



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



2013-2014

W
e
e
k
l
y

J
o
u
r
n
a
l

From The Principal's Desk:

Greetings TBCS,

Last night a number of representatives from different churches met to share ideas and thoughts on how to **promote Christian Education**. It was a wonderful round table discussion. Though there were many ideas, something that captured my attention was that we need passionate people speaking about how Christian education is a 'GIFT'. It is my prayer that more meetings such as this will take place in the near future.

On Monday and Tuesday our **Parent / Teacher Conferences** will take place. This is an excellent time for the home and school to directly communicate. It is my prayer that the 10 minutes we have together is a positive opportunity for us to share what is best for the students in their education.

Also, next week many of our teachers will be attending the **Edifide Convention** to learn new ideas. Below is a list of some of the workshops that our teachers will be attending:

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Sharing Art Ideas | 7. Character Development through Improvisation |
| 2. Teaching Reading at the Junior Level | 8. Building Healthy Relationships Among Staff at School |
| 3. The Flipped Classroom | 9. The Land of the Midnight Sun |
| 4. Travelling the World through Literature | 10. Understanding the Change in Parental Influence in the 21 st Century |
| 5. Teaching Non-Fiction Text in the Primary Grades | |
| 6. Reaching Girls the Way They Learn Best | |

Shalom,
Andy Alblas

Looking Ahead:

Monday	Oct 21	- Parent Teacher Conferences - TAN Sorting (Slate River bus)	3:30-7:00 pm 7:00-9:00 pm
Tuesday	Oct 22	- Parent Teacher Conferences - Bazaar Meeting	3:30-5:00 pm 8:00 pm
Wednesday	Oct 23	- Library Day - Playgroup - School ends at	10:00-1:00 1:00 pm
Thursday	Oct 24	- No School (Edifide Conference)	
Friday	Oct 25	- No School (Edifide Conference)	

From our School Community:

Uses of Handheld Devices

All hand held devices that are brought to school must remain in the backpack or locker at all times, unless a teacher gives permission. Should a student use their device without permission, the teacher/principal has the right to confiscate the device(s). Parent/guardian may be contacted prior to the return of the devices. Persistent offences may lead to suspension.

Early Dismissal on Wednesday, October 23. Teachers will be travelling to the Edifide Conference so school will be dismissed at 1:00 pm. Buses will be departing at this time as well.

Mom's Pantry Order forms were to be handed in to the office on Thursday, Oct. 17. The office will still be accepting late orders if the orders are handed in by Monday, October 21 at 9:00 am sharp!

Parent/Teacher Conference schedules were sent home with the oldest child in the JK-8 families. Please look the schedule over and let the office know by phone, email or note if you are unable to make your time slot or need to make a change.

Interim Reports were sent home with each child in Grades 1-8 today. The interim reports are new to the school this year. The reports give a brief look at how your child(ren) are performing academically to date.

Membership Meeting Packages were sent home today with every family and are available in church mailboxes for society members. Fall membership meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2013.

TBCS TRIP NEWS: We are happy to announce the addition of Toy's R Us to the order form. They are offered at 2% in \$25 gift cards.

Christian Home & School Magazine was sent home with the oldest child in JK -10.

Playgroup News

This week we had great fun with the ball boat!



TIME CHANGE FOR NEXT WEEK ONLY 10AM TO 1PM. This will allow you to come or stay a little later if you want, so you can pick up your other children at 1:00 for early dismissal. You don't want to miss the messy apple fun so come on out and invite a friend!

Please check out the PLAYGROUP tab on the school's website tbaychristianschool.ca for more info and photos.

A poster for a 'Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale'. The poster features a stack of pancakes on the left side. The text on the poster reads: 'All You Can Eat PANCAKE Breakfast & Bake Sale November 2, 2013, 7:30 - 11:00am Hosted by the Grade 8 Students to raise funds for Toronto Trip Family - \$25, Adult - \$6, Under 13 - \$4, Under 3 - Free A tax donation receipt will be given to amounts exceeding \$10 of the cost of breakfast. Thunder Bay Christian School 37 Cooper Road, off Hwy 130 next to the OPP station'. There is a small logo for the school at the bottom left of the poster.

All You Can Eat
PANCAKE
Breakfast & Bake Sale
November 2, 2013, 7:30 - 11:00am
Hosted by the Grade 8 Students
to raise funds for Toronto Trip
Family - \$25, Adult - \$6, Under 13 - \$4, Under 3 - Free
A tax donation receipt will be given to
amounts exceeding \$10 of the cost of breakfast.
Thunder Bay Christian School
37 Cooper Road, off Hwy 130
next to the OPP station

Chocolate Bar Sale: The sale is wrapping up. Our goal is to *complete the sale before the end of October*. There are still **12** boxes lingering in the office. Please consider selling an extra box. All profits go to the Student Fund which supports student activities throughout the year.

Twice as Nice Thrift store is currently seeking applicants for the position of assistant manager. Applicants should have relevant retail experience, be flexible and enjoy working with the public, other volunteers and manager. The successful applicant who will fill this part time position will have up to 20 hours per week with flexible hours. **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.**

Interested applicants may submit a resume along with cover letter and a statement- of-faith to Dan Breukelman at dan.breukelman.tbcs@gmail.com or 474-3224 by October 23, 2013. Applications may also be dropped off at our Twice As Nice location on May St. If you have any other questions, you may contact any of the committee members.

Scholastic: Classroom flyers were sent home with your child on Wednesday. Two special flyers will also be sent home with the oldest in each family today. If you wish to order from any of the flyers, please return to the school no later than Wednesday, October 23. If you wish to use any items for a gift, please clearly label the order form as such and include your name and phone number. I will then call you when it comes in and you can make arrangements to pick it up at your convenience. Thank you.

Cross Country Running: A short note and the school jersey came home today with your child. Thank you.

Bazaar 2013 – New and Used Items

We are asking each family to consider donating a new item to the Bazaar. Look for good deals, popular fad or hard to find sought after items. Don't forget to fill out a Donation Receipt request form from the office with your original sales receipt attached. If shopping is not your thing, you can always make a cash donation (receipts will be issued). Please, bring your new items to the school or call any Bazaar Committee member for pick up.

We are also looking for good quality used items (NO clothing please) to sell at the Bazaar. Books, music CD's and videos are also welcome. Please bring your used items to the school's wrestling room so we can sort and price. Please call any Bazaar Committee member for pick up. Thank you, your Bazaar Committee: John Meijaard, Aaron Breukelman, Joel Veurink, Dini Makkinga, Deb and Henry Streutker, Kevin Mol, Mark Bolt, Dave DeJong and Lorrie Dykstra

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Thanks for the many donations that came in to help with our mini theme. We are well into the

heart of it and I hope you are hearing a lot about it! Next week, real construction begins!

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss Rekman

Bible: We are continuing our study of Kings, by reading the stories of the prophet Elisha.

Math: Quizzes on addition and subtraction went home yesterday. These should be signed by the

parents and be sent back to school. We are starting a new unit on geometry. Our vocabulary words are: estimate, quadrilateral, and attribute.

Remember Library is on Wednesday!

Language Arts:

WWW: There will be a quiz on October 23. The words were written in last week's journal.

Reading: In guided reading we are learning how to retell the main details of a story. In our independent reading we are learning strategies to help us read words we don't know.

Remember to keep filling in the reading log at home.

Writing: We have been working on finishing a good copy of a narrative. Students will finish and hand these in on October 23.

Social Studies: We will be wrapping up our unit on communities on Wednesday. Students should know the vocabulary words: community, responsibility, tradition, rules, and routine.

Our star of the week is Macey!

Grade 3 & 4 – Miss de Haan

This week the folder includes a Word Wall Review (due to the short week, no new words will be sent home) and a Reading Log. New Memory Work was sent home last week (1 Peter 2:9). A new Mad Minute pack will be sent home next week. We will take this week off to eliminate some pressure. Also, be sure to see how your child did on his/her Spelling Test and Math Test (Gr. 4)!

Some highlights this week in our classroom:
-using our Bibles to find answers to clues for a word cross puzzle

-finalizing our planet presentations and making cue cards

-starting a new unit on numeration and representing numbers in a variety of ways (Roman Numerals was a big fascination this week!)

Dates to Remember:

Monday: Return folders

Wednesday: Return all library books; Return Reading Log to check progress

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

Wow! It was a short but very busy week in our classroom! Students wrote tests in spelling, Bible, and literature. The class did very well on these tests! Way to work! Tests were sent home so that you can be aware of your child's/children's progress.

This week we congratulate Jori on reading 25 books and finishing a strip on the book reading chart! Super! Enjoy your sweet treat, Jori!

Thank you, families, for sending in food that can be donated to the food bank. Giving back in this way is one small way that we can show our thanks for being blessed with so much.

In Science we used mirrors and flashlights to reflect light around in a circle and also had some fun using the periscopes that we made. We looked at what God's word says about being a reflection. We were reminded that we are made in God's image and that we need to reflect His

goodness in the way that we live our lives (just like a mirror reflects our image). As image bearers we should work to be more Christ-like in our actions and behaviours.

In grammar, we began a study on the proper use of commas and will focus on 5 specific uses of commas in our writing.

It was cold out, but we enjoyed playing football outside this week and hope to get one more session in before we are driven indoors.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Books of the Old Testament and their categories

Monday - Literature notes due

Journal entry due (I am thankful for...)

Wednesday - Math test - grade 6 (if all goes as planned in the shortened week)

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

History: Next week the class will be learning about the beginnings of Upper Canada. The many Loyalists who came into the colony from the newly created United States needed a place to live, so the colony was split into Upper and Lower Canada. We will also be learning about Governor Simcoe, the governor of the new colony and his attempts to develop the new province.

Geography: We will be continuing to look at the coniferous forest biome next week, looking closely at where we live here in northwestern Ontario.

Science: The class will be completing their science unit on Solutions by looking at different solvents and their ability to clean different types of stains.

Bible: The Singer has been sentenced to hang on the Great Machine of Death. The people have turned against him, and even his mother has said that the World Hater has won. Is this really the end of the story?? We will see what happens next week.

Language Arts: We are continuing to take a look at setting and the students will be writing paragraphs which describe their own setting.

Art - We are working on mixing paints to paint our own colour wheel.

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

AVIO Art: Students continued working on their painting project this week.

Math: Both grade nine and grade ten had their tests returned this week. Ask your son or daughter how they did! Both grades are starting new units. Grade nine is working on Ratio, Rate and Percent while grade ten is working on analytic geometry.

English: We are in the midst of writing our first Eagles' Eye newsletter. Each student has been assigned a part in the writing of the newsletter. We are still reading *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

Bible: We are comparing the four gospels and discussing the similarities and differences.

Music – Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1-2: Students sang Bible actions songs along with some of their favourites learned so far.

Grade 5-6: Students brought home their Ukes to practise this week. Parents: if you have an i-pod or pad, you can download one of two free chromatic tuners called Tuner Lite or ProTuner Lite. Tune your ukuleles to G, C, E A with the G string on the top if you strum the instrument with your right hand.

Grade 7 Band: Students should be prepared to play page 7 #3 and #5 for your first playing test.

Grade 3/4 Recorders: Students make sure to bring your recorder to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students learned their first three notes and learned to play "Hot Cross Buns".

TBCS Board Mini-minutes October 15, 2013

1. Chairman Ed Breukelman reads from Psalm 103 and opens with prayer.
2. Principal's report - Motion 7.75 "that all handheld devices that are brought to school must remain in the backpack or locker at all times, unless given permission by the teacher. Should a student use their device without permission, that teacher/principle has the right to confiscate the device (s). Parents/guardians may be contacted prior to the return of the devices". A more in-depth technology policy will be furthered developed.
3. Twice as Nice/Committees: Motion 7.77 to create an ad hoc committee that looks at how many families volunteer for the various committees at the school and Twice as Nice.
4. ACE to transfer \$38 016 to the school. The Board would like to thank all those involved with this initiative for their hard work and continued financial support to the school
5. Motion to adjourn and closing prayer by Ed Breukelman.

Thunder Bay Christian School
is hosting their annual

BAZAAR
& Auction

*Thursday, November 21
6:00PM. TO 10:00PM.
Friday, November 22
Doors Open at 7:00PM.
Auction starting at
8:00 PM SHARP!*

*Lots of delicious food,
Exciting games,
New this year
Farmer's Market and
many vendors.
Deals on New &
Used Items
Over 100 items for the
Auction.*

*The Thunder Bay Christian School is located on Cooper Road,
off Arthur Street West, next to the OPP station.*

FREE ADMISSION!