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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

Lord Jesus, I Long To Be Perfectly Whole

*Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want thee forever to live in my soul;
Break down every idol, cast out every foe;
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Whiter than snow, yes whiter than snow;
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Psalter Hymnal # 379 vrs. 1 & refrain*

Looking Ahead:

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| Monday | Jan. 19 | - TRIP orders due | 9 am |
| Tuesday | Jan. 20 | | |
| Wednesday | Jan. 21 | - Library | |
| Thursday | Jan. 22 | | |
| Friday | Jan. 23 | - Team Player & Blessings Bag Day - Hot Dog Hot Lunch - TRIP Pick up | 3 pm |

From Our School Community:



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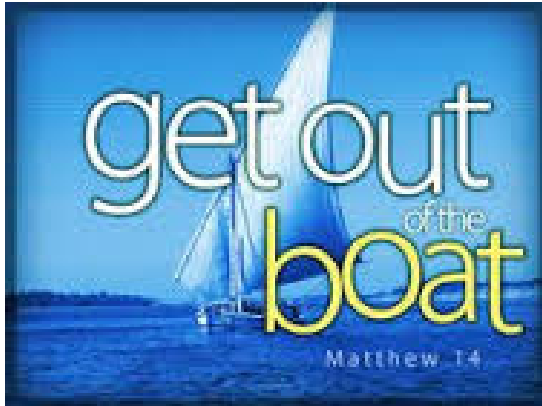
Registration/Open House for new students in JK - 8 will be held on **Tuesday, February 3, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and

Wednesday, February 4, 2015 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come visit the classrooms, take a tour of our school, have a cup of coffee and see what T.B.C.S. can offer your children! **Please bring proof of child(ren)'s identification and health card*

Reminder: There is no school on **Friday, January 30** as it is a PD Day.

A Thunder Oak Cheese Fundraiser in support of T.B.C.S. student fund begins today. Order forms are coming home with the oldest child in each family. There are 16 different kinds of cheese as well as three types of curds to tantalize your taste buds. There is some new pricing on this year's form! The 30% profit on each item sold goes directly to the student fund. Orders are due by February 13, 2015. Please include payment with the orders and cheques can be made out to T.B.C.S. student fund.

T.B.C.S. Student Life:



Our boat is soon going to be emptied since the ***Team Player & Blessings Bag Day*** is this coming Friday! Our 14 teams (13 student teams + 1 teacher team) have decided on what they wanted to wear and the notes explaining it for each group were sent home Wednesday. (Please contact Mrs. Kaemingh if you are unsure of what your child is supposed to wear or have questions regarding it.)

On Friday afternoon, the teams will gather in the gym to fill their bags with our boat donations as well as many other items. Each student will bring one Blessing Bag home on Friday to keep handy to give to someone he/she sees that is in need. What a wonderful opportunity to step out of our boat and be the hands and feet of Jesus in the broader community of Thunder Bay!

From the Leadership Team:

Professional Development- The administration team is presently preparing for the professional development day that will be taking place on Friday, January 30. We are looking forward to a good day of learning and sharing as we work at developing our programs. As we do this work we can find ways to better serve the needs of the students in our classrooms.

Canadian Test of Basic Skills- The team is also reviewing the results of the CTBS tests that were completed in the fall. The results of the tests were very positive, but it is still necessary to study the results closely to determine if there are any areas of our curriculum that may need some further improvement.

Custodial Position Opening: The Maintenance Committee of Thunder Bay Christian School is seeking to fill the position of school custodian for the upcoming 2015/2016 school year. This is a salaried position that will run from August 1, 2015, to July 31, 2016. This position is available to any individuals or families that are interested in being responsible for the daily cleaning of the school. More information on the application process, or on the details of the position, can be obtained by contacting a member of the maintenance committee or contacting Richard Veurink at rjveurink12@gmail.com.

Twice as Nice: Can anyone help this Saturday at Twice as Nice? We need at least one volunteer at the store, time is 11am to 3pm. For next week, there are a lot of holes in the schedule. Please come and help out at the store, every family benefits with a tuition reduction generated by funds raised at Twice as Nice. Shifts are from 9:45am to 1:30pm and 1:30 to 4:30pm. Needs are Monday - morning 2, afternoon 2; Tuesday - morning 2, afternoon 1; Wednesday morning - 2; Thursday afternoon - 2. Contact the store 622-7575 or Jenny Mol 475-6995, jhmol@tbaytel.net, text 626-0442.

February Milk Form is attached to today's journal. Please fill out and return by **Wednesday, January 28.**

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Break out those bobby socks, poodle skirts, scarves, white tees and greased hair or pony tails, Kindergarten will be heading back to the 50's to celebrate our 50th day of school. Our 50's day should fall on Wednesday, January 21 so if you wish and/are able we can dress up for our activities.

We will be skating for our gym class on Wednesday (weather permitting). Feel free to come out and enjoy the fun. Our Phys. Ed class is from 2:10-3:05pm. Please send in skates and a skating or hockey helmet. Thanks!

Important Dates:

Wednesday: Library Day

50's Day

Skating for gym

Friday: Team Player & Blessings Bag Day

Grades 1 & 2 - Miss Rekman

Bible: We finished a quick unit on the book of Judges and now will be reading the stories of Ruth. The memory work, from our new science unit, will be Job 2:10 "In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind."

Math: Students have been learning the names and values of Canadian coins. Grade 1 students are learning to count, making values of coins to 20 cents and grade 2 students to \$2.00. Students will have a quiz on Wednesday, January 21.

Reading: In class we are working on asking questions before, during and after reading. This also means we are learning about when to use a question mark. Please continue to work on the January reading log at home. All students must hand in the reading log on January 29.

Science: We are starting on new unit called "All Creatures Large and Small." In a few weeks students will begin to take care of a "pet." Each student will need a small plastic container (margarine, sour cream etc.) to use in class. If you have any that our class could use please send them to school by January 29.

Gym: We hope to get out on the ice for gym class, so bring your skates and helmet to school next week. We will be on the ice Monday from 1:35-2:30pm and Wednesday from 12:00-12:50pm. A few parent volunteers to help tie laces and to join us on the ice, would be appreciated.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students studied the music of J.S.Bach this week.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

New Word Wall words are coming home today. New Memory Work was sent home on Monday. This week, both grades will have a regrouping math page sent home instead of the usual Mad Minute pack.

Some of the highlights this week were:

- *rounding, estimating, mental math and a review of regrouping
- *building Simple Machines
- *further investigation of characters in Charlotte's Web
- *reading about the ark of the covenant and its capture by the Philistines

We are hoping to have a gym class outside on the rink in the next week or two. Please check if your child has a pair of skates to bring to school. Also, if you have any extra skates that students may borrow if necessary, please let me know. Thank you so much!

| Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| *chunk due | *Library books due | *Spelling Tests *Regrouping practice sheet due | *Reading Log check |

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students worked on their Link-Up music this week. In grammar the Grade 4's worked on subjects and predicates and event order while the Grade 3's worked on dictionary skills.

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

We had a great time skating on the rink this week! Thank you, Mr. Voortman, for taking so much time to maintain the rink for us! Several students are still in need of helmets and skates that fit properly. We do hope to skate again next week and hope you will be able to find suitable gear for your child to wear.

The "Wanted Ben" posters look terrific and are proudly displayed up on our classroom string. Thank you for taking the time to help with the tea bag staining and burning of the edges of this project. We continue our reading of the novel *Sign of the Beaver*. Matt is teaching Attean to read, and Attean is teaching Matt how to survive in the forest by making the things he needs. The boys are slowly learning about how to respect each other and their differences in culture. Slowly a friendship is beginning to develop as the boys learn to trust and value each other.

The classes have been working well through the chapter in math on measurement and are already almost ready for the chapter test. Students have a practice sheet on converting measurements to work on over the weekend. The grade fives learned about the relationship between circumference and the diameter of circles. They had fun measuring the diameter and circumference of circles and hypothesized that the circumference is about 3X larger than the diameter. The next chapter that both grades will be studying is on multiplication and division. (Time to brush up on those multiplication tables!)

In Social Studies we discussed the World Population Distribution compared to the World Income Distribution and learned more about how rich the developed (1st World) countries are. We also learned what the gross national income per capita means and how that is one way of measuring whether a country is developed, developing, or least developed. We will look at this concept more next week and then also look at other factors such as climate (longitude/latitude) and time zones which affect trading.

Next Week: Memory Work: 2 Corinthians 12:10

Monday: Math measurement conversion sheet due

Tuesday: Skating

Math test - grade 6

Thursday: Skating

Math test - grade 5

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- In music students worked on Link-Up and played ukulele while in art students worked on winter landscapes in snow globes. In computers, students finished their formatting assignment.

Grades 7 & 8 - Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Voortman, Mrs. Hawkins

Mr. Himanen:

Bible: The students will be completing their unit on the book of Proverbs next week. The students need to complete their Proverbs posters.

Geography: Next week the students will be looking more at how the different regions of the tundra are both very similar and very different at the same time.

We will look at the different people groups of these regions the same way.

Science: The quiz on Atoms and Elements has been rescheduled to Wednesday, January 21.

History: Next week the students will be learning about several of the early Reformers whose ideas led to the Reformation that we studied earlier this year.

Memory Work: Thursday, January 22 - Proverbs 27 : 1

Mrs. Voortman:

Math- Grade 7 completed a test on Unit 5 covering fractions yesterday. Look for tests and grade reports coming home next week. Grade reports need to be signed and returned. Both grades will be working on Rates and Ratios.

Language Arts - Students took their "I Am David" tests today. Look for those coming home next week. We will be working on a response project this week.

Students have many options to choose from so I'm excited to see the final results when the creative juices start flowing. Spelling unit 14 this week with spelling dictation on Friday.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Band: Please practice page 13 and 14 for next week.

Grade 7/8 Art: Students worked on value drawings this week.