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"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,

March break is here, that is the echo that is filling the halls of TBCS. Enjoy this week off as you are recharged for the last part of the journey of 2012-2013.

I have really enjoyed this first year, and it has been my pleasure to learn more and more about who TBCS is every day that I am here.





As you all are resting there is one matter that I would encourage you to ponder and think creativily about, that being "Skate-a-Thon". March 20 is the date set for this annual event. As a community we gather together for this fundraiser. Below are some incentives for the students as they gather sponsors.

SKATE-A-THON MARCH 20

- 1. The Skate-a-Thon committee will be throwing a pizza party for the class who earns the most sponsors. This is based upon number of sponsors received, then divided by number of students in the class. The best average will receive the party.
- 2. The Skate-a-Thon committee will give a plaque to the boy and girl who earn the most money; this will be hung in the school.
- 3. The top earner of funds in each class will be treated to lunch by the principal.

Have a blessed break everyone!

Shalom, Andy Alblas

Looking Ahead:

Monday	March 18	- Hep B (Gr. 7) and Booster Shots (SK) - TAN Sorting Kakabeka/Murillo - Program / HR Meeting	7:00-9:00 pm 7:30 pm
Tuesday	March 19	-	
Wednesday	March 20	- Play Group - Skate-a-Thon - Skate-a-Thon Supper	9:30-11:30 am 2:00-5:00 pm 4:00-6:30 pm
Thursday	March 21	- Gr. 5-6 at the Complex	12:00-3:00 pm
Friday	March 22	-	

From our School Community:

SKATE-A-THON SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 20

2:00 pm: Grades JK-4 leave on buses for the rink 2:30 pm: any children Grade 4 and younger plus

parents & grandparents can skate

3:00 pm: Grades 5-10 leave on buses for the rink

3:15 pm: older kids can begin skating

5:00 pm: Skate-a-thon ends

4:00-6:30 pm: Kitchen at the school is open for

supper

MARCH 21 (Taking students home) It is the parents' responsibility to pick up their children from the NorWest Centre OR if your children are not participating in the Skate-A-Thon, please pick up children in Gr. JK-4 at 2:00 p.m. and students in Gr. 5-10 at 3:00 p.m. from the school. We encourage all students to participate in the Skate-A-Thon.

SKATE-A-THON SUPPER: An information sheet listing your contribution to the supper went home last week. A school list is attached to today's journal as well so if you want to switch with someone feel free. We also need help feeding our hungry skaters/supporters so if you can spare an hour or two and help with setup (2-4 pm), serving (4-6 pm) or cleanup (6-end) **PLEASE** call Jackie Bakker 475-9586. Thank you!

PIANO LESSONS: If there is anyone interested in having their son/daughter begin piano lessons after the March break, please contact Tara Rea at 939-1395.

FINAL FELLOWSHIP CRAFTS MEETING will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 9:30 am at Margaret Mol's house (876 Candy Mountain Dr).

PARENTS please ensure that your children are ready for their bus pick up time to prevent delays and please inform the bus driver when your children will not be on the bus. Thank you.

IMMUNIZATION FOR SK & GR.7: The Health Unit nurses will be at the school on **Monday, March 18** to administer immunization for SK (Booster) and Gr. 7 (Hep B).

ATTACHMENTS TO THE JOURNAL:

Spring Membership Package-Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25.
Skate-A-Thon Food List.

THANK YOU: A very special thank you to everyone who helped out with the CRWRC Foodgrains Dinner held here in the school gym last Friday and catered by the Booster Club. The meal went very well and we received a lot of compliments.

TWICE AS NICE UPDATE! Wow! For January, we did really well! We started out a bit slow, but by the end of the month our gross daily sales were \$764.00/day. That's about 40% higher than last year! The committee transferred another \$10,000 to the school bringing the amount up to \$140,000. And we still have another 5 months left in the fiscal year. Good job to all the dedicated volunteers who are putting so much time and effort into making the store a success. We could always use more help! Especially at this time of the year when some of our regular volunteers are taking much deserved vacations. Afternoon shifts (1:30-4:30) have been difficult to fill and we need your help, especially next week during March Break. If you know of anyone who would like a super fun, busy place to volunteer at, please have them contact me, Catherine Knight, at sunflowerdigital@shaw.ca, 577-7741 or 622-7575. PS: Keep Twice as Nice in mind when you are doing your spring cleaning! We can always use more donations! Sorting on Monday nights has been WAY down for the last while. Sorting is pretty important to the success of a thrift store – less product, less sales! If you can't sort Monday nights, is there a better day/time? Some feedback would be great! Also, all parents should be getting the email updates – if not please email me at sunflowerdigial@shaw.ca so I can put you on the list.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Thanks for all the report card envelopes that were returned this past week. If you happen to still have yours, please return it after March Break.

We wandered in the wilderness, ate manna, built a golden calf, skated on the recess rink, became rhyming masters and did lots of Dr. Seuss activities!

(Be sure to ask your Kinder Kid which green eggs and ham he/she preferred!) All in all, it was a super busy and productive week.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss de Haan

*Work folders were sent home yesterday with new Spelling words. The test will be Thurs., Mar. 21.

**Thank you to all those who returned report card envelopes! If you have not returned yours, please do so right after March Break. Thanks again!

*Please remember to return **three** library books on Wednesday, March 20. Thank you!

*Students who reached the goal of returning the Reading Diary 20 times get a break. Four people reached this marker just in time for March Break! Congratulations! If your child came home with an owl sticker sheet this week, they will not have a new Reading Diary.

Those who did not have their owl sheet sent home received a new Reading Diary yesterday. Please remember to return it by Thursday, March 21. Thanks!

Enjoy your March Break! ©

Grade 3 & 4 - Mrs. Boer

⊚ On Tuesday, we had a great time curling at the Kakabeka Curling Club. We learned to curl, played a game and got a lot of exercise!! Thank you so much to our coaches, Mr. Dan Breukelman, Mrs. Kelly Cramer, and Mr. Jeff Schelhaas. You are wonderful teachers!!

© In Bible this week we saw how God cared for David when he hid from Saul. God provided David with food and a weapon when he went to the high priest, Ahimelech, spared David from the Philistines when he fled there, and sent him a company of 400 men when he hid in the cave of Adullam.

Both grades worked on their 2-D Geometry chapter in math this week. Grade 3 made puzzles with tangrams and worked with congruent shapes and symmetry. Grade 4 built quadrilaterals with straws, and practised drawing congruent and similar quadrilaterals.

For Social Studies, we looked for Ontario information in Computer Lab and enjoyed sharing our findings with the class. We also did more work with Ontario and labeled major cities, lakes, and bays on our own maps.

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

Congratulations is extended to Isaiah and Toby for completing a row of reading 30 books! Way to go! Congratulations also to the many other students in the class who beat Mrs. Himanen in the book reading competition and found themselves a dollar richer. I am considerably poorer now! I am thrilled that so many students have been enjoying reading! Keep it up! The reading requirements for March are that students must read 2 books and complete 1 oral book report and one written report (Illustrator).

We went skating on the rink for what will probably be the last time of the season. Thank you, Mr Voortman, and any other rink caretakers for taking the time to prepare and care for the rink during this season! Plans have been made for our class's winter electives. On Thursday, March 21 we will be participating in gymnastics activities at the Thunder Bay Gymnastics Association. On Tuesday, March 26 we will travel to the Complex to learn squash, climb the climbing wall, participate in a boot camp, and go swimming. Each student is asked to provide \$5.00 to cover part of the costs of these events.

Have a wonderful March Break, students, enjoying a rest from your school work. I hope you enjoy a wonderful time with your family and friends and return refreshed and renewed for the last leg of the school year!

Grade 5 Math: Students will have a math test on area Wednesday, March 20.

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

Language Arts: Language Arts - We have started to look at the setting of our new novel, "Bronze Bow". We have discussed the people, political influences, and physical setting of the story. These discussions have prepared the students to better understand the novel's plot line and to feel more connected with

what was actually taking place during the time period. The students had a chance to role play some different people that would have lived during the time when Jesus was performing miracles, and when the story of the "Bronze Bow" takes place.

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

Music - Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1/2 Music: Students learned a circle dance this week.

Grade 5/6 Music: Students finished their <u>Piano</u> <u>Guys</u> assignment this week. In computers, students were introduced to Bitstrips this week.

Grade 3/4 Music: Students played a musical game this week.

Grade 7 Band: Please practise your band pieces over the March break.

French – Mme Baxter

MINI MINUTES OF T.B.C.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - March 5, 2013

- 1. **Opening**: Chairman Ed Breukelman opens with 1 John 2: 15-29 followed by prayer.
- 2. **Principals Report**:
 - a. Motion **7.47** by Amy Breukelman and Fred Van Elburg to have Andy Alblas attend the OCSAA Leadership conference on May 10, 2013. Carried.
- 3. Finance
 - a. Motion7.48 to approve auditor Erin Voortman by Darryl Staal and Dan Breukelman. Carried.
- 4. Bazaar/Skate-a-thon:
 - a. **Motion 7.51** by Dan Breukelman and Darryl Staal to have Sharon Breukelman and Jolene Makkinga join this committee. Carried.
- 5. **Next Board Meeting** is April 16th, 2013
- 6. Motion to Adjourn and closing prayer was by Fred Van Elburg.