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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

How Shall The Young Direct Their Way?

*How shall the young direct their way? What light shall be their perfect guide?
Thy Word, O Lord will safely lead, if in its wisdom they confide.
Sincerely I have sought Thee, Lord, O let me not from Thee depart;
To know Thy will and keep from sin Thy word I cherish in my heart. vrs. 1*

Looking Ahead:

Monday	Feb. 9	- TRIP Orders due - Finance Mtg. at Trudy Bolts	9:00am 8:00pm
Tuesday	Feb. 10		
Wednesday	Feb. 11	- Gr. 5/6 Assembly - Library	9:00am
Thursday	Feb. 12	- Maintenance Mtg.	7:30pm
Friday	Feb. 13	- Wacky Tacky Crazy Hair Day - Cheese Fundraiser orders due - Sloppy Joe Hot Lunch - TAN Mtg. at the store - TRIP Pickup	1:00pm 3:00pm

From Our School Community:

Thunder Oak Cheese Fundraiser: This is the **last week** before the orders are due in to the school office. Please hand in order forms and money collected on Friday, **February 13**. Thank you for supporting the student fund.

Grade 5/6 Assembly is scheduled for **Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 9:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bus Driver Changes: Feb. 11-20 - John Meijaard will be driving Giraffe Bus. Feb. 17 - Dan Breukelman will be driving the City Bus. Feb. 18-20 - Jeannette Meijaard will be driving City Bus. Feb. 9-27 - Dan Breukelman/Lydia Buitenhuis will be driving Cow Bus while Jenny Groenheide is recuperating from a shoulder injury.

TBCS Skate-a-thon is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 25th** at the NorWest Recreational Centre from 3-5 pm. Please mark this day on your calendar! You have 6 weeks to find and contact as many sponsors as you can and raise funds for our fantastic school. Skate-a-thon sponsor sheets were sent home today. This event is one of our biggest fundraisers and all students are encouraged to participate. We welcome all parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents and friends to pick up a sponsor sheet and receive pledges too! 😊

T.B.C.S. Student Life: *"For we live by faith, not by sight."* 2 Corinthians 5:7 To encourage us to keep getting out of our boat or comfort zone, a display has been set up at the front foyer of the school so we can visually see our Blessing Bags going out into the Thunder Bay community. When you have given your Blessing Bag away to a needy individual, please come down to the boat table in the front of the school and pick a footprint to put up on the wall. Let's see how many footprints go up and be encouraged to not just stop there, but daily challenge ourselves to stretch our faith beyond the "comfortable boundaries or parameters"!



This Friday, get ready for **Wacky Tacky Crazy Hair Day!** Bring out the tackiest clothes you have and come to school with a bed head or anything else that is outrageous or cool. There should be lots of fun, laughter and love that day since it will also be the day the classrooms celebrate Valentine's (& hot lunch)! See you then!



Administrative Team Update: The staff had a productive professional development day on Friday, January 30. The staff met and discussed a number of different topics such as classroom management and discipline. The staff also worked through the results of the Canadian Test of Basic Skills to determine areas of strength and areas of weakness in our curriculum. We will use these results to find ways in which our programs can be supplemented and improved. Another area that the staff investigated was the topic of bullying and cyber-bullying that seem to be so prevalent in today's schools. The school is looking at ways that it can become more active in preventing occurrences of these types of activity at TBCS.

High School Registration: Thunder Bay Christian School will be having registration for the Grade 9-10 High School classes in the upcoming weeks. The final date for this registration has not yet been determined. More information will follow as it becomes available.

Twice as Nice needs for Feb. 9-14 - Monday afternoon 1, Wednesday morning 1, Wednesday afternoon 2, Thursday morning 1, Thursday afternoon 2. If any of you can help out, please let me know - Jenny 475-6995, jhmol@tbaytel.net, text 626-0442, store 622-7575.

Scholastic: Classroom flyers were sent home with your child on Monday. Two special flyers were also sent home with the oldest child in each family today. If you wish to place an order, please return to the school no later than Wednesday, February 11. (Please remember to note the prices in the ONT column as they are occasionally higher.) Thank you.

Income Tax Cost Per Student Form is attached to today's journal.

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

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

The purple updated newsletter/calendar went home Wednesday along with a light pink Valentine note, please recycle the ones sent earlier and go by these documents. Thanks!

Next week, we are looking forward to filling our Valentine mailboxes, skating for gym, a field trip to the library via the city bus (We still need chaperones, please see the purple newsletter for the details.), Wacky Tacky Crazy Hair Day and our Valentine's party where we will open our mailboxes!

Grades 1 & 2 - Miss Rekman

Bible: We are reading through the book of first Kings and reading the stories of King Saul, David, and Jonathan. The memory work due Friday, February 13 is Psalm 24:8 "Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle."

Math: There will be a test for both grades in addition and subtraction on Thursday, February 12. We will spend time reviewing next week and class papers will be sent home before the test.

Reading: A reading log for the month of February went home on Monday. If you need a new one please let Miss Rekman know. Thank you to Mrs. Linda Merwin who has been coming to read with us on Tuesday mornings. We appreciate you spending your morning with us!

Science: Today we wrapped up learning about the six groups of animals. Next week we will study several specific animals and discover the special abilities that God has given them.

Gym: We will go skating again next week (weather permitting) on Monday and Wednesday from 12:20-1:05 pm.

Valentine's Day: A class list went home on Monday (pink sheet). We will hand out Valentine's on Friday February 13.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students continued their study of Bach and learned some valentine songs.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

New Word Wall words and Memory Work are coming home today. Grade 3's will also have a Math review sheet which is due Tuesday (test will be Wednesday).

This week, Grade 3 will have a regrouping math page sent home instead of the usual Mad Minute pack. Grade 4's will have a Mad Minute pack (with one page starting multiplication).

Last week a class list was sent home to help with writing valentines and to ensure that no one gets forgotten ☺. Feel free to send them in any time next week. We will celebrate on Friday!

Some of the highlights this week were:

*Grade 4 Math test; Grade 3 preparing for test

*making webs with adjectives describing each student (Charlotte style ☺)

*discovering that Saul quickly disobeyed God and lost his kingship

*Grade 4's are slowly starting to incorporate cursive writing more and more into their assignments

Thank you once again to ALL students who brought in their skates! We will aim to go again on Tuesday this week.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*chunk due * Gr. 3 Math Review due *bring skates	*Library books due * Gr. 3 Math test	*Spelling Tests *Math homework due	*Reading Log check

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- In music students continued working on their recorder skills and singing. In grammar students learned about topic sentences and using exact verbs.

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

My class is amazing! This week we began working on our assembly which will be presented next Wednesday, February 11. Students were given their speaking and acting roles and have been working diligently at home and during class and indoor recess time to memorize and practise their lines! The girls have been working on a special piece to end our assembly, and the whole class is excited to share their ukelele playing with our guests. We hope you will be able to attend on Wednesday to share in our presentation.

Students also wrote tests in Spelling and Social Studies this week! Wow! Look for the results of these tests to come home soon.

In grammar we studied the proper punctuation used for quotation marks. There will be a quotation mark quiz next Wednesday.

Work continues in math on multiplication and division lessons.

I am currently scheduling our winter electives. So far we have been able to secure a date for March 10th to travel to the Canada Games Complex to participate in a boot camp class, to learn to play squash, to climb the tread wall, and to swim. We also hope to travel to Giant Gymnastics to participate in a gymnastics class.

Next Week:

Memory Work: scripture verses and material for the assembly

Wednesday: Our ASSEMBLY !! (9:00 a.m.) Please join us for coffee in our classroom after the program.

Grammar quiz on quotation marks

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- In art students studied value, texture and linear perspective. In music students played a new song. In computers students learned how to access and use their Google calendars.

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

Mr. Himanen:

History: The students will be completing their Middle Ages unit next week. The students have a review assignment to complete which looks at all the major topics covered in the unit. The students will also be presenting their research topics next week. The next unit we will cover in History is the Renaissance.

Geography: The class will be having their unit test on the Tundra next week on Thursday, February 12. We will review for the test on the days prior to the test.

Bible: The students are learning about the prophet Habakkuk, and how he questioned God about all the things that were happening around him. We will learn how Habakkuk learned that he could trust God even during times of trouble. We will learn that we can do the same as we study the different topics in the unit.

Science: Next week the class will learn about the nitrogen cycle that we didn't quite get to this week. We will also look at several of the different tools and equipment that are used to measure weather today.

Health: The students have been learning about the circulatory system, the respiratory system, the skeletal system, and the muscular system that we have been blessed with in our bodies.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Band: Students have been working hard this week playing new band pieces and learning the B-flat concert scale.

Grade 7/8 Art: Students worked on various assignments and started a study in linear perspective.