



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,

Last week I wrote about how I was explaining to the students in chapel that we are called to be God-worshippers. Here are a few more details. God loves every part of this world. Our God is a God who loves diversity, complexity, and creativity. When we look at the world around us, the plants, rocks, animals, sea creatures, insects, the skies and beyond, and especially people and their intelligence and capabilities... we can't help but be awestruck. (Psalm 8)

God obviously takes delight in chickadees, giraffes and northern lights, but also wants us to delight in Creation. That's one of the reasons why we teach – to draw attention to God's creation and its wonder and weirdness. Albert Einstein once said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is."

God gave us this world to enjoy, to play in, to explore. We worship God when we enjoy the delicate complexity of a butterfly wing and a tiny seedpod, or the immense awe of a sharp edged mountain ridge, and a towering thundercloud. We also realize, when we see this beauty, how much God loves us. Together, in community, we join in worship of our God.

Next week we will have a lot of opportunities to gather together. On Wednesday, the students will be forming teams as we take part in our annual fun afternoon. It is a time when our older students become leaders as all the children move from station to station in team building activities. I love to see the students embrace leadership and support one another. In the evening, we gather together for "Meet the Teachers Night." Come gather and visit with our newest members as well as touch base with all those who have been here for awhile.

Shalom,
Andy Alblas



Looking Ahead:

Monday	Sept 16	- TRIP orders due 9:00am - Program / HR Meeting 7:30 pm
Tuesday	Sept 17	- Board Meeting 8:00 pm
Wednesday	Sept 18	- Fun Afternoon 1:00 pm - Meet the Teacher Night 7:30 pm
Thursday	Sept 19	-
Friday	Sept 20	- School Chapel 9 am - Hot Lunch (Pizza)

From our School Community:

CHOCOLATE BAR SALES: One box of 30 nut-free chocolate bars was sent home today with every family in the school. The bars are sold for \$2.00 each and the money is returned to the school (either the office or the child's classroom). Last year our profit was over \$2,000.00. Profit from the sale goes towards field trips for JK-10, fun days, Field Day ribbons, trophies and other miscellaneous extras for the students.

We encourage everyone to take part in the sale. The Chocolate Bar and Magazine Sales are the only fundraisers that contribute to Student Fund and every student benefits.

PICTURE DAY SELECTION FORMS were sent home today with every student. Picture Day is Friday, September 27. Please hand your completed selection forms in to your teacher as soon as possible even though the form states to bring them on Picture Day. Thank you.

IMMUNIZATION FORMS: HEP B forms were sent home today with all Gr. 7 students. Please fill out and return on **Monday, September 30** as the Health Unit nurse will be picking them up on October 2.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT: *for parents only.* Wednesday, September 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m. has been set aside as a night for parents to learn more about their children's classrooms, curriculum, and homework expectations. The teachers will be in the room to answer any questions that you may have.

GR. 7 BAND: Please bring your \$20.00 band fee to the office.

PIANO LESSONS for September 2013-June 2014 are still available for anyone wishing to register their child. Cost is \$12 for a 20 minute lesson and \$18 for a 30 minute lesson. A form is available at the end of the journal for you to cut off, fill in and return to the office.

THRIFT STORE MANAGER JOB POSTING: Due to the resignation of our current store manager Catherine Knight, after 2 and half dedicated years of service, Thunder Bay Christian School is seeking qualified applicants as manager of the Twice as Nice Thrift Store (www.twiceasnicethrift.com). The Twice as Nice Thrift Store sells quality gently used items such as clothing, appliances, furniture and so much more. All earnings from the thrift store go directly to the Thunder Bay Christian School budget. The successful applicant who will fill this part time position will have retail experience, be self motivated, be willing to make connections with local businesses, and have strong organizational and communicational skills. Please send a cover letter explaining your desire to work at Twice as Nice including, resume, and statement of Christian faith, to Dan Breukelman, at spuds@tbaytel.net by September 18, 2013. If you have any other questions, please call Dan at 474-3224 or please contact any of the Twice as Nice Committee members .

THEME BULLETIN BOARD PHOTOS: Miss Baxter is gathering family photos for the front hallway bulletin board. I require nothing larger than a 4X6 photo. This photo should include all members of your family and can include others in your immediate family. If you do not want to supply us with a picture we will be writing your family name in place of it. Thank-you! We collected 50% of our families last year, which are hanging up. If you want to replaced it with an updated version; great!

FALL HOT LUNCH FORMS are coming home with the oldest child in the family today. Please fill and return form with payment to the school **no later than Wednesday, September 18.** Please make cheques payable to TBCS Booster Club. Thank you.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

This past week we marvelled at our Mighty God's handiwork and His hand sustaining it all as we completed the last few days of the creation story. We dove into Audrey Penn's books about Chester while discussing the wide range of emotions that God has created in mankind. We sorted and began patterning using the AB format. My SK class even read their first book which they insisted on taking home to share with you. Wow! (Please return this booklet back to the class on Monday. Thanks! ☺)

Thank you for all the magazine responses that were completed and returned. Hopefully our free items will arrive shortly!

A short supply note was sent home today letting you know if your child's supplies are all in and accounted for or which ones are still needed. Please let me know if you did not receive it and I will send home another.

Everyone was excited to pick out and come home with a library book this week. (The students with July and August birthdays also came home with a birthday book in a colourful bag.)

Up and Coming.....

Monday: Return the I See booklet (SK only)

Wednesday: Library Day

Return completed name page

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss Rekman

Here is what we will be learning next week:

Bible: We are reviewing the stories of Moses and Joshua.

Memory Work: Students will be asked on Friday to say this memory work: Psalm 105:1.

Math: We are finishing up our unit on patterning and sorting. Our next unit will be on addition and subtraction. Each morning our lesson will begin with a mad minute. Students can practice at home by using flash cards.

Working With Words: Both classes will have a spelling quiz on Friday.

Grade 1: a, an, and, can, ran

Grade 2: man, than, as, has, was

Reading: We will be looking at the elements of a story: characters, setting, problem, and solution. Please make sure the September reading log is being filled out at home.

Science: We will be continuing to learn about different kinds of weather. Next we will learn about storms and rainbows.

Grade 3 & 4 – Miss. De Haan

This week the folder went home for some word chunk homework (one time to find words and the second time to practice for the test). The folder comes home today with new Word Wall words. (The five words from this week will also be reviewed on next week's test.) Each week, please help your child with finding words in the "chunk" or "family" that are sent home on Friday. ***A list of a minimum of 10 words is due back each week by Tuesday. Don't forget to find some***

multi-syllable words!

Some highlights this week in our classroom: In Bible, we continue to read in Genesis. In Math, we have been learning more challenging patterns with several changing attributes. In Literature, we learned how some words have more than one meaning and the affect it has on how the story unfolds (Ask your students about the beating and whipping in our story this week!). We have also

started a rough draft on a story that we hope to "publish" in the future. In Social Studies, we have just begun our unit on The Heavens Declare (Solar System). We had our first Library visit and could take out three books.

Reminders:

Tuesday: Return "word family/chunk" homework
Wednesday: Return all library books; Fun Day (Dress prepared for activity!)
Thursday: Memory Work due (postponed from Wed. because of Fun Day activities)
Friday: Spelling tests

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

Another week has already flown by, and the students continue to learn and adjust to the routines and expectations of grade five and six. It is wonderful getting to know the grade fives and the new students in grade six! What a fantastic group of children I am privileged to be with each day!

In Bible we have been discussing how the Bible is not just a set of individual books with individual stories that are not connected with each other. Instead it is one story of God and His people and His plan of salvation. Students have been asked to think about their relationship with God in the past, present, and future. A sheet entitled "Lookout Point" was sent home with the hope that parents would help their child to fill in this sheet. Through the year, as a class, we hope to learn more about God and grow in our faith and trust in Him. The sheet will be kept until the end of the year and returned during the last week of school. Students can then enjoy looking back on their answers and see how much growth has occurred!

In Literature we are reading and discussing poems and short stories from the *World of Literature* series. The theme that we are currently focusing on is "Seeds of Peace". The poems and stories deal with how we can plant seeds of peace in our lives.

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

History: Next week the class will be continuing their study of how the British began to govern the colony that they had taken control of from the French. We will look closely at how the relationship between the French and the English developed.

Our class has quite a few avid readers who are already reading voraciously! Way to go! Students are strongly encouraged to spend time reading every day so as to strengthen vocabulary, spelling and grammar skills, and for just pure enjoyment and relaxation.

Each day our class completes a shore activity sheet which we call a "grammar short" or "math short". These are exercises, somewhat like mad minutes, that review and strengthen basic skills in math and grammar. Look for those activity sheets to come home on Fridays so you can monitor progress in these areas.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Proverbs 22:6
Monday - Lookout Point sheet due
- Grammar quiz on capitals (both classes)
Wednesday - Fun Day!
Thursday - Spelling Unit 2 due
Friday - Penmanship due
- Spelling Dictation Unit 2

Bible: The class is working on the unit *The Song of Love* which is a story that contains a lot of symbolism. The students are learning the story of the Singer and what the events in the story symbolize.

Geography: The class will be continuing to study the different biomes of the world and where each of them are located. We will learn a little about what the climate in each of the biomes is like.

Math: Grade 8 has a test on Friday.

Memory work- Psalm 40:3 Friday September 20

Science: Next week the class will learning about the concentration of solutions, and will be attempting to grow crystals.

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

Math: We have had a great start to the year. Grade 9 is working on Chapter 1: Connecting Numbers and Variables while Grade 10 is working on Chapter 1: Linear Systems.

AV10: Students are working through a unit on the elements of design.

Music – Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1-2: Students are settling into the routines of music class while learning about keeping the beat. We are also working on finding our “singing” voices.

Grade 3-4: Students played games to help them learn to read notes on the staff and reviewed beat, rhythm and Solfege signs.

Grade 5-6: Students continued learning how to read notes on the staff.

Grade 7 Band : Students played their first note this week. We have a balanced band this year with great instruments. I would like to thank Mr. Cottrell for providing a drum kit at a very reasonable price. Thank you to parents for sending in the band fee. Students will be working on a computer assignment on Monday. I’m planning on letting students take instruments home to practise on Wednesday.

PIANO REGISTRATION FORM September 2013 - June 2014

Cost is \$12 for 20 minute lesson and \$18 for a 30 minute lesson.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

School Grade in September 2013: _____

Parents: _____