



WISE UP: WISE WORDS FROM PROVERBS

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding"* Proverbs 9:10



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From The Principal's Desk:

Greetings TBCS,

The **Narnia** Task Force met on Tuesday. It is clear we will need more help. Another meeting is being held next week **Thursday at 7:30 pm**. During this meeting I will be showing pictures and video from a production on this play I have done in the past. It is our hope that parents of students with main roles will assist in helping gather costumes for these characters. By attending this meeting you will see some possibilities, which may help you gather ideas.



In other news, little by little classrooms are beginning to be decorated for the upcoming Christmas Season. This coming Sunday is the first day of Advent and over the next four weeks we are blessed with the opportunity to reflect on God's amazing gift. Mark your calendars for on **December 12, 2013 at 7:30 pm** our students will be gathering at Hope CRC for our annual **Christmas Program**. This year our theme is based upon "Simple Gifts." All the students will be involved

and we look forward to seeing you there.

Shalom,
Andy Alblas

Looking Ahead:

Monday	Dec 2	- TRIP Orders due - TAN Sorting- Murillo Bus	9:00 am 7:00 pm
Tuesday	Dec 3	- St. John's Ambulance Grade 3 - TAN Meeting - Volleyball Practice (Boys only) - Executive Meeting - Bazaar Meeting	1:00 pm 3:30-5:00 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm
Wednesday	Dec 4	- Library Day - Playgroup - Volleyball Tournament	10:00-12:00 pm
Thursday	Dec 5	- Narnia Task Force - Maintenance Meeting	7:30 pm 7:30 pm
Friday	Dec 6	- Chapel - Student Council will sell hot chocolate - TRIP Pick Up	9:00 am 3:00 pm

From our School Community:

Hockey Sticks: The snow has arrived and the students are ready to move from playing soccer to hockey. It is wonderful that the students wish to use hockey sticks during recess time but we ask that once they bring a stick to school it remain at school until the end of the season. This way, it is safer for students on the bus.

Congratulations to Jonathan and Emily Bakker and family on the birth of a baby girl, Lacey Grace, on November 24. We wish you God's blessings as you celebrate this special event.

Report Cards: The report cards for JK to Gr. 8 went home with the students today. Please return the envelopes to the school so we can use them again next term.

Cold Weather Reminder: With the cold weather coming upon us, just a reminder that the office checks the internet weather forecast before each break. A temperature of -20 to -30 degrees Celsius with the wind chill is considered a penguin recess (children can go outside and come back inside if they are cold). Below -30 with the wind chill is an indoor recess. If you are on yard duty, please check the weather forecast or call the office before coming to school. The office uses Environment Canada website: www.weatheroffice.gc.ca.

Christmas Program: Our program is called "Simple Gifts" this year. In honour of giving to those less fortunate we are asking for small donations of new socks, mitts, toys, and non-perishable foods. Teachers will collect these items in class. These gifts will become part of our Christmas program and later donated to charity. Thank you for your help and generosity. The program, "Simple Gifts", will be held on **Thursday, December 12**, at Hope CRC at 7:30 p.m. **Advance notice:** The students will be going to Hope CRC on Thursday morning for a program

practice. The buses will be picking your children up as usual, but **travelling directly to Hope CRC NOT the school**. If you drive your children to school, please bring them **directly to Hope CRC (1315 Crawford Ave.)** for 9 a.m. The buses will bring the children to school following the practice.

EAGLES NEST: The Thunder Bay Christian School Royal Eagles boy's volleyball team will be participating in the annual Catholic School Volleyball Tournament on Wednesday, December 4. The team has been practicing for the past number of weeks and is looking forward to participating in the tournament. It is an all day event and the students will need to arrange their own transportation to and from the tournament which is being held at the bubble of Confederation College. We hope to see as many of the parents as possible at the event to cheer the teams on. Uniforms will be handed out next week Tuesday. Details of the event were given to the students yesterday.

Milk Crates: If you brought a milk crate home with your chocolate milk from the Bazaar, please return it to the school as the committee returns them for a refund.

School Pictures: Some retake packages have been sent home with students. The office will distribute the packages as they arrive.

TBCS TRIP [News](#): There are only two more TRIP "It Takes a Week" order forms before Christmas (December 2 and 9). Anytime orders can be filled any school day up to and including Dec. 20. TRIP orders will not be filled during the Christmas holidays, but will start up again on Jan. 6.

Student Council will be selling hot chocolate next Friday in support of our World Renew fundraiser. Please bring in a dollar, on Friday, December 6th, 2013, to receive a hot chocolate.

Bazaar and Auction 2013- Is over for another year! We felt it was a success! We are measuring that by the comments, smiling laughing faces, squeals of delight and full bellies!!

The definition of success from the dictionary states: "the attainment of something desired or intended", "the attainment of wealth". On that thought we hope there was something for everyone!! We are sure that we made the much needed funds for the school, at this time it looks as if we are coming in at around \$48-49,000.00 dollars but we will make the official announcement when the time comes. If you have any suggestions or comments, positive or negative please let any Bazaar Committee Member know so we can discuss it at our follow up meeting. We thank everyone for the donations of time, goods, services and money. 1 Samuel 18:14 - in everything he did he had great success because the LORD was with him.

Lost and Found: A 2XL Black Under Armour jacket was found after the bazaar. To claim it please come to the school office.

Advance Notice: The last day of school before Christmas holidays is Dec. 20. School will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

December Calendar is attached to today's Journal.

Chocolate Bar Sales: We are so close to the end, we can almost taste it! :) There are just a few boxes left at the office to be sold. The chocolate bars could make great Christmas gifts...maybe for those out-of-town alumni who are longing for a reminder of home and feeling nostalgic?



Playgroup News: We were so happy to finally meet Molly! Congratulations on the birth of your beautiful baby girl Schelhaas family! Don't forget that we are holding a DIAPER DRIVE for Precious Bundles. Everyone is welcome to drop off their donations in the playgroup

room at any time. Come out every Wednesday from 10 to 12 for lots of fun!

Thank you to Erin Voortman and Nita Tuuttila for our delicious Sloppy Joes Hot Lunch today. It really hit the spot on this chilly winter day!

Piano Recital: There will be a piano recital for all of Tara Rea's students on **Monday, Dec. 16**, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Board and Committee Members Booklet was sent home today with the oldest child in every family.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

The December newsletter/calendar and reading sheet went home today with your child.

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss Rekman

Bible: We have been reading the stories of Daniel. Next week we will read about Esther. Our memory verse is James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights." Students will be reciting this verse at the Christmas program.

Math: All students did well on their first test on place value! These were sent home today. Our next unit will be on time and money.

Language Arts:

Working with Words: In class we have been working on putting words in alphabetical order and rhyming.

Grade 1: all, ball, fall, will, hill, tell Grade 2: small, called, still, yellow, little
Challenge: pretty, really

Reading: November reading logs should be handed in by Monday December 2.

Writing: Students have done an excellent job writing how to do something. Students have written about how to take care of pets, pick good friends, make snowmen, and bake cookies. Next week we will take these writing pieces, edit them

and make a final draft.

Socials Studies: We are learning about famous Canada glorious and free. Next week we will learn about J. Armand Bombardier and Roberta Bondar, the first female astronaut.

Please remember library day is Wednesday. Students are now signing out three books.

Our star of the week is Bradley!

Grade 3 & 4 – Miss. de Haan

Work folders come home today. Grade 3's have completed both a Math test and a Spelling test. Be sure to take a look!

Lines to memorize for our upcoming Christmas Program are coming home today. Since this is a priority to learn, we will take a break from Mad Minute packages to allow for time to practice at home. Thanks for your help with this!

*We are nearing the end of our current Bible unit. A review sheet will come home today on the back of one of the Bible worksheets. The test will be Wednesday.

*Both grades have started a new unit in Math on data management.

*We wrote in our Journals about our experiences at LU this week and had fun sharing with the class.

Dates to Remember:

Monday: Return folders

Tuesday: Grade 3 First Aid; Chunk homework due

Wednesday: Library books due; Bible test

Thursday: Spelling Tests

Friday: Reading Logs due

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

We had a fantastic time at L. U. this week participating in the Active U program! Students were able to learn skills in basketball, volleyball, wrestling, and track and field from coaches and athletes of the varsity program! "1 - 2 Go L.U.!" Our room is really shaping up - the walls and bulletin boards are coming together with teaching resources and verses. Decorations have come out so that we can enjoy the arrival of the Christmas season, and our Smart Board has been installed and is now operational thanks to some tweaks from Mr. Himanen and the others who installed it. Thank you!

Students in grade 6 wrote their math test on data management this week. The test was returned and we went over it. The same was true for the grade five class. In grade five we took some time

to "fine tune" the concepts on the test. Now we are beginning the 4th chapter in the math book which is on addition and subtraction. In it we will learn various skills of adding and subtracting using mental math strategies, estimation, and pencil and paper methods.

We were given our parts and songs for the Christmas program this week and have begun to practise. The boys and girls each have their own song to perform and are responsible to learn the first verse by memory.

For our Christmas program which is called "Simple Gifts", we will be bringing up gifts to the tree and also learning about the gifts that God has given us. We are hoping to make this more than just symbolic and collect items to put into our gift box that can be sent to those in need. If students are able to send

in donations of socks, mitts, or small toys/stuffies, or other things that those in need could use, it would be much appreciated.

Next Week: Memory Work: Psalm 105: 1-3
Monday - Writing activity sheet (given out last week - extended deadline)
Wednesday - Grammar test (both grades) Units 7-12

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

History: The class will be having their unit test on *Canadian History: The Story Unfolds* next week on Thursday December 5. The students will be having a review prior to the test, but they should be reviewing the different Acts that were established to govern the colony as well as the different events and causes of the War of 1812.

Geography: Next week the class will be starting a study on the Forestry industry in the coniferous forest. The students will be looking at all the different uses of the trees and the importance of the industry to the economy.

Math: Grade 7 has a test on Thursday

Bible: The students are continuing to hear the story of Christian and his journey to the Celestial City. The students are working on trying to make the story as relevant and practical to their own lives, and their own journey through their Christian walk.

Science: Next week the class will be looking at Energy, and how we as people both need to consume energy so that we can then use that energy to perform all of our daily activities. Students will be looking at how much energy they take in and expend during a day.

Grade 9 & 10 – Miss. Baxter, Mrs. Voortman, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Hawkins

AVI10: Students are currently working on printmaking projects.

Music – Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1-2: Students started learning music for the Christmas program.

Grade 3-4: We played recorders and worked on music for the Christmas program.

Grade 5-6: We had another fun class of ukulele playing. Students should be practicing at least two times per week for 5-10 minutes.

Grade 7 Band : Students will have a playing test on page 10, "Another Lamb for Mary" and "Jingle Bells". Please encourage your child to practice. It really makes a difference in how much material we can cover in class. Remember that Mondays and Wednesdays are music days. Students miss a lot of learning when they forget their instruments on these days.

Grade 8 Band: Students are currently working on pieces for the Christmas program.

French – Madame Hamilton

Grade 3: We are wrapping up our work on identifying different buildings and will soon begin counting, adding, and subtracting in French.

Grade 4: Students will have a test Thursday, Dec. 5. Please review the verbs 'etre' and 'avoir' which were sent home Wednesday. More review will be sent home on Monday.

Grade 5: Students will have a test on Thursday, Dec. 5. A review sheet will be sent home on Monday evening. Students should practice counting to 30 and describing clothes in French.

Grade 6: Students will have their test on Thursday, Dec. 12. We are working on using adjectives to describe clothing and counting all the way to 100.

Grade 7: Students will have a test on Thursday, Dec. 12. Grade 7 has been working with how to say they are going to do something in the future with the verb 'aller'.

Grade 8: Students will have a test on Thursday, Dec. 12. We have been working with vocabulary to use when describing travel. We have also started to learn the first part of the Lord's Prayer in French!