



GET OUT OF THE BOAT

"Come", he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus." Matthew 14:29

Theme Song: *By faith, we see the hand of God,
In the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight. (vs.1)*

*We will stand as children of the promise,
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight. (refrain)*

Looking Ahead:

Monday	Sept 8	- TRIP Orders due 9:00 am - Chapel - Gr. 7 & 8 Immunizations - Gr. 8 Parent Meeting 7:30 pm
Tuesday	Sept 9	- Board Meeting 8:00 pm
Wednesday	Sept 10	- Library
Thursday	Sept 11	
Friday	Sept 12	- TRIP Pickup 3:00 pm - Pizza Hot Lunch

From Our School Community:

Fun Day: The students were placed into one of fourteen groups today. They made up a team chant, worked cooperatively at a variety of games and activities, shared smiles and cheered each other on for the afternoon. A special thank you shout out goes out to our Grade 8 students and the 2 bus drivers who were our team leaders and all the teachers who helped to make this afternoon a success! What a great opportunity to build school community!

Our Chocolate Bar Sale begins today! One box per family was sent home with the oldest child in each family. The bars are sold for \$2.00 each and the collected money is returned to the school (either the office or the child's classroom). This is the biggest fundraiser for the student fund resources which goes directly back to each student for various activities (eg. field trips, fun days, trophies, and field day ribbons). Profit from last year was \$2,000.00. Two-thirds of the boxes contain nut products. The bus drivers will be handing them out to the children when they exit the bus in order to ensure that the boxes remain sealed. Happy selling!



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Thunder Bay Christian is strengthening their faith to "Get Out of the Boat" and here's how...



Thanks for all the hotel bottles and soap items that have already been sent in. We already outgrew two boats! Please feel free to continue to send them in throughout the year. We will use them for a school wide service project in the new year.

Since we are blessed to have students with special needs in our school community and want to help as many people as we can, we are also going to begin to collect the pop can tabs for wheelchairs. Simply pull off the tab that opens a pop can and collect them. It's that easy. We will have a collection bucket so when you have a bag full (or boat full) you can drop them in.

More events coming soon:

- ❖ Duck Dynasty Day on Friday, October 10. Come dressed in your best camouflage gear, hats, beards or earth toned clothing (green, brown, taupe, etc.)
- ❖ Backwards Day (right before the time change weekend) on Friday, October 31. Yes, you read that right, put your clothes on backwards that day to help us remember that the clocks will fall BACK on Saturday night.

Cross Country Runners: Thunder Bay Christian School has got **a lot** of talent! So much so, that our T.B.C.S. cross country running team is reuniting to help discover, use and refine this talent. If you enjoy running long distance and wish to practice this skill to participate in a city wide elementary school race next month or simply wish to improve your abilities for your own personal goals, please come see or let Mrs. Kaemingh know on Monday. We are hoping to hold practices during the morning recesses so any after school activities will not be affected. See you then!

A Peanut-Safe School article is attached to today's journal. Please remember to read all labels carefully as peanut-safe foods change. A more detailed list is available from the office by request.

Grade 8 parents are reminded of the meeting that will be held on Monday, September 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the school. During the meeting the plans for the grade eight trip will be discussed, as well as the Pancake Breakfast and the Mom's Pantry order.

A lice check was carried out this past week at TBCS. In order to prevent any future outbreaks parents are reminded to regularly check their children's hair for the presence of lice.

Playgroup News: Playgroup will be starting up on Wednesday, September 24th from 10 a.m.-12.p.m. You can join us even if you don't have pre-school aged children. Come out and meet some new friends! **If anyone is interested in being the volunteer coordinator/contact person for Playgroup, please let the office know.**

Playground Schedule Coordinator is still needed. Please contact the office if you are willing to volunteer.

Piano Lessons for September 2014-June 2015 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.

Twice As Nice needs this Sat. Sept 13 – Sept. 20. **Tomorrow (Saturday)**, there are **no** volunteers scheduled for the store at all – **can someone please come in to work with Vicki?** We need at least 1 volunteer for the morning and one for the afternoon, we can't open the store if there are no volunteers. Next week, we need volunteers for Monday afternoon (2), Tuesday afternoon (2), Thursday afternoon (1), Friday afternoon (2), Saturday morning (2). Please contact Jenny Mol if you can help out. 475-6995; jhmol@tbaytel.net; 626-0442 (text).

For those of you who are new to the school, The Twice As Nice Thrift Store was started as a way to generate funds to help offset education costs at the TBCS. Now at its 3rd location, Twice as Nice is thriving at 250 May Street in a busy residential area selling quality used items from clothing to furniture and appliances and a whole lot more. Twice as Nice has a part time manager – Vicki Wassenaar and an assistant manager – Rhonda Slaubaugh. Twice as Nice relies on volunteer help from a wide range of dedicated volunteers, parents, students, grandparents, other relatives and a whole lot of wonderful people who just plain enjoy the sense of community they get when they help out at the store! Like any large fundraising activity, the store could always use more help. At Twice as Nice, the more help we get, the more funds we can generate. Sales at the store vary daily depending on the time of month but range anywhere from a quiet day with \$500 in the till to a busy day with \$1500. Twice as Nice has contributed over \$1,000,000 – that's over one million dollars – to the TBCS since 1997, offsetting each family's tuition cost by about \$3000 per year.

Volunteers are needed to work in the store; morning shift is from 0945 to 1:30pm, afternoon shift is 1:30 to 4:30pm. Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays to help with delivery and pick-up. Volunteers are needed to help sort at various times during the week. If you're not already on the volunteer list, please send me an email so I can add you. This email list is used only to ask for volunteers for Twice As Nice; the mailings are sent by blind copy and the list is not shared elsewhere. Check out the store for yourself if you haven't already been there.....maybe you'll come home with a treasure! We'd be happy to show you around our building! Store phone number is 622-7575.

Volunteer Coordinator – Jenny Mol home phone 475-6995; cell/text 626-0442; email jhmol@tbaytel.net

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We have had a great week studying Day 2 and 3 of creation among many other things. We continue to marvel at the Lord's handiwork and His hand sustaining it all. Hallelujah, what a Saviour! We had a fantastic time getting to know our Fun Day team members and working alongside with them in all of the activities this afternoon.

Everyone was excited to pick out and come home with a library book this week. (The students with July, August and September birthdays will come home with a birthday book in a colourful bag. There is a note from the librarian included in the birthday book bag to fill you in on the details of this program.)

Up and Coming.....

Wednesday: Library Day

Grade 1 & 2 – Miss Rekman

Bible: We are reading the stories of the tower of Babel and Abraham. Our memory work which is due on Friday, September 19 is Psalm 100:1-2 "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness: come before him with joyful songs."

Word Work: A list of five sight words will be glued in the agenda on Monday. These are not spelling words, students will be asked to read them to the teacher on Friday.

Writing: We finished our first letter to our penpals at Brookfield Christian School in Wisconsin. Next week we will find out who our individual penpal is and start our first letter to them.

Reading: We have been making observations to answer the question: "*What makes a good reader?*" Please keep working on your September reading logs. For grade one students you can also count the minutes for when someone else reads to you.

Science: It has been fun to visit students' houses via *Google Maps*. Next week we will learn the features of maps and begin to design our own map.

Cereal Boxes: Our class is collecting large cereal boxes. We will decorate them and use them as a place to store our books. Please send any suitable boxes to school- Thank you!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- The Grade 1/2 classes learned about beats and rhythm while participating in musical games and activities.

Grade 3 & 4 – Miss de Haan

Folders will come home today with Spelling tests and new word wall words. A math sheet is also enclosed that we completed on the computer. If you wish to look at the Nelson website and practice various lessons, feel free to take a look. We are currently on Chapter 1. www.mathk8.nelson.com is the website. Students are familiar with how to find the proper grade and practice area.

Reminder: Please help your child practice and make words in the word "family" or "chunk" for the week. A list with a minimum of 10 words is due on Tuesday. The test will take place on Thursday.

Our first Memory Work of the year is due Wednesday, September 17.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- The Grade 3/4 class sang songs that emphasized beats and humour. They were also introduced to the staff.

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 continuing to teach the grade sixes who have matured and grown over the summer! What a fantastic group of children I am privileged to be with each day!

Today we thoroughly enjoyed participating in "Fun Day"! We loved the fun activities and getting to mingle with other students in the school. We enjoyed the treats, too! Thank you, Mrs. Kaemingh for organizing this wonderful event! Thank you, also, grade eights, for being such awesome team leaders and "getting out of the boat" to lead you teams!

In Bible, we have begun a unit which deals with the Psalms and Proverbs. We are learning about who they were written by, how they were written, and the themes that they deal with.

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 "Growing and Changing". The poems and stories deal with how we grow and change in our attitudes, knowledge, and opinions throughout our lives.

In grammar we have been learning when capitals are necessary to be used and in math we continue to study patterns.

Many students have begun reading and are enjoying the stickers and sweet treats they are rewarded with. Our jar of warm fuzzies is filling up with pom poms as the class earns them for good behaviour and work habits. When the jar is filled the class will have earned a class party! Another way the class can earn a fuzzy pom pom is to remember to bring back their library books each week on time. Let's see that jar fill up!

Next Week:

Memory Work: Psalm 8 (vs 1, 2)

Monday: "Boar Out There" picture and sentences due

Letter to me due

Grammar quiz on capitals

Thursday: Spelling Unit 2 due

Friday: Spelling Test - Unit 2

Penmanship due

**We are looking for chess sets for our class to borrow over the next few weeks. If you have one and are willing to loan it to us, it would be greatly appreciated! **

Mrs. Hawkins:

Art- Students are creating design mandalas using their names.

Computers- Students started the free on-line program "Dance Mat Typing" by the BBC and investigated internet safety through a PBS-kids website game, *Webonauts*.

Music-The Grade 5/6 class received their first lesson in ukulele, while the Grade 7's had the opportunity to try various band instruments.

Mr. Himanen:

Bible- Next week the class will be learning about the secret of Victory. We will learn how we can have victory over the things of this world even when it seems everything is going against us.

History- Next week the students will be learning about the beginnings of the Reformation. We will learn about the different things that people became unhappy and concerned with about how the church was functioning.

Geography- In our tropical rainforest unit the students will be learning about the climate conditions found in the rainforest and the effect that the climate has on the whole region.

Science- Next week the students will be making their own cells. We will hopefully have a great time eating our cells after they are finished.

Memory Work- Friday September 19- 2 Corinthians 4:18

Mrs. Voortman: We had a marvelous first full week! We started out our week with a super chapel where the ladies of our class volunteered to lead some of the actions for one of our songs. We ended off the week with our entire class being excellent leaders as they led their teams of younger students in cheers, events and by example in Fun Day. Way to get out of the boat 7's and 8's! I am proud of you! Special thanks to Mrs. K for planning, organizing and running all the events so smoothly. It was awesome!

In math we continue to work on number connections. We are brushing up on some of our estimating and arithmetic skills. Quizzes are every Thursday and go back Monday. Ask your student how they did. In language arts we have begun a short story unit on Building Community. We have had some wonderful discussions and look forward to building the community in our classroom. So far, we have done a great job!

Piano Registration Form

Piano registration for the 2014-2015 school year is available for anyone who would like to take lessons. The cost is \$12 for a 20 minute lesson and \$18 for a 30 minute lesson.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

School Grade: _____ Parents: _____

Please fill out and return to the school office. Thank you.