



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,

It has been a pleasure for us to have the opportunity to speak with so many parents over the past two days. Hopefully, this is only the beginning of consistent communication between home and school. As you are aware school is closed for the next 2 days, as many of our teachers attend the Edifide Convention. Last week I wrote about some of the workshops our teachers will be attending. This week I would like to highlight some of the main speakers we will be listening to.



The keynote speaker is Dr. Marilyn McEntye. In her session she is, "inviting us to consider our work as stewards of the stories that sustain community life—how sharing them, telling them in new contexts, revisiting them with new critical lenses, and protecting them from trivialization can meet very real needs for people who face unprecedented cultural, economic and environmental challenges."

She believes, "Caring for word and story is like caring for the life of the soil. Poor farming methods can deplete good soil, and poor language practices—hyperbole, half-truths, propaganda, media spin, and wide tolerance of lies—can make the discourses of church, state, and family less usable and life-giving." How are we doing with the sharing of our stories here at TBCS?

Personally, I would love to hear more, and even if possible, post some of these stories, 'testimonies', on our website-just something to think about. Enjoy the extra long weekend everyone.

Shalom,
Andy Alblas

Looking Ahead:

Monday	Oct 28	- Finance Meeting - TAN Sorting (City bus)	8:00 pm 7:00-9:00 pm
Tuesday	Oct 29	-	
Wednesday	Oct 30	- Picture Retakes - Library Day - Playgroup - Teacher's Meeting	10:00-12:00 3:30 pm
Thursday	Oct 31	-	
Friday	Nov 1	- Chapel (Reformation)	9:00 am
Saturday	Nov 2	- Pancake Breakfast	7:30 -11:00 am

From our School Community:

Narnia Auditions

There has been a sign-up sheet in the front lobby for all older students. Next week during the **2nd nutrition break**, Miss Baxter and Mr. Alblas will be meeting with small groups of students. During this time, we will want to know two things:

1. Which characters are you interested in playing? (Do a reading if you are prepared.)
2. If you are concerned about acting or learning lines, how can we help you overcome this?

Our mission is to have every student in our school involved in this play. Below are the names of students and when they will meet with us.

Oct 28	1:00 (Isaiah, Luke, Nathan) 1:10 (Elise, Rachel J, Sydney) 1:20 (Julia K., Adam, Jemima)
Oct 29	1:00 (Julia S., Matthew, Alicia N.) 1:10 (Jori, Levi, Aimee) 1:20 (Sierra, Toby, Jordan)
Oct 30	1:00 (Hope, Thomas) 1:10 (Greg, Paul, Hayley) 1:20 (Joanna, Hope, Faryn)
Oct 31	1:00 (Joel, Lucas, Abby) 1:10 (Alex, Nathan H., Dawson) 1:20 (Adam, Morgan, Scott)
Nov 1	1:00 (Matthew, Justine, Abel) 1:10 (Grace, Kelsey, Jack, Karen) 1:20 (Brooke, Caitlyn, Dayna)

November Milk Form is attached to today's Journal. Please fill in and return to the office by **Wednesday, Oct. 30**.

Chocolate Bar Sale: There are still **9** boxes left to be sold. Please consider being one of the 9 families to sell an extra box.

Edifide Conference: The teachers will be attending the Edifide conference Thursday and Friday. There will be no school on those days. Please pray for safe travel.

Playgroup News



If you haven't checked out Playgroup yet, come on out next Wednesday from 10-12. We are having a great time with about 15 children each week. You don't want to miss the chance for fellowship and fun for all! For more info you can contact Kerri-Ann at kerriannpinta@gmail.com.

Pancake Breakfast-Save the Date!

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

Fall Membership Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4 at 8:00 p.m.

Class Pictures were sent home today with each child.

Picture Retake Day is on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Cross Country Running:

The 42nd Annual Mid-Canada Elementary School Run took place this past Saturday at Lakehead University. The 221 runners ranged in age from Grade 4 to Grade 8 and teams came from as far as Red Lake and Dryden to participate in this event.

Congratulations are extended to the girls' team consisting of: Hope Grootenboer, Chloe Gysen, Joanna Haveman, Julia Kaemingh, Jennifer Semeschuk and Emma Staal for a team placing of 8th out of 14 girl teams. The boys' team consisted of: Glenn Dykstra, Dawson Kaemingh, Adam Van Elburg, Jordan Van Elburg and Mitchell Vanlenthe and they ranked 5th out of 9 teams. These 11 students did a **superb** job representing our school! They put forth great effort, showed wonderful sportsmanship and are already looking forward to next year's race! Fantastic job, runners!

Bazaar 2013 Update

Just a review thus far- **NEW and USED Items** – We are asking families to consider donating New or Used items for the Bazaar Yard Sale! Please bring any of your items to the school or call any Bazaar Committee Member for pick up.

Looking for Vendors! Do you have your own home business or know someone that does? Are you a vendor at a Farmers Market or sell your homegrown vegetables or meat? Please contact Lorrie Dykstra 626-2765. There will be a "Market and Vendor" room this year at the Bazaar.

AUCTION ITEMS! Start thinking now of a "good or service" for the famous TBCS Auction! Know someone that might want to donate something? Ask them on behalf of the Bazaar Committee!

BAZAAR BOTTLES/BAGS AND SILENT AUCTION BOXES – A note went home to each family with details of what is involved. The Silent Auction Box themes will be published in the Journal when all classes have decided.

We need your help! **VOLUNTEERS** to work a shift or two, bake, auction recorders, help make oliebollen, attend the bazaar and above all your prayers for a successful event are needed! Sign-up sheets will be available at the Pancake Breakfast and Membership Meeting.

STAY TUNED TO YOUR JOURNAL OR BULLETIN!! We have some exciting new activities and themed rooms to be announcement in the next few weeks!

This will all be taking place **Thursday November 21 at 7pm and Friday November 22 at 6 pm with the Auction starting at 8:00 pm.** We will be emphasizing family games and fun!

Contact any Bazaar Committee member with your ideas, suggestions or donation pick up. Aaron Breukelman, Lorrie Dykstra, Dini Makkinga, Joel Veurink, John Meijaard, Deb Streutker, Chris Streutker, Martin Bolt, Kevin Mol, Mark Bolt, Dave DeJong, Sharon Breukelman and Jolene Makkinga

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

This week was short but we continued to pack a great deal into it. It was also a pleasure discussing your child's progress and accomplishments thus far. Thanks for all your prayers and support. We also learned a lot from the Oliver/Paipoonge Fire Department about fire safety.

Up & Coming:

Wednesday: Picture Retakes

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss Rekman

Here is what we will be learning next week:

Bible: We will continue learning about the prophets. Our memory work is Psalm 103:8: "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love."

Math: We are learning about geometry and measurement. The vocabulary words for this week are estimate, long, short, angle and vertices. Each day we still do a mad minute to practice addition and subtraction.

Socials Studies: Our next unit is called "Mapping My Home." There will be several small homework tasks during this unit, please make sure this is completed.

Reading: October reading logs should be handed in on November 1. In class we are learning how to retell the events of a story using the words first, then, next and last.

Language Arts:

WWW:

Grade 1: up, cup, bug, but, put

Grade 2: some, home, more, most, come

Challenge: awesome

Our star of the week is Carly!

Grade 3 & 4 – Miss de Haan

This week the folder includes new Word Wall words and a Reading Log. A new Mad Minute pack is also coming home today.

Dates to Remember:

Monday: Return folders

Tuesday: Return "Chunk" homework

Wednesday: Return all library books

Thursday: Return Mad Minute pack

Spelling Tests

Friday: Return Reading Log to check progress

Grade 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen

It was a short but very full "week" of school! It was a pleasure, parents, to meet with you to discuss the progress of your son/daughter! It is my prayer that we will work together to provide the best atmosphere and learning environment so that your child can develop his/her abilities to the potential that God has blessed each with! Please know that I am always open to any questions you may have with regards to your child's progress. It has started out being a super year with a super group of students, and I feel very blessed to be a part of their lives and learning this year!

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Isaiah for reading 25 books and completing a reading strip! Enjoy your sweet treat!

We had a wonderful time partnering up with the students in grade 1 / 2 to have reading buddy

time! We plan to do this weekly and enjoyed the opportunity to hear the grade ones and twos read, as well as the opportunity to read to them, too!

In Science we had fun making mini magnifying glasses out of wire and using water as a magnifier. We will be studying more about lenses in the coming week.

The grade sixes wrote their second chapter test in math, and the grade fives will be ready for their test next week.

We began reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* this week. The students are very excited to read this book! C. S. Lewis lived in England, so the language and style of speaking sometimes sound odd to us. We are encountering many words and phrases that are unfamiliar to us, but they are fun to learn about and hear! Ask your son/daughter what

the expressions “wireless” and “blue bottles” refer to in the story.

I am looking forward to traveling to the convention, this week, to fellowship with other teachers and to learn more about the craft of teaching. Thank you to the board and community for making it possible for the teachers to travel to convention.

Students, enjoy your loooong weekend! Be sure to take time to read, read, read! Remember that your 2 book reports (1 oral, 1 written) are due next week on the 31st!

Next Week:

Memory Work: Books of the Old Testament and their categories

Monday - Spelling Test Unit 7

Wednesday - Chapter 2 math test (grade 5)

Thursday - Spelling Unit 8 due

- Book reports due

Friday - Spelling test - unit 8

*Thank you for sending non-perishable food items in during these last 2 weeks. The food bank will be thankful for your generosity!

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

Geography: Next week the class will be learning about the climate and vegetation that is found in the coniferous forest biome. We will be learning about the special characteristics that God has given the vegetation in this biome to allow them to survive and thrive in this climate region.

Science: The class has been finishing its unit on Solutions, and will be starting a new unit next week.

Bible: Next week the class will be completing the story about the Singer. We will see what happens to Singer after his death and what those events symbolize. Students need to remember all the different symbolism that is found in the book in preparation for the test for this unit.

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

Art: Students worked on their painting project this week.

Music – Mrs. Hawkins

Grade 1-2: Students sang many Bible and action songs this week.

Grade 3-4: Help your child to remember to bring their recorders every Tuesday and Thursday. Students have started to learn “Simple Gifts” on their recorders.

Grade 5-6: Please bring your ukes to school on Thursday so I can tune them for Friday’s class. I hope you had fun playing them at home.

Grade 7: Students played their first playing test this week. We will have another playing in a couple of weeks.