



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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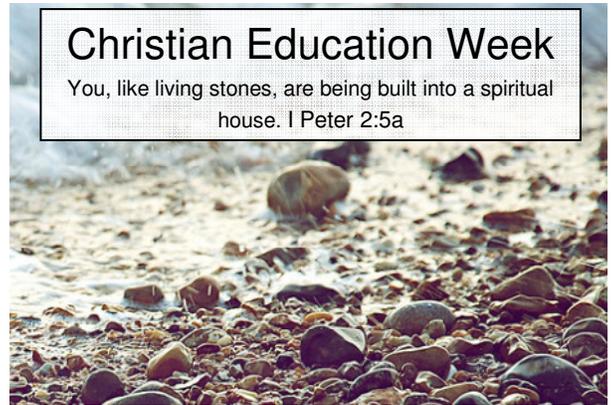
From The Principal's Desk:

Greetings TBCS,

Every year our school sets aside a week to celebrate Christian Education Week. Next week we will be doing this. As you see in the calendar below there are a number of events taking place. The theme this year is **"You are living stones being built into a spiritual house."**

This metaphor is fitting for disciples of Jesus. Jesus was a builder by trade. Jesus was the stone rejected by humanity, but sent by his Father to be the capstone or cornerstone in his spiritual house. God's spiritual house is constructed with a variety of stones, and the unseen stones that anchor the foundation are as important as the ornate stones. In the same way, each child of God is valued equally by our Father. Each is wonderfully made. Christian Education Week 2013 reminds us that Christian schools are able to bless the Builder, give thanks for Jesus the Capstone, and celebrate the gifts of every image-bearing child of God.

We look forward to ending the week with having our Grandparents and Special Friends join us. Isn't it wonderful that God's faithfulness can be passed from generation to generation.
Shalom,
Andy Alblas



Looking Ahead:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK		
Monday	April 29	- TAN Sorting (City) 7:00-9:00 pm - TRIP Orders due 9:00 am
	April 30	- Grade 1 & 2 at TBGA 12:55-3:10 pm
Wednesday	May 1	- Spirit Day-wear school colours (blue/gold) - JK/SK Hatch Day - Play Group 9:30-11:30 am - Hope CRC Praise Leads us in Worship 2:30 pm - Wrestling Practice 3:30-4:15 pm
Thursday	May 2	- Grade 3-4 Assembly 9:00 am
Friday	May 3	- TAN Meeting 11:00 am - Grandparents / Special Friends Day 1:15 pm - TRIP Pick Up 3:00 pm

From our School Community:

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.*" Students have made invitations to give to grandparents, relatives or friends. This is a time for students to have some extra special people join them in celebrating Christian Education Week and visiting their classrooms.

Wednesday: Spirit Day (wear school colours blue/gold)

2:30 p.m. Hope CRC Worship Team

Thursday: **9:00 a.m.** Grade 3/4 Assembly

Friday: **1:15pm** Grandparents /Special Friends Day. Refreshments will be served in the gym.

1:30-2:30 p.m. Program in which students from each class will do a presentation and later guests are invited to visit the classrooms.

COOKIE MONSTER CALLING: Cookies, cookies...We need cookies...: To serve our wonderful guests at the Grandparents/Special Friends Day, we need *nut-free* cookies and dainties. If each family could please send a dozen, there would be a delicious variety of dainties to set on the tables. Since they are needed by 11:00 on Friday morning, they can be

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Sarah Baxter and Corey Bellin who are celebrating their recent engagement. We wish you God's blessings as you make plans for your wedding and future home together. Congratulations as well to Mark & Sabrina Bolt and family on the birth of a baby boy, Max Marshall, on Monday, April 22.

THNAK YOU to the ladies who served us our Pizza Hot Lunch today. It was delicious as always!

SKATE-A-THON: The total of money raised so far is **\$23,370.00! WOW! All** of the families brought in their sponsor sheets. Great job everyone! Only \$735.00 is still outstanding from sponsors who are paying directly to the school. Students have been given reminder cards to distribute to them. Please send donations in this week so we can wrap up this fundraiser. Thank you to all the students and sponsors for your hard work and generous support!

HIGH SCHOOL MATH POSTING: Thunder Bay Christian has a Highschool Math teacher opening for next year. Interested candidates should submit a resume and statement of faith to Andy Alblas, Principal at aalblas@tbaychristianschool.ca by May 13, 2013.

PRIMARY JOB POSTING: Thunder Bay Christian School is seeking qualified applicants for an opening in the primary division commencing in August 2013. The successful applicant will be an energetic team player who exemplifies a passionate Christian Faith and loves children. Having experience and additional qualifications will be considered an asset. Please send a cover letter explaining your desire to work at TBCS including your professional goals, resume, statement of Christian faith, philosophy of education, and professional references to Andy Alblas, Principal at aalblas@tbaychristianschool.ca by May 13, 2013

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR is being held today at Lakehead University. Aidan Guzzell is representing Thunder Bay Christian School with her project titled, "*Where's My Water*". The public may come to view the projects from **9-11 a.m.** and **6-8 p.m.** on Friday, April 26. There are 150 participants this year from Grades 4-12. Drop by for a visit at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse to see what this is all about and support Aidan.

MAY CALENDAR is attached to today's Journal.

PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER

POSITION: 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; School fax: 939-2843; Phone: 939-1209. Deadline for applications is May 6.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

May is just around the corner so please be on the look out for the new newsletter/calendar coming home today. If, by chance, yours doesn't turn up, please let me know and I will send home another.

Thanks!

JK students, if you haven't already sent in your May Nightly Reading form, please do so next week.

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss de Haan

*Work folders were sent home yesterday. New spelling words and reading diaries went home as well. Your child made invitations to give out for our Grandparents and Special Friends Tea which will take place next Friday, May 3. Please help your child deliver as necessary. (I have more copies in the classroom if further invitations are needed.)

remember to wear comfortable clothing (not jeans, please). TBGA also requests all girls to tie their hair back if possible. Thanks for your cooperation. If you wish to see your child in action, we will be at the Claydon building on the CLE grounds from 1:15-2:45 pm. Feel free to drop by!

*We will be going for our second gymnastics trip this coming Tuesday, April 30. Please help your child

*Please help your child remember to return **three** library books on Wednesday, May 1. Thank you!

Grade 3 & 4 – Mrs. Boer

☺ Today we enjoyed another delicious pizza hot lunch!! Thank you "hot" lunch ladies!!

☺ In Bible this week we reviewed the stories of "David on the Run" and wrote our test on Wednesday. Wonderful work, grades 3 and 4!! Tests are coming home today. We are now working on the stories about David as king.

Both grades are working on a multiplication chapter in math. Grade 3 worked with "groups of", repeated addition, and writing fact families for arrays. Grade 4 learned to multiply 2-digit by 1-digit numbers by splitting the 2-digit numbers into tens and ones and using the expanded form.

Hurrah! We have finished reading Owls in the Family. In the last chapter, Billy and his family move to Toronto, so Billy had to give away his owls! We were sad about that! However, Wol and Weeps were Math/Mad Minute worksheets

brought to Bruce's fox farm where they would be well cared for and happy!

☆☆ We are preparing for our assembly on Thursday. Please help your child memorize her/his lines and help her/him find or put together a suitable costume. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Monday: Return your homework folder
Gr.4 Grammar p.99

Wednesday: Library - Remember your books!!

April Reading Record is due
School Spirit Day - dress in blue and gold

Thursday: ☺ 9:00 Our Assembly . . . See you there!!

Friday: Word Wall Words #21 test
Grandparents' Tea

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

Monday was Earth Day. It is a day in which we take time to think about how we can care for the earth. One of the tasks that Adam was given was to take care of the earth. As Christians, we know that one of the things we are called to do is to be good stewards. Every day could and should be Earth Day! This week our class decided to celebrate all through the week, and we did so in various ways. On Monday we turned off the lights and went through our day using as little electricity as possible. We found it was fun to use the hand crank pencil sharpener instead of the electric one (it worked better, too!) On Wednesday we enjoyed a "Crunch 'n Munch". We each brought a piece of fruit or vegetable, cut it up, and enjoyed a tasty and healthy treat. We wanted to celebrate and enjoy things that come from the earth naturally. We enjoyed a wonderful variety of delicious fruits and vegetables, with many students being able to try a mango and fresh pineapple for the first time. Thank you, parents, for sending in an item for us to eat.

Throughout the week, students brought in used items and books, and on Thursday we had a free "yard sale"! Each student was able to leave with one or even several new treasures that were recycled rather than bought brand new! This was such a great success that we plan to possibly try this again sometime.

Lots of other good stuff was happening in our class too this week: In math the grade sixes were learning about fractions. In Science we learned about the Endocrine System and the process by which growth occurs. Next week our class will study the Nervous System and how our bodies get sick. In Bible we were studying the life of Jesus. Congratulations to Jori for finishing a row of 30 books! Way to go, and great reading!

Next week:

Memory Work: Ephesians 4: 22-24

Grade 5 Math: Students will have a test on division with decimals next Tuesday.

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

History: The class is continuing its study of the Roman Empire. We will be looking at some of the most important leaders of Rome such as Julius Caesar and Caesar Augustus. The students are also researching different aspects of Roman life.

Geography: The class will be having their unit test on the Desert Biome next week on Wednesday, May 1. The class will be reviewing for the test on the day prior to the test.

Science: Next week the class will be looking at some of the different objects that are found in our solar system such as stars, comets, meteors, etc. The students will be looking at how these objects are formed in space.

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

Careers: Students prepared resumes and cover letters and learned about job trends this week.

Music – Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1/2 Music: Students practiced rhythmic dictation this week.

Grade 5/6 Music: Students need to bring their recorders to Tuesday's class and on Friday for the Grandparent's Tea.

Grade 3/4 Music: Student's need to have their recorders for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, next week, to prepare for the Grandparent's Tea.

Grade 7 Band: Please practise Rosamunde, Fidgets, Soldier Boy, and Merry-go Round for the

upcoming Grandparents Tea. These pieces will be test pieces May 6th and 8th during music class.

French – Mrs. Baxter

Grade 3: The third grade class is learning vocabulary for different vehicles and colours this next few weeks.

Grade 4: This class is has a test this week on Wednesday. Please make sure they know the vocabulary from the review sheets that are coming home. Conjugating Etre and Avoir are both on the test as well.

Grade 5: The fifth grade students are working on learning the new vocabulary from unit 5. They will be practicing the body parts (Nez, Bras, bouche, main, etc.) by song and different games. They will also learn how to tell time and describe weather.

Grade 6: The grade six class is working on completing their fourth unit. They have much to accomplish before the end of the year. Please come to class ready to listen, participate and learn! 😊

Grade 7: The seventh grade students created their own newspaper pages for a paper in Burundi. Good job students! They are reviewing the fourth unit and will be writing a unit test Friday May 3rd. Please make sure they know their review sheets and are ready to write.

Grade 8: The eighth grade class is continuing to work on speaking more and reviewing some of the basics. I will be giving them a vocabulary list for them to study and know by the end of the year. They are completing a simple French book that they wrote and illustrated.

Grade 9/10: They grade 9 students are moving on to the fifth unit. They will be reading about a summer camp and looking at youth employment and what they will need to get a job. The grade 10 students are into the 5th unit as well. This unit focuses a lot on reading new texts and building on our vocabulary. They will be learning more about passe compose and imparfait. Students will learn les promos realties. ce qui ce que.