

The Skate-a-thon is scheduled for March 22, 2017 at the Norwest Arena. Please mark this day on the calendar. Each student received a pledge sheet last week. There are more in the office if you did not get one, or if you need more lines because you filled up the ivory sheet. As well, feel free to take one for a relative or friend that would like to participate. We have 4 ½ weeks to get as many sponsors as we can (remember there are prizes for the best efforts!). In 2016 we surpassed our budgeted amount. If we all do our part we will surpass this year's budget amount of \$25,000.00! All money raised goes directly to benefitting the school. Go T.B.C.S. students.

Yard Duty: The school does not presently have anyone to help assist in the scheduling of the outdoor recess supervision schedule. Parents have been coming to the school and helping the teachers provide a safe environment for the students. If you are willing to help out in organizing the schedule for the parents please call the school. Your help would be appreciated.

Student Electives: The student electives that have been proposed for February have been cancelled. There were not enough volunteers that were needed to run the different programs. The electives have been replaced by the skiing program that was made available to us by the Loch Lomond ski area. The students have had a great experience so far taking part in this activity. The other grades in the school are also planning their winter electives.

MOM'S Pantry Fundraising: The students in the Grade 9/10 class have the great opportunity of participating in an educational trip to Costa Rica this March. The students will be raising money for their trip by selling MOM's Pantry Products. If one of them calls you, look over the order form of high quality baking supplies, soup, gravy bases, spices and frozen products.

All orders and payments need to be in the office by **Thursday, March 2** and the expected delivery date is Thursday, March 30. Forms will also be available at the school office and orders can be placed on line. Payment can be cash, cheque (payable to TBCS Student Fund), or by Visa/MasterCard, American Express-fill in the portion on the form. Thank you for your support!

Twice as Nice Serving Opportunities for next week - Tuesday morning and Saturday both shifts. If anyone is available, please contact Jenny Mol at 475-6995, jhmol@tbaytel.net, text 626-0442 or call the store at 622-7575.

March Milk form is attached to today's journal. Please hand in by **Wednesday, February 22**.

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

A jam packed week with lots of learning and excitement! We mastered time to the hour on Monday, enjoyed more Valentine goodies on Wednesday, did a Plaque Attack experiment to reinforce the necessity to brush our teeth as we learned about dentists and hygienists, wandered in the desert and ate manna, enjoyed the Grade 3 & 4 assembly (we are next!), studied the 10 Commandments and learned about paramedics and an ambulance! Oh yes, we even skated again too! Thanks for all the volunteers who come out to help with this adventure today. Your help is VERY much appreciated! Have a wonderful long weekend enjoying Family Day!

Miss Boyes: Grade 1 and 2

Bible- This week in Bible we wrote newspaper articles about how the centurion had so much faith in Jesus. People had been bringing their loved ones up to Jesus, for him to touch and heal. The centurion knew that Jesus was so powerful that one word from Him would cure his servant. What faith!

Memory Work: Matthew 13:23 "But the seed falling in good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Science- We talked about how land moves. This week we took a peak into what our earth looks like. We also talked about what moves on land, and more specifically, how a bike moves. We talked about what an axle is, and then made 'cars' to enhance our learning.

Grade 2

Language Arts- We learned what an adjective is. Now we can add more details to our writing. We also talked about stamina and how we can practice reading and writing for longer periods of time.

New spelling words went home this week. Next spelling test is on February 24.

Math- We finished talking about heavy and light. After measuring many objects in the scales we are now looking at these objects. Specifically the shapes! We have learned that when two lines meet it's called a vertex and when there's more than one the word is vertices.

Mrs. Baxter: Grade 1

The grade one class has been busy at work learning about mass and using the scale to test out object's weights. They will be learning how to be authors and what types of writing they can make including letters and postcards. The class lunch points are racking up for February! Great work parents! The kids love this new ritual and lunchtime, hearing how many points they earn each day. A reminder: One point for each fruit, vegetable, whole grain, cheese/milk product, meat or other protein (beans etc.). Items must be eaten to be counted.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Students learned about ABA form and sang Valentine songs.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Work folders come home today with a review of the last six weeks of word wall words and Math fact homework.

Thank you to everyone who attended our assembly! We pray that you were blessed by the program!

Highlights this week:

- Math Grade 4: We learned about elapsed time and the 24 hour clock.
- Math Grade 3: We continued classifying information in venn diagrams and started learning about angles.
- Literature: We have read the first two chapters in our novel study of Charlotte's Web. We have completed various activities and learned some new vocabulary words.

Coming Up:

Monday: Please return emptied Friday folder and signed behaviour charts.
Wednesday: Please return all Library books.
Thursday: Spelling Review tests – please practice!!
Math fact homework due

Advance notice: Reading Logs for February are due on Tuesday!

Mrs. Baxter: French- This week we have been learning some Valentine themed vocabulary. We have also started listening and watching a wonderful program in French called "Sarah and Duck". The students will be learning new words and hearing many words they already know. This will be an activity we engage in monthly. So far, the students have done very well at recognizing and learning vocabulary through listening. We are also well into our *Seasons* unit.

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- The Grade 3's learned two new notes on the recorder with help from the Grade 4's. Students started learning Dvorak's "New World Symphony".

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

We had a very fun and full week again this week! On Tuesday, we enjoyed handing out our Valentines to one another and munching on treats throughout the day. The class was also treated to their class party which they earned for good behaviour! They were treated to a persian, bag of chips, and a can of pop and were able to enjoy watching a movie together! On Wednesday, the class thoroughly enjoyed skiing at Loch Lomond. The students were placed into groups according to their skiing skill level and received an hour of instruction. They were then able to ski for the rest of the day! Thank you for picking up your child after this fun afternoon! We look forward to 3 more weeks of skiing fun!

Today we enjoyed watching the grade 3 / 4 class perform their assembly for us! We enjoyed their presentations and appreciated all the hard work which went into the assembly!

In math, the grade fives completed another unit and wrote a unit test. They are now working through a unit on Probability and Data Management (graphing). The grade sixes are working through the same unit in their book. In Bible we learned how Abraham put his trust and hope in God and resisted temptation. We also discussed the concept of "integrity". (doing the right things when no one is watching)

In Social Studies we learned about the importing and exporting that Canada does and with which countries especially. We were surprised to see that so many things that are imported come from countries in Asia! We also followed closely to the talks between our country's leader and leaders from other countries dealing with trade organizations and agreements. Next we will be studying time zones and their impact on trading.

In Literature Attean and Matt are learning that their different cultures have shaped them into having very different beliefs. They are, however, learning to respect one another and slowly becoming friends.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Genesis 12: 1-3

Monday: Family Day!

Tuesday: Spelling Test – Unit 21

Wednesday: Skiing at Loch Lomond

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Mrs. Hawkins: Computers- Students worked on their slide shows this week.

Music- Students will have a playing test in two weeks. Grade 5's will be tested on "He's Got the Whole World" and the Grade 6's will be tested on "Waving Flag".

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

Mrs. Voortman:

We had so much fun Wednesday at Loch Lomond! The students really benefitted from the first one hour lesson they had and all students were able to go up the chairlift and ski down various hills. It is amazing how quickly they picked it up! Looking forward to next Wednesday.

Math- Grade 7 will be working on rounding and estimating decimals. They will have a short quiz on Thursday. Grade 8 finished another quick unit on bar and line graphs. There will be a test on Wednesday and they will begin a new unit on Thursday dealing with geometry.

Language Arts- We completed the book I Am David this past week. Most students thoroughly enjoyed this novel and were sad to see it end. We had a test Friday so results will come home Tuesday. Ask your son or daughter how they did. We will be watching the movie "Life Is Beautiful" which goes along with our novel study on I am David. Next, we will begin a study on the novel Night by Ellie Weisel.

Spelling lesson 23 due Thursday and dictation test Friday.

Wednesday: Grade 8 math test on graphs

Skiing

Library

Thursday: Grade 7 math quiz

Spelling lesson 23 due

Friday: Spelling dictation test lesson 23

Don't forget the movie poster book report due at the end of February (I've received one already). Students can hand them in any time before the end of the month.

Mrs. Mol:

Bible- We finished reading through Habakkuk this week by going through chapter 3, where Habakkuk is praying and praising God for being present in the lives of His people throughout the ages. He gives many examples of this from throughout the Old Testament, so we had a discussion and made some artistic/written representations for our bulletin board of how God has been present in our lives.

History- The students continued working on their Middle Ages projects. As it seems that not all of the class needs more work periods as time was not being used wisely, we will be having no further work periods for these projects and they will need to be worked on at home. Please ensure your student is keeping up on this. Presentation dates have been changed to March 22 and 24.

Geography- We have been working on our reading comprehension skills and doing some practice pulling out important information in a text by reading a report on the Human Response to the Tundra. A reminder that the remainder of this reading needs to be done by Tuesday, and there may or may not be a quiz on it.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- The students will be starting their new unit on The Amazing Atmosphere next week. The students will be investigating what different gases are found in our air and learning about the nitrogen and carbon cycles that take place on a daily basis in our atmosphere.

Phys Ed. - The students really enjoyed the first week of skiing of our winter elective. We look forward to another great day this week as the students improve on what they learned last week.

Guitar 8- Students need to remember to take their guitars home over the long weekend and practise their notes and their chords.

Mrs. Hawkins: Art-Students worked on their perspective drawings.

Grade 7 Band- Students received a new band piece this week. Please practice your band music this weekend.

Mme. Tempelman: French- This week we spent a considerable amount of time looking at the great variety of spellings for the main French vowel sounds and worked at recognizing which letter, or group of letters makes which sound. We did some review of previously learned material and worked at moving forward with Duo lingo-French. Students need to be at least at 30% fluency and moving toward 40%. Continue listening to 89.3FM or watch a movie in French. ***On Saturday Feb. 18, Fort William Historical Park has their Sugar Shack open from 11:00am - 5pm with special times for French language experiences. Take the opportunity for an immersion experience right here in Thunder Bay!***

Grade 9 & 10 – Mrs. Mol, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Tempelman

Mrs. Mol:

Grade 9 Math- This week the grade nines learned how to write the equation of a line when given the slope and a point, and two points on the line.

Grade 10 Math- The grade tens wrote the chapter 4 test this week, and then worked on an in-class final chapter task. Next week we continue our unit on quadratics by starting chapter 6.

English- We worked really hard on the *Lord of the Flies* essays this week. A reminder that final copies are due on Wednesday. All rough work, organizers, editing checklists, etc must be handed in with the final copy.

Bible- The students finished their exegesis assignments on Galatians this week and we started studying Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Science- We wrapped up our unit on climate change this week and did review for the test that will be on Wednesday.

Mr. Himanen:

History- The students will be learning about the events that led up to the end of the war. The students will be looking at Canada's involvement in the attacks into Italy, the Dieppe raid, and the return invasion into Europe that took place on D-day. We will also begin to study the atrocities from the Holocaust that were discovered when the Allies reached Germany.

Outdoor Education- The students will be involved in the skiing elective again this week. There is planning also taking place for the overnight quinzhee event and the Lutsen skiing trip that are part of the program.

Mrs. Hawkins: AVI10- Students started working with 2-point perspective this week.

Mme. Tempelman: French- This week we looked at French phonemes and their various letter combinations found in words and practised recognizing them quickly. Students practised reading and some speaking. Students are encouraged to continue moving forward with Duo lingo-French. Keep listening to 89.3FM. ***On Saturday Feb. 18, Fort William Historical Park has their Sugar Shack open from 11:00am - 5pm with special times for French language experiences. Take the opportunity for an immersion experience right here in Thunder Bay!***