bow". Most of the reading will be done in class but there might be some times when students will need to read independently at home. "Bronze Bow" is a novel about a boy, named Daniel, who has one driving passion, to avenge his father's death by crucifixion, by driving Roman legions from his land of Israel. Daniel joins an outlaw band and leads a dangerous life of spying, plotting, and impatiently waiting to seek revenge. Daniel is headstrong and devoid of tenderness and forgiveness, until he hears the lessons taught by Jesus of Nazareth.

Computers – The students are still practising their typing skills.

Art – Next Thursday, Nancy Bellin, will be coming into the classroom to help the grade eight students finish their banner for the main hallway. Nancy's expertise in anything sewing will definitely be very helpful! The grade seven students will continue working on some different drawing skills.

History: Next week the class will be looking at Renaissance art, and how artists of that time period were painting differently using different themes, colors, settings, etc.

Geography: The class will be looking at the climate of the desert areas, and how it is different than we often think a desert climate would be like.

Science: We have studied the different gases that are found in our atmosphere, and next week we will be studying the water cycle, the carbon cycle and the nitrogen cycle that are occurring in our atmosphere on a continuous basis.

Health: Next week the class will be learning about the circulatory and respiratory systems.

Careers: Students continued working on their first assignment.

Music – Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1/2 Music: Students participated in Valentine's activities and played various rhythm instruments.

Grade 5/6 Music: Students continued learning alto recorder this week. In computers, students learned how to draw and email using the school's Google drive website.

Grade 3/4 Music: Students are learning about Boomwhackers and Canadian folksongs. Please bring a hat to Tuesday's music class.

Grade 7 Band: Band: Practice pages 16 and 17 and band pieces for next week.

French – Mme Baxter

Grade 3: The third grade is continuing to learn how to talk about people in French. They will be doing role playing and guessing games this next few weeks.

Grade 4: This class did very well on their third unit test. We are working on reviewing our vocabulary from this year and starting unit 4. They will be learning about school in France and the difference between here and there.

Grade 5: The fifth grade did very well on their unit 3 test. We will be reviewing the vocabulary and starting to learn about the seasons and activities that take place in France.

Grade 6: The grade six class has been continuing to learn their third unit vocabulary. They have just started to learn passé composé and will be reading texts and discussing them.

Grade 7: The seventh grade has been working hard on unit 3. They are reviewing the different tenses and how to use them. They will begin to review unit 3 and have their test in two weeks.

Grade 8: The eighth grade class is working on studying their third unit. They will have a test in two weeks. They will also be making a commercial in French of 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 poster that represents Canada. The tenth grade is working on using French prepositions in an interview and a debate. We are doing many readings and learning a lot of vocabulary and information.