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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

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
Praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square,
Praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine, praise the Lord in the dark of night,
Praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, praise the Lord on the highest hill,
Praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

#569 Grey Psalter Hymnal

Looking Ahead:

Monday	Mar. 9	- TRIP Orders due - Finance Mtg.	9:00 am 8:00 pm
Tuesday	Mar. 10	- Gr. 7/8 Skiing at Loch Lomond - Gr. 5/6 Canada Games Complex - Board Mtg.	10:00 am- 4 pm 11:30 am 8:00 pm
Wednesday	Mar. 11	- Library - Gr. 1/ 2 Assembly	9:00 am
Thursday	Mar. 12	- Gr. 3/4 Giant Gymnastics - Maintenance Mtg.	1:20-2:50 pm 7:30 pm
Friday	Mar. 13	- Persian Day - TRIP Pickup	3:00 pm

From Our School Community:

Report Cards were sent home today for all of the students.

Parent/ Teacher Conferences: The spring parent/teacher conferences have been scheduled for Wednesday, March 11. If a conference has not been requested by the teacher, and you would like to schedule one, please call the office. The conferences will be held afterschool from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please contact the teacher if you are unable to make the scheduled date and time and would like to make other arrangements.

Bus Driver Update: Jenny Groenheide will be returning to her bus run on Friday, March 13. Welcome back Jenny!

Hot Lunch: Spring hot lunch forms came home today with the oldest in each family. Forms and payment are due Friday, March 13. Please make cheques payable to the TBCS Booster Club. Also be sure to record on your family calendar the dates and what your family has ordered.

T.B.C.S. Student Life:



Persian Day on Friday, March 13!

\$1.50 / persian

75¢ / half a persian

All proceeds go to New Life Ministries Hope House.

New Life Ministries UPDATE: The first program at Hope House is complete. The organizers want to extend a heartfelt thanks to who supported them throughout this journey.

Teacher Assistant Position: Thunder Bay Christian School is pleased to announce that Sharon Breukelman will be joining the Grade 1/2 class several days a week as a Teacher Assistant commencing Monday, March 9.

Scholastic Flyers were sent home with your child on Monday. Two special flyers are also attached to today's Journal. If you wish to order, please return to the school by Wednesday, March 11. Thank you.

Skate-A-Thon Update: If you haven't marked Wednesday, March 25 on your calendar....do it now! You don't want to miss out on all the fun! The time is from 3-5pm at the Norwest Recreational Center. A delicious supper will be provided at the Thunder Bay Christian School gym starting at 4pm. All students are encouraged to skate and collect sponsors. We would like to congratulate the Grade 1/2 class for sending in their pledge forms today and winning their class persians! Way to go Grade 1/2!!

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR SPONSOR SHEETS AGAIN ON MARCH 13, 2015 for a chance to win a pizza party for your whole class. Great job so far everyone! A reminder that **only** the sponsor sheets need to be turned in for a chance to win the prize. The money does not need to be collected until after the skate-a-thon. Thank you. Please contact Jolene Makkinga or Sharon Breukelman if you have any questions or concerns.

Skate-A-Thon Supper: The Booster Club will be serving supper from 4-6pm in the gym and all families are asked to bring a specific item to make the supper both possible and free. A yellow information sheet listing your contribution is coming home today with the oldest child in the family. A master list is also attached to the Journal email copy. We are looking for a few volunteers to help us feed our hungry skaters/supporters so if you can spare an hour or two to help from 4-6 pm or 5-7 pm and/or if you have any questions please call Linda Merwin at 623-4241.

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. Deadline for application is **March 10, 2015**.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

We wandered in the wilderness, ate manna, built a golden calf, learned the 10 Commandments, worked on our addition and solved the mystery to slide into our newest theme! Thanks for all the February reading records that were returned this past week! That's great!

Unfortunately, we weren't able to skate on Wednesday because of the extreme wind chill temperatures. Let's try again for next Wednesday afternoon so we can once again use this beautiful facility.

This afternoon, we are proudly armed with our term 2 report cards to share with you our growth and successes along with the areas we might need to work on. The students have made remarkable progress since September. (The report card is yours to keep but if you could please return the manila envelope next week, it could be reused for the term 3 reports. Thanks!)

Grades 1 & 2 - Miss Rekman

"To Be Kind or Not to Be Kind": The grade one and two class will present their assembly on Wednesday, March 11, at 9 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bible: We will do a short unit on the reign of King Solomon. There is no memory work this week as we are working on learning the songs and bible passages for our assembly.

Math: There will be a math test on Thursday, March 12 for both grades. Grade one students will need to know addition to 18 and grade two students will need to be confident in two digit addition with regrouping. We will review on Tuesday and Wednesday and these reviews will come home to help study.

Reading: A new reading log went home on Tuesday. Please write a note if you did not receive one. In class, we are learning how to give an excellent opinion about a book that we have read.

Word Work: New lists will be printed in the agenda on Monday. Some new students have challenged themselves by trying out the list words at a higher level. Way to go!

Science: Finally some of our mealworms have turned into a chrysalis, now we are waiting for the first black beetles to appear! Students wrote a test today on "All Creatures Large and Small." Look for these to be coming home next week.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music-Students spent time learning "The Lollipop Tree" and illustrated what the tree looks like.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Folders will come home today with Report cards, Bible quizzes, Spelling tests and a new word wall sheet.

Grade 3's are coming home with a Math review and a Mad Minute Pack. *Please note:* For Grade 3's only! Just the first page of the review is due next Tuesday. We are having a mid-point test before March Break and then continuing with the rest of the unit.

Grade 4's are coming home with a Math Review as well. They are at the end of the unit and need to complete the whole sheet. In order to prepare for the test, no Mad Minute pack will come home for them.

Reminders:

- *Please bring \$7 for gymnastics if you have not already done so. Thank you to all that have already done so!
- *Please return Report Card envelopes so we can reuse them next term. Thank you!
- *Please send your child to school with appropriate clothes for physical activity on Thursday when we go to Giant Gymnastics.
- *The first completed book report for March is due on Friday.

Highlights this week:

- *We are nearing the end of Charlotte's Web. Next week we will complete the book and hope to watch the movie as well.
- *We read about David and Jonathan and learned how God wants friends to act towards one another. We wrote similes using adjectives that describe good friends. We are in the midst of sharing these with the class.
- *In Math, Grade 3's learned about perimeter. We are just starting to review what we know about telling time.
- Grade 4's have been reviewing their time telling skills and determining time elapsed between events.
- *Our Simple Machines unit is complete. We are in the midst of writing mini-speeches. Ask your child the topic they chose. We hope to present them next week in class.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Math Reviews due for both grades	*Library books due *Math tests	*Spelling Tests *Mad Minute Packs due for Grade 3 *Giant Gymnastics	*Reading Log check and 1 st report due

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students are progressing well with the Link-Up repertoire. They are able to sing all the songs and play recorder.

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

Well, the cold weather continued to keep us indoors for much of the week, and we were unable to go skating. We will try to go out again next week. Although we were not able to skate, the students enjoyed participating in intramurals. Both grades are playing handball and enjoying the competition of playing against other teams.

CONGRATULATIONS to Glenn and Chloe who have finished reading a strip of books. That means that they have read 30 books! Terrific! They were rewarded with a special treat this week. Congratulations also to Kiernyn who won the book reading draw for February! She, too, is enjoying a special treat. Reading sure can lead to great rewards in our class!

We have whipped through another unit in math on geometry. The students in grade five were excited to learn how to measure angles with a protractor for the first time. They have also been learning A LOT of terminology in this unit such as the names for triangles and angles and polygons. The grade sixes built on their knowledge in geometry and were learning more about the qualities of triangles and quadrilaterals. They also learned about lines of symmetry and diagonals and their relationship to the sides a polygon has.

Next week we will be participating in our first winter elective. We will be going to the Canada Games Complex to participate in a boot camp, learn to play squash, climb the tread wall, and go swimming. The week after the March Break we will go to Giant Gymnastics and on April 8th we will be traveling to the Community Auditorium to participate in the Link Up program. We have some fun times ahead!

Next Week:

Memory Work: Isaiah 41:10

Tuesday: Canada Games Complex

Wednesday: Math Test both grades - Chapter 6

Mrs. Hawkins: Students learned new chords on the ukulele this week. We also continued learning our Link-Up music. In computers students started to learn how to make slides on our Google classroom website. In art, students finished work and started a new project.

Mr. Himanen:

Science: Next week the class will be looking at the ozone layer and its importance in our atmosphere. We will look at how we have damaged the ozone layer, the problems created as a result of this damage, and how we can protect ourselves.

History: The students have taken a break from their study of the Renaissance to work on their own 'Historica' projects. Students will be telling a story about a Canadian topic of their own choosing and will be given an opportunity to present it to the other students in the school.

Geography: The students will be studying the soil and land of the temperate grasslands in the coming week. We will look at the soils of this biome, the profile of these soils, and how the soil is used.

Bible: The class will be looking at all the relationships that they have in their lives. We will look at how these relationships influence us, and how we can also have an influence on those relationships.

Phys. Ed.: A reminder to everyone that the class will be going skiing at Loch Lomond on Tuesday, March 10. The students will need to be **picked up from the ski hill at 4:00 p.m.** as there will be no bus to pick them up.

Memory Work

Friday March 13 - Hebrews 10 : 24-25

Mrs. Voortman:

Math: Both grades continue to work hard in unit 8 on 3-D Geometry. This is often a unit that is unfamiliar to students and so far they have been catching on fabulously! We will try to get the unit test in before spring break.

Language Arts: We have learned a lot about famous poet Robert Frost and have studied a number of his poems. We look forward to trying to write our own poems next week. Spelling unit 21 due Thursday with dictation test Friday.

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Band: Students spent time playing their instruments and learning about time signatures.

Grade 7/8 Art: Students are working to complete a multi-media project based on line design.