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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*

### Looking Ahead:

Monday	Jan. 26	- TRIP "Anytimes" only
Tuesday	Jan. 27	
Wednesday	Jan. 28	- Library - Skate- A- Thon Mtg. 8 pm
Thursday	Jan. 29	
Friday	Jan. 30	- PD Day - no school

### From Our School Community:

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

**Slate River/Rosslyn/Cow Bus Schedule Change:** Please note that pick up times will be **five minutes** earlier in the morning beginning next Monday, January 26.

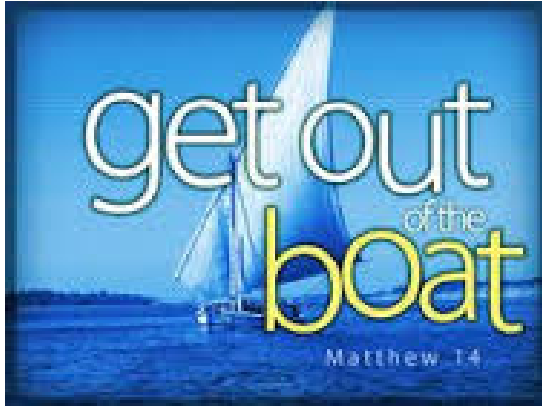
**Welcome:** We wish to welcome the VanderWees family to the Thunder Bay Christian School and community. Their children attending the school are: Cassandra-Gr. 5, Katrina-Gr. 2, and Shawn-SK. The home address is 388 Poleline Road and the home phone number is 935-2813.

**Congratulations** to John & Jeannette Meijaard on the birth of a grandson, Jake Steven, born to James and Amey Gordon. Baby Jake was born almost a month early but both mother and son are doing well.

**Our Christian Condolences** are extended to the relatives of Myles Staal who passed away suddenly this week. May God grant you comfort in your sorrow.

**Part-Time Teacher Aide Position at T.B.C.S.:** Thunder Bay Christian School is seeking to fill the position of a part-time teacher's assistant in the Grade 1-2 class. This position will initially be for approximately 10 hours per week and may decrease as the year progresses. The teacher's assistant will assist the classroom teacher in various ways including the following: helping prepare classroom activities, working with small groups, and working with students individually. We are asking that applicants submit a letter of application and/or a resume (including a brief statement of faith and pastoral reference) to the school by 3 p.m. Friday, February 6. Applications may be emailed to office@tbaychristianschool.ca or faxed to (807) 939-2843.

T.B.C.S. Student Life:



*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Matthew 5:7*

Our Blessing Bags are filled and, hopefully, will soon start to be in the hands of the needy and downtrodden in Thunder Bay and surrounding areas.

Thank you to everyone who sent in the sample and hotel body product donations since September! Thank you to our team leaders who helped with the set up and dismantling of the gym and for sharing their leadership skills throughout this whole process with their teams.

Thank you T.B.C.S. student body for your enthusiasm and hard work this afternoon!

**Playground Duty** is still looking for a few more volunteers to fill the next few months. Dates still open include all Thursdays (excluding January 29) and the following Fridays- February 13, March 13 and April 24. If you would like to help out or for more information please call Sherri Brown at 346-5445.

**T.R.I.P. Anytimes** only are available the week of Jan. 26-30. The long form order forms are not able to be filled on the school weeks when there are holidays or PD days.

**A Thunder Oak Cheese Fundraiser** in support of T.B.C.S. student fund began last Friday and order forms were sent 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. More forms are available in the office.

**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](mailto:rjveurink12@gmail.com).



THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

**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.

**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*

### **Upcoming Professional Development Days:**

- January 30 (no school for students)
- February 27 (no school for students)
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## **From the Classrooms:**

### **JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh**

Many thanks to Mr. Eric Bron, Mrs. Sheri Lowe, Mrs. Stephanie Postuma, Mr. Walter Schep, Mr. Paul Voortman, Mrs. Kim Wieringa and Mrs. Vicki Wassenaar who so kindly volunteered their time, talents and encouraging words to help us out this past week at our skating. We were like a well-greased pit crew in the rink shack and had all 23 students out on the ice in record time! 😊 The class did super for their first time out so, hopefully, we can do some more next week (weather pending, of course).

### **Up & Coming:**

Wednesday: Skating- 2:10-3:15pm

Friday: Skating- 2:10-3:15pm

### **Grades 1 & 2 - Miss Rekman**

Bible: The memory work for next week is Isaiah 55:6: "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near."

Math: All students are now working on addition and subtraction. We will be working on addition mad minutes as well.

Reading: The reading log for January is due on the 29th. We are moving on to studying non-fiction texts to fit with our new Science unit. We will look at the features of non-fiction texts and learn how to record information that we learn.

Writing: We have been working on a new letter for our penpals in Wisconsin.

Science: Next week we will study the animal groups of amphibians and insects. We will be making a habitat for our "pets" next Thursday. Each student will need a plastic container with a lid (sour cream, margarine etc. ) for this habitat. Please send any extras that you have to school, thank you!

Gym: We will try to make it out on the ice again next Monday and Wednesday. Both days we will start at 12:10. Thank you to Mrs. Makkinga who came to help tie laces this week.

Special Reading and Writing Day: On Thursday, January 29, we will have our next special day. We will share our penpal letters with the class, enjoy a special snack, and read some great books about animals. Of course this means too, that you can bring a comfy item to snuggle up with throughout the day!

**Mrs. Hawkins: Music-** We continued our study of Bach this week and worked on songs featuring so, me, do patterns. We also played a game.

## Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Folders will come home today with Spelling tests and new word wall words A Mad Minute pack is coming home for the Grade 3's and a regrouping review sheet is coming home for the Grade 4's. Please return the completed sheets on or before Thursday.

We are hoping to go skating for Gym on Tuesday, January 27. Please ensure that your child comes to school with skates and a helmet. Thank you.

Memory Work (2 Corinthians 12:10) is due this Wednesday, January 28.  
Book Character Day for our class will occur this Thursday, January 29.  
Completed Reading Logs are DUE this Thursday, January 29 as well.

Highlights this week:

- \*Ask your child how they made a lever with a pencil, popsicle stick and marshmallows.
- \*We learned about the first king of the Israelites.
- \*In Math, we continued to regroup and solve word problems.
- \*We read about a miracle in Charlotte's Web. Ask your son/daughter about it.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
*Chunks due	*Library books due	*Spelling Tests *Mad Minute/Regrouping sheets due *Reading Log due

**Mrs. Hawkins: Music-** Students are working hard learning the Link Up program. We learned to sing a song in Portuguese!

In grammar Grade 3 worked on alphabet skills while Grade 4 worked on "problem" words like to, two, and too.

## Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

We have had a wonderful week enjoying the milder weather and skating on the outdoor rink for both of our P.E. classes and for many recesses! We were also so happy to welcome a new student into our grade five class! Welcome, Cassandra, to our "family"! We are so glad you joined our gang, and we look forward to getting to know you better. We hope your school experiences here will be blessing to you!

Today we enjoyed dressing up the same as our fun day groups and getting together to make our "blessing bags". We hope to brighten someone's day when we have the opportunity to pass our bag to its recipient, and we hope that the special message inside will be a blessing to the one reading it. Thank you, Mrs. Kaemingh, for organizing and overseeing this activity and for giving us another opportunity to "get out of the boat" and share our faith with others.

On the academic front...both classes wrote tests in math on measurement and began another chapter on multiplication and division. Please make yourselves aware of your child's progress on this test. (The grade five tests will be returned on Monday.) In grammar we studied prefixes and next week will learn about compound subjects and predicates and making nouns and verbs agree correctly. In Literature, we will continue with editing practice sheets and in reading the novel *Sign of the Beaver*. In Social Studies we began to learn about latitude and longitude, and in Bible our study of the Proverbs continues.

The end of January is quickly approaching and students are reminded that one book report for the month will be due. Students have a different book report to fill in from the ones previously done called "Passage Picker". They are to pick 2 passages from the book that they read to read out loud to the class in groups and to discuss their choice of why they chose this particular passage to share.

Next week is a short week due to the P.D. day on Friday so we are going to celebrate with a LOCK IN! Students can bring blankets, pillows, pj's, slippers, stuffies, etc., and we'll lock ourselves in, snuggle in our warm comfy things, and read for a block of time! Students may bring snacks and drinks to enjoy (and share, if they desire) during this period of time. This will happen on Thursday of next week.

Next Week:

Memory Work: 1 Corinthians 12:10

Thursday: Spelling test - Unit 19

LOCK IN!

**Mrs. Hawkins: Music-** In music we played ukulele and worked on our Link-Up music. In computers, students learned how to use e-mail, while in art students worked on their snow globes.

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

**Mr. Himanen:**

Science: Next week the class will be starting our next unit on the Amazing Atmosphere. We will be looking at the gases that make up our atmosphere and learning about the different levels and their characteristics.

History: The class will be working on their individual research projects on the Middle Ages next week. Students will have a choice as to the method that they choose to present their project.

Geography: Next week the class will be looking at the resources that are being discovered in the north and how the north has begun to be exploited for those resources. We will look at the effects of this on the land and the people of the north.

Health: The class will be learning about the circulatory and the respiratory systems in class next week. We will look at the structure of these systems as well as how they function.

Memory Work: Thursday, January 29 - Proverbs 25:21,22

**Mrs. Voortman:**

Math: Grade 8 has flown through the Rates & Ratios Unit. Test will be on Tuesday. Some of you still have to return your signed grade report from last unit on Fractions. Please do so Monday if you haven't already. Grade 7 continues to work on Unit 6 dealing with Rates & Ratios.

Literature: Students are busily working on a final project for *I Am David*. It is due February 3rd. Students are working on dramas, board games, and other creative endeavours. Can't wait to see the finished product. We have also been watching the movie *I Am Beautiful*. Spelling unit 15 this week. Dictation test will be THURSDAY (because of short week).

**Mrs. Hawkins:**

Grade 7 Band: We worked through page 14 this week. Next week students will get their first band pieces!

Grade 7/8 Art: Today was a catch-up day. Students worked on completing assignments.