



### ***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,

Yesterday, the teachers gathered at school to take part in a professional development workshop. The topic for the day was "Establishing a Restorative School Environment: Is this for us?" We were exposed to the concept of restorative practices and how this approach leads to the building of relationships. Over the next few weeks I will write more, but for now the essential characteristics of restorative practices are.

Am I willing to:

- Foster awareness?
- Avoid scolding and lecturing?
- Involve students actively --both the harmed and the one causing harm?
- Accept ambiguity?
- Separate the deed from the doer?
- See every instance of wrongdoing as an opportunity for learning, an opportunity to be in relationship with the student?



For more information please visit: <http://www.restorativepractices.org.au/>

Shalom,  
Mr. Alblas

### **Looking Ahead:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb 3</b>	- Narnia Practice (Chapter 13) - TRIP orders due	9:00 -9:45 am 9:00 am
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb 4</b>	- Narnia Practice (Chapter 14) - <b>14/15 Registration</b> - <b>14/15 Registration</b> - <b>High School Registration</b>	9:00 -9:45 am 9:00 – 3:00 pm 7:00 – 9:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 5</b>	- Narnia Practice (Chapter 15) - <b>14/15 Registration</b> - Library Day - Playgroup	9:00 -9:45 am 9:00 – 3:00 pm 10:00-12:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb 6</b>	- Narnia Practice (Chapter 16) - <b>TAN Meeting</b> - <b>Technology Taskforce</b>	9:00 -9:45 am 1:00 pm 3:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Feb 7</b>	- Chapel - TRP Pickup	9:00 am 3:30 pm

## From our School Community:

**JK-8 Registration/Open House** will be held Tuesday, February 4, from 9-3pm and 7-9pm and on Wednesday, February 5 from 9-3pm. Parents please remember to bring your child's birth certificate and health card when registering. Come visit the classrooms, take a tour of our school, have a cup of coffee and see what TBCS can offer your children!

**High School Information Evening** will be held Tuesday, February 4 at 7:30pm. Parents and students (currently in Gr. 8 & 9) are invited.

**A Thunder Oak Cheese Fundraiser** in support of TBCS Student Fund kicks off for the month of February. Order forms went home last Friday with the oldest in the family. If you need another please contact the office. We receive 30% profit on most items, orders are due February 27, please include payment with orders and cheques can be made out to TBCS Student Fund.

**Afterschool Skating:** On days when the wind chill is high, -25 or more, the rink will not be supervised for afterschool skating. If anyone would like to loan tennis balls and/or pucks for the rink it would be greatly appreciated. We lose many going over the boards. They will be returned in the Spring when the snow is gone. Thank you.

**Phone Number Change:** Al and Karissa Postma are discontinuing their land line. Please remove the current number from your contact information (285-7520). That number will be disconnected. Current contact info: Karissa: 707-5107 (cell) and Al: 707-3851 (cell).

**Olympic Winter Fun Afternoon** Does anyone have a wooden toboggan that the school could borrow for our Olympic Winter Fun Afternoon on February 14? If so, please contact Patricia Kaemingh. Thank you!

**February Calendar** is attached to today's Journal.

## From the Classrooms:

### JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Many thanks to Kerri Ann Pinta, Jennifer Small, Joel Veurink and two former alumni students, Brent Tempelman and Darren Schelhaas, who so kindly volunteered their time, talents and encouraging words to help us out these past few

times at our skating. We are like a well-greased pit crew in the rink shack and up and coming Olympians out on the ice! ☺ Thanks again, we really appreciated it!

### Grade 1 & 2 – Miss Rekman

What a fun penguin day! We had a fishy snack, watched an informational video from our Penpals and watched a penguin movie. Thank you to Mrs. Merwin for coming and reading to us this morning. We made a video for our Penpals too, if you would like to see it please email me and I will send you the link.

Here is what we will be learning next week:

**Bible:** We will be reading more about Jesus' miracles and teaching found in Matthew 8 - 10. The memory work for this week is Matthew 9:35. It will be due February 13. "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness."

**Math:** We are finishing our unit on addition. Students will complete a review on Wednesday and there will be a test on Thursday. Our new unit will be on symmetry and fractions.

**Language Arts:**

**Working With Words:** We are learning about nouns and how to make plural nouns  
 Grade 1: see, tree, need, be, we, he  
 Grade 2: green, people, person, three, meet,  
 Challenge: queen, sleepy

**Reading:** We are learning about the features of non-fiction texts. A new reading log will be going home on Monday. Students are encouraged to be reading 10-15 minutes each day.

**Writing:** We have been working on a narrative story. Next week we will work with the grade 7/8 class to edit our stories.

**Science:** We will be wrapping up our unit on building by learning how to make strong homes.

**Gym:** The weather was beautiful this week to enjoy a nice long skate outside on Wednesday. Thank you to those parents who came out to help tie up our skates! We will be skating again next week on Monday and Wednesday at 12:10.

Our star of the week is Tanner!

**Grade 3 & 4 – Miss de Haan**

Work folders come home today with new Spelling words. The Memory Work sheet from last week should be saved for the next several weeks. Please refer to the sheet for due dates.

Next week, we hope to go skating for our Gym class on Thursday. Please help your child to bring skates and a helmet. Thanks

This week, the Spelling Tests will not be returned home until Monday. Be sure to keep your eyes out for it!

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Return folders	Return: *Chunk homework	Return: *Library books  Memory Work verse 1 due	Return Mad Minutes  **Spelling Tests *Bring skates!	Return Reading Records

**Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen**

We had a wonderful time during our LOCK IN this week! We got into comfortable clothes, relaxed with blankets, pillows, stuffies, and snacks, and read for the whole last block of the day! All in all, 20 individuals were able to complete 1767 pages of reading during that time! WOW! Today I look forward to reading all the January written book reports and getting a glimpse into what books have been read during this cold month of January. (It was also fun to be able to have P.E. in our comfortable clothes, too!)

Today we tried our hand at making “soap” stone carvings. We used Ivory soap and created many interesting animals and objects by carving the soft soap. We learned that the art of carving can be very tricky and is not that easy to do! Patience and perseverance are necessary. When we look at the real soap stone carvings in our class room, we have a renewed appreciation of the artistry and work that has gone into making them!

The grade fives have completed another unit in math, and are now beginning a unit on multiplication and division. A small pink booklet was sent home for students to fill in answers for the multiplication tables to 12. Now the class has a tool to use to study their multiplication math facts.

**Next Week:**

Memory Work: Proverbs 3:3-6

Wednesday: Grammar test (both grades) Units 13-18

\*Be ready to skate on Tuesday and/or Thursday (weather permitting)

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

**History:** Students will be learning about the beginnings of the unrest in the colonies of Upper and Lower Canada, and what happened when the unrest led to rebellion.

**Geography:** Next week the class will be looking at all the different ways that people use the coniferous forest biome. We will look at all the different recreational activities that are possible as well as the parks system.

**Bible:** Next week the class will be starting their next unit in Bible. We will be studying how God calls us to faithful living, and we will look at what that means for us in our daily lives.

**Math:** The Grade 8 class will be having a unit test on 3D Geometry on Wednesday. Please remind your child to take home their textbook to study.

**Science:** The class will be having their unit test on Forces and Energy next week on Thursday, February 6. Students need to remember the formulas that they learned for Force, Work, Mechanical Advantage, and Efficiency, and how the formulas are used.

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

**Art AVI10:** Students started a design project this week.

**Music – Mrs. Hawkins**

**Grade 1-2:** Students learned about the quarter rest this week.

**Grade 3-4:** Students sang many of their Link-Up songs accapella.

**Grade 5-6:** Students have a playing test this week on "Amazing Grace"

**Grade 7 Band:** Please practise page 13, #2 and *The Crusaders* for your playing test next Wednesday.