



### 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,

Perhaps some of you may have heard, and possibly have even seen a video that was created by a number of our Grade 7 & 8 students. Earlier this year, Christian School International (CSI) announced a contest in which schools were invited to create a 3 minute video about their school which would be used to promote Christian Education.

I extended this invitation to our Grade 7 & 8 students. As a result, over the last couple of months they have been very busy organizing what they wanted to film, and then went out and filming it. All filming was finished by early last week. The final editing took place last week Friday. Yes, it was a PD day, but a number of students came in anyways to finish up the work. The short video was handed in and we received word back on Tuesday of this week that our video had won third place. These means the video will be shown on the CSI website for the next year, and \$250 was awarded.

To view the video please go to this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iICGMepPXEM&feature=youtu.be>

Shalom,  
Andy Alblas



### Looking Ahead:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 22</b>	- TAN Sorting (Slate River) - Program / HR Meeting	7:00-9:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 23</b>	- Narnia Task Force Meeting - Golf Meeting	7:30 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 24</b>	- Play Group - Highschool goes to the Athletic Club	9:30-11:30 am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 25</b>	- Staff Meeting - Promotion Meeting	3:30-5:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 26</b>	- NWO Regional Science Fair - Pizza Hot Lunch (rescheduled from April 19-snow day)	

## From our School Community:

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ryan and Amanda Jaspers and family on the birth of Tyler Randall last week.

**PSW JOB POSTING:** Thunder Bay Christian School is currently looking for a part-time (school days, school hours) personal support worker to provide care for a newly enrolled student with special needs for 2013/2014. The individual should be self-motivated, have some previous experience and ability to provide personal care and support, and be an active member of a Christian church. Interested candidates should submit a resume and statement of faith to Andy Alblas, Principal, Thunder Bay Christian School. Email: [aalblas@tbaychristianschool.ca](mailto:aalblas@tbaychristianschool.ca); School fax: 939-2843; Phone: 939-1209. Deadline for applications is May 6.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK:** Thunder Bay Christian School will be celebrating Christian Education Week from April 28-May 3. The theme is from 1 Peter 2:5a, "*You, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house.*" On May 3 the week will end with Grandparents/Special Friends Day. Students will be bringing home invitations soon to give to their grandparents, relatives or friends. Refreshments will be served in the gym beginning at 1:15. A program will follow from 1:30-2:30 in which students from each class will be giving a short presentation and later guests are invited to visit the classrooms.

**MAY MILK FORM** is attached to today's Journal. Please fill out and return by **Friday, April 26.**

**NARNIA TASK FORCE:** Sometime in the spring of 2014 we will produce a large scale production of "**THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE.**". If you have gifts in any of the following areas: set designs, costumes, lights and sound, promotion and advertising, and directing, **please come to the meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30pm.**

**SKATE-A-THON:** The total of money raised so far is **\$22,126.00! WOW!** Almost all of the families brought in their sponsor sheets. Great job everyone. Only \$1,500.00 is still outstanding from sponsors who are paying direct to the school. Please send donations in this week so we can wrap up this fundraiser.

Winners of prizes based on sponsor sheets that were handed in on **April 16** (15<sup>th</sup> was a snow day and JK/SK were given until the 17<sup>th</sup>) are:

**Grade 7/8 Class:** Persian and hot chocolate because all participants had handed in their sheets by the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Avery Janssens:** Female student with the highest amount of sponsor money collected.

**Matthew/Ryan Breukelman:** Male student with the highest amount of money collected.

**JK/SK - Brendan Makkinga, 1 /2 - Avery Janssens, 3 /4 - Ryan Breukelman, 5/6 - Hope Grootenboer, 7/8 - Matthew Breukelman, 9/10 - Zachary Bakker:** Lunch with the Principal for top earner of funds in each class.

**Grade 1/2:** Pizza lunch for the class that gathered the most amount of sponsors divided by the number of students.

### **FAMILIES WITH OUTSTANDING RESULTS:**

**Over \$2,000.00:** Matthew & Ryan Breukelman  
Isaiah & Alicia Netemegesic,  
Tanner & Kadenze Bertrand  
Brent & Dayna Tempelman

**Over \$1,500.00:** Dawson, Julia, Lauren, Ava & Bradley Kaemingh

**Over \$1,000.00:** Noah, Adam & Faith Knight  
Joanna Haveman & Glenn Dykstra  
Brooklyn & Owen Voortman

**One person over \$1,000.00:** Avery Janssens

**One person over \$500.00:** Hope Grootenboer,  
Scott Breukelman, Brendan Makkinga, Ashlyn Schep

## From the Classrooms:

### JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

A blue note went home Wednesday to let you know that the date for the Egg Drop has been changed from Wednesday, May 1 to Wednesday, May 8. This date change occurred to accommodate the lovely spring like weather we are currently experiencing as

well as the....

Drum roll please.....

We candled our eggs this very morning and found out that 13 out of 27 eggs are developing!

### Grade 1 & 2 – Miss de Haan

\*Work folders were sent home yesterday. New spelling words and reading diaries went home as well.

\*We've had a lot of people not returning library books lately. Please help your child remember to

return **three** library books on Wednesday, April 24. Thank you!

\*Reminder: The first part of the Memory Work that was sent home last week is due on Wednesday.

### Grade 3 & 4 – Mrs. Boer

☺ Last Thursday grade 3 learned so much about farming at A Slice of Farming-Pizza Project.

They learned about grains, healthy foods, farm machinery, cheese and sausage making, dairy cows and tomatoes. They enjoyed a slice of pizza and chocolate milk at the end of the event and even got a tomato plant to take home! Please don't plant it outside just yet!!

☺ ☺ ☺ I enjoyed a wonderful birthday last Wednesday!! Thank you so much to all the students who extended birthday wishes, sang happy birthday, and made an awesome card signed by the whole school!! Thank you grades 3 and 4 for the "surprise" party, treats, hugs, cards, and gifts!! Everyone really spoiled me and I feel blessed by your thoughtfulness!!!

☺ In Bible last week we saw how desperate Saul had become when he went to the witch of Endor for advice, knowing that God had forsaken him. Saul was told he and his sons would die in the battle against the Philistines.

Both grades reviewed and wrote their chapter test on Area and Grids in math last week. Tests come home today. Great job, grades 3 and 4! The next chapter deals with multiplication.

Wednesday: Library - Remember your books!!

☆ Bible test: David on the Run

Thursday: Math/Mad Minute worksheets

Friday: Word Wall Words #21 Test

⊗ Due to our two snow days last week, our assembly has been postponed until next week Thurs.

### Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

Well, as the old saying goes..."If you can't beat 'em, join 'em..." So...instead of crying about the snow (which was what many of us wanted to do) we did the next best thing. We embraced it! We went out for P.E. on Thursday and had a HUGE (supervised) snowball fight! We also had fun building snowmen and structures with the snow! Students had great fun "ganging" up on me and making me wet! I must say I got in a few good shots, too! It's amazing how tiring and what a good workout playing in the snow

can be!

This week we really enjoyed learning more about honey bees! We read up on the kinds of bees - worker, drone, and queen in a hive and their various jobs. We watched a video showing bees in action and learned about how valuable they are to us. We were fascinated by what we learned!

All this was done to further understand the imagery which was used in one of the poems we were studying in our *World of Literature* unit.

Students wrote tests in math (gr. 6), science, and spelling this week. Please make yourself aware of your son/daughter's progress.

In Science we began studying the Endocrine System - the one that deals with the glands that secrete hormones in our body. We learned more about the body's ability to deal with stress or danger by "fight" or "flight".

Next Week:

Memory Work: Ephesians 2: 22-24

**Grade 5 Math:** Students worked on their division with decimals unit.

**Grade 5 Computers:** Students worked on various Bitstrips assignments

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

**Language Arts:** These next few weeks are going to be a little busy as we are in the final stretch of the year. We are going to be finishing up with Bronze Bow in the next month so the students should be prepared to be reading at home. This is true for their independent reading novel, as well. The students had a book report due this week and the next, and final, one will be due on May 2nd. Students have already been asked to be doing work at home on book reports, as class time is going to be limited. All students will be taking a look at essay structure and advertisement structure in the next couple weeks.

**Science:** The class is learning about the different planets in our solar system. The class, working in groups is creating posters that describe what each of the planets are like with respect to its size, its atmosphere, its surface, its moons etc.

#### **Memory Work:**

Hebrews 10: 35 & 36 Thursday April 24

\*Now that the snow is melting and the mud is appearing I am asking that now, more than ever, students have two sets of shoes. One pair for ONLY outside and one pair for inside. I am noticing that students are not wearing shoes in class and it is an everyday occurrence that I ask them to find a pair of shoes to wear, solely for safety reasons. The most common excuse that I am hearing, for not wearing their shoes, is that the shoes are wet from running around outside. I am also finding that socks are wet so I have asked them to consider bringing an extra pair of socks to have in their locker. Thank you.

**Math:** Gr. 7 will have a test on Wed., April 24.

**Geography:** This week the class will be looking at different possible solutions to the problem of desertification that is occurring in the world today.

**History:** The class will be learning about the beginnings of the Roman republic, and how the people were being governed in this system.

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

**Careers:** Students worked on resumes and cover letters this week.

**Bible:** There will be a test on Monday, April 29.

### Music – Mrs. Hawkins

**Grade 1/2 Music:** Students started learning songs that help us to think about how we can care for God's world.

**Grade 3/4 Music:** Recorder practice "bugs" were sent home this week. Students are asked to fill in the date each day they practise recorder. Parents are asked to sign the bug to indicate that their child has practised. I recommend that students spend about

5 minutes three or four times per week playing recorder. Of course they can play more if they want! A practice bug should take about two weeks to complete. Your child will receive a "sour key" each time he/she brings in a completed and signed practice bug.

Please remember to bring your recorders to Tuesday's class.

**Grade 5/6 Music:** Students worked on recorder pieces for the upcoming Grandparents/Special friends Tea.

**Grade 7 Band:** The "Band" is really starting to sound "sharp"! Please continue to practise band pieces especially "Rosamunde", Merry-go Round" and "Fidgits".

#### MINI MINUTES OF T.B.C.S. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – April 16, 2013

1. **Opening:** Chairman Ed Breukelman opens with Psalm 119 followed by prayer.
2. **Principals Report** - written and oral report given
  - a. **Motion 7.51** to allow for early release day, totaling 6 for 2013-2014 by Fred Van Elburg and John Meijaard. **Carried.**
  - b. A new Photo Copier has be purchased and installed in the school.
  - c. Christian Education Week is April 29-May 3
  - d. Grandparent / Special Friends Day is on May 3 beginning at 1:15 pm
  - e. More instruments will be added to the band program for next year
  - f. **Motion 7.52** to pursue a policy for the acceptance of international students by Darryl Staal and Laurie Fieldhouse. **Carried.**
3. **Thrift Store**  
Another \$20,000 has been donated to TBCS, totaling \$160,000 for 2012-2013
4. **ADJOURN & CLOSING PRAYER** by Amy Breukelman