



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,

After what seems like a month the students are able to play outside once again. Though it may have been hard to remain inside during these very cold, winter days, we are thankful that once again we are able to enjoy God's creation and we are looking forward to making use of the outdoor rink beginning on Monday.

Our theme on Proverbs continues this month as we focus on how to Walk with God. Proverbs 4:10-12 states, "Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble."

This morning at chapel I showed the students a music video entitled, "The Same Love" by - Paul Baloche.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAK3t6uG58Q>

This video speaks of how God is calling each of us by name to the cross. Our walk with Him begins with us choosing to listen to Him calling. My prayer is that all of us will choose to run to Him, for when we run we will not stumble as the verse declares.



Shalom,
Andy Alblas

Looking Ahead:

Monday	Jan 13	- Narnia Practice (Chapter 3) - TRIP orders due	9:00 - 9:45 am 9:00 am
Tuesday	Jan 14	- Narnia Practice (Chapter 4) - Executive Meeting	9:00 - 9:45 am 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Jan 15	- Narnia Practice (Chapter 5) - Library Day - Playgroup	9:00 - 9:45 am 10:00-12:00 pm
Thursday	Jan 16	- Narnia Practice (Chapter 6) - Chapel	9:00 - 9:45 am 9:00 am
Friday	Jan 17	- Hotdog Hot Lunch - TRP Pickup	3:30 pm

From our School Community:

Scholastic Flyers were sent home on Monday with your child. Two special flyers will also be sent home with the oldest in each family today. Please keep in mind that the prices in Ontario are occasionally higher and these prices are noted in the second column from the left. If you wish to order, please return the form(s) to school no later than Wednesday, January 15. Thank you.

Skates Needed: A school family is in need of a pair of girl's size 2 skates. If you have a pair that you are willing to donate, please drop them off at the school office. Thank you.

Date Changes:

Professional Development Days

- January 30 (no school for students)
- February 28 (no school for students)

Christian Education Week (April 22-25)

- Grandparent's Day April 25

Early Release Days

- March 21 (Cancelled to allow for PD on January 30)
- April 24 (Changed to 17)
- May 29 (Changed to 15)

Congratulations to Dave and Kate DeJong and family on the birth of a baby boy, Finn Anchor David, this past week. We wish you God's richest blessings as you welcome Finn into your home and lives and bring him up in the fear of His name.

Writing Contest: The Thunder Bay Literacy Network-Writing is hosting their 4th annual contest. Teachers have been encouraged to take part with their classes or the children can enter individually. There are great prizes including a chance to win \$250, kobo readers etc. The event is for youth ages 0-20. Here is a link to the contest information. For more information visit the following links.

http://ctctbay.org/documents/WC2014WebPageCombined2_001.pdf

<http://ctctbay.org/documents/2014ContestPosterYouthREV2a.pdf>

Promotion Committee: We are in need of more members. Please contact Fred Van Elburg or Andy Alblas if you are willing to serve on this committee.

Outdoor Rink: The rink is operational as of Monday, January 13. Hockey/safety helmets (not bicycle) must be worn on the ice. When travelling on the bus, skates must have skate guards or be in a sturdy bag for safety. The rink will be supervised afterschool on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 3:30-5:00 by Paul Voortman for those who have permission to stay.

Hot Lunch form: is attached to today's Journal. Please fill out and hand in by **Wednesday, January 15**. Please make cheques payable to TBCS Booster Club.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We are off to a great start in 2014!
If anyone has any jumbo or large family size cereal boxes from home, could you please send them in to the K room?

We will be collecting them throughout the month of January and would greatly appreciate any or all we receive. Thanks!

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss Rekman

Here is what we will be doing in class next week:

Bible: Our new unit is about the early ministry of Jesus. The memory work is Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before men that they may see you good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Math: Both grades will be learning two digit addition. Please look in the folders going home for short homework papers to help us learn these concepts.

Language Arts:

WWW: We will be looking at the word families of -ike and -ight.

Grade 1: like, bike, ride, hide, dime, time

Grade 2: right, light, night, liked, nice, kind

Challenge: eight, surprise

Reading: This week we learned why good readers ask questions. We will continue to work with this next week as we learn how to form our own questions.

Writing: We are learning to write in complete sentences with capitals and end punctuation. Next week we will begin personal narratives.

A new reading log was sent home on Monday. Please read this through carefully. Each student must hand one in at the end of the month.

Science: We are beginning a new unit on building. So far we have a good collection of building materials in our class but a few more paper recyclables would be appreciated. If you know anyone who would be willing to come and speak to our class about building, please let me know.

Our star of the week is Alexis

Grade 3 & 4 – Miss de Haan

We've had a busy week getting back into the swing of things! Both grades have been reviewing Chapter 3 in Math. Reviews are coming home today along with our completed worksheets and textbook to help complete the review and study for the test as necessary. Please return the worksheets and textbook when the review and studying are complete. Thank you.

We have also begun a new unit on Magnetism. A brief activity sheet is coming home for your child to complete and return by Tuesday.

In Bible, we have been learning about Jacob's deception with his brother and father and the subsequent reversal of roles when he was deceived by Laban.

Grade 3's have been excited to start learning cursive writing. Grade 4's continue to perfect their skills in this area.

We have been learning the difference between sentence fragments and complete sentences. We have also been making an effort to remember capitals where appropriate and proper punctuation!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Return folders	Return: *Math review *Magnet activity *Chunk homework	*Math TESTS* Return: *Library books *Math textbook and worksheets
Thursday	Friday	
Return Mad Minutes	Return Reading Records	

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

It has been wonderful to see all my students again looking so refreshed after the Christmas break! Even though we were “stuck” inside for most of the recesses this week, we had a terrific week and had fun doing indoor activities and keeping warm! Thank you, Mrs. Meijaard, for sending in the movie that was requested. We very much enjoyed watching it throughout the cold recesses! We also enjoyed playing a new game in our class called “Buzz Word”. In this game students work in teams to solve the clues that contain a certain buzz word. ie. If the buzz word is “cat” the clue might be “fuzzy swamp plant” and the answer would be “cat tail”. I began reading a new book to the students by Frank Peretti called “*Flying Blind*”. The whole book takes place over the course of only a couple of hours while the pilot of a plane is injured and unconscious, and 14 year old Jay, who is blinded by an injury, has to pilot and land the plane!

Students in both grades wrote the chapter 4 math test and began chapter 5 on measurement. Everyone did really well, even after a 2 week break! Way to go!

We began a unit on Nunavut and continued our study on the novel “*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*”. Along with our study of Nunavut, we will soon begin reading the novel “*Frozen Fire*”.

If anyone has any item that they would like to share with the class which is pertinent to our study of Nunavut, we would love to have it sent in to be on display with our soap stone carvings and Inuit dolls. Information was sent home this week with students who were interested in participating in a writing contest. The deadline for this contest is January 27 (items must be mailed or dropped off to the proper location by this date). There are some good prizes, such as i-pads, being given out and all participants names are entered into a draw for a cash prize of \$250!

Next Week:

Memory Work: Proverbs 4:10-12

Only one written book report is required for January Don't forget to keep reading!

*If the weather co-operates and the rink is ready, I hope to have at least one P.E. class outside skating on the rink. Please round up skates and helmets in order to be ready to skate either on Tuesday or Thursday.

Thursday -possible Bible test on material from Unit 3

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

Language Arts:

Students are working away of their major projects for their independent reading. Keep reading! Students should have at least four books read and four book reports written on KidBlog by the end of January. This will keep them on track for having eight books read by the end of the year. If your son or daughter is getting behind in their reading please dedicate some time to reading each night; 20 minutes a night should be sufficient. Please ask your children about their reading and make sure they are on top of their homework. If your child can not get on to our online blog for their book reports please have them tell me so I can help

I have changed the due date for spelling books from Friday to Thursday because I am worried that students are not doing it in time to study for their tests. It is quite obvious in test scores when they have not completed their studying or books.

Upcoming Due Dates:

January 13th (Monday) - Major Book Project #2

- Grammar

January 16th (Thursday) - Spelling Test

- Spelling Book - Lesson 13

January 17th (Friday) - Short Stories (rough drafts)

them figure out why.

History: We will be studying the way that the colonies of Upper and Lower Canada were organized and governed after the large increase in both of their populations. We will look at how this created some problems for the people and the government of both of the colonies.

Geography: Next week we will be studying the mining industry in the coniferous forest biome, and its importance to the region in which we live.

Science: The class has been investigating several different simple machines so far in this unit. Next week we will be looking at several more of the machines, as well as researching an invention and inventor that has been developed to make our lives better. We are working towards creating our own machine that will incorporate all the machines being studied in class.

Bible: The students will be writing a report on the book *Dangerous Journeys* to show how the story is the story of their own daily Christian walk.

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

Art: Students finished printmaking and started learning about the principles of design.

Music – Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1-2: Students learned about quarter notes and learned more about the Nutcracker story.

Grade 3-4: Students sang their “Link Up” repertoire and learned new notes on the recorder.

Grade 5-6: Students sang from music from “Link Up” and played their ukes this week.

Grade 7: We spent the past two classes reviewing the band method. Students were also exposed briefly to Renaissance music. Students will have an open book assignment on Wednesday covering music from antiquity, middle ages, and renaissance.