



GOT FRUIT? Fruit of the Spirit

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."
Galatians 5:22-23*



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Monday	Dec. 18		
Tuesday	Dec. 19	Return library books.	
Wednesday	Dec. 20	Library Christmas Program Hope CRC	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Dec. 21		
Friday	Dec. 22	School dismissed at noon	12:00 p.m.

From our School Community:

Christmas Program: The Christmas program, "Christmas by The Book", will be held on **Wednesday, December 20**, at Hope CRC at 7:30 p.m. The students will be going to Hope CRC on Wednesday morning for a program practice. The buses will be picking your children up as usual, but **travelling directly to Hope CRC NOT the school**. If you drive your children to school, please bring them **directly to Hope CRC (1315 Crawford Ave.)** for 9:00 a.m. The buses will bring the children to school following the practice.

Farewell: The entire Thunder Bay Christian School community would like to say thank you and farewell to Jessica Strydhorst who has completed her term as the Grade 1 teacher. We all wish her well in everything that the new year will bring into her life. At the same time, the school welcomes back Diana Hamilton who will be returning as the classroom teacher in the grade one classroom. We look forward to having her return.

Grade 1 and 2 Teaching Staff: Thunder Bay Christian School is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Boyes has accepted the position as the part time teacher in the grade 1/2 classroom for the afternoons beginning in the new year. We are also looking forward to the return of Michelle Bolt who will be teaching the grade one class in the mornings.

Last Day of School 2017: The last day of school before Christmas holidays is Friday, December 22. School will be dismissed at 12:00 on the last day.

Library Books are due back on Tuesday, December 21 due to the Christmas practice on Wednesday. Please try to return all overdue books before the break. Thank you.

Our Condolences to the families of Mrs. Marianne Hordyk who passed away earlier this week. May the Lord grant you His comfort and strength during this difficult time.

Donations for Gathering Place: Students' Council is collecting donations for the Gathering Place just in time for Christmas! They are especially in need of (new) socks and underwear, toques, mitts, winter coats, snow pants and non-perishable food. If you have any gently used winter gear that you no longer wear (or that your children have outgrown but not worn out), or can donate some food or a pack of new socks or underwear, please send it with your child to the school. We will have bins set up underneath our Christmas tree in the front foyer to collect any donations. We are challenging the whole school to fill as many totes as possible!

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11

Twice as Nice needs are as follows: Saturday AM-1, Monday PM-1, Tuesday PM-2, Wednesday AM-1, PM-2, Thursday PM-2, Friday AM-1, PM-2 and Saturday AM-2, PM-2. Please consider taking a shift, let Jenny Mol know how you can help out. 475-6995, jhmol@tbaytel.net, text 626-0442, store 622-7575. The store will be closed December 25th - 27th. Volunteers are needed for the 28th and 29th during our Boxing Day sale. We will also be closed the first week of January (2-6) for store maintenance. Anyone wishing to come out during that time to give us a hand with all types of jobs including cleaning, sorting, setting up displays, and even wiring in a sound system would be most appreciated. Call Ken at the store at 622-7575 and he will slot you in wherever your talents and abilities lie.

Hockey Sticks: The snow has arrived and the students are ready to move from playing soccer to hockey. It is wonderful that the students wish to use hockey sticks during recess time but we ask that once they bring a stick to school it remain here until the end of the season. This way, it is safer for students on the bus.

Cold Weather Reminder: With the cold weather coming upon us, just a reminder that the office checks the internet weather forecast before each break. A temperature of -20 to -30 degrees Celsius with the wind chill is considered a penguin recess (children can go outside and come back inside if they are cold). Below -30 with the wind chill is an indoor recess. If you are on yard duty, please check the weather forecast or call the office before coming to school. The office uses Environment Canada website: www.weatheroffice.gc.ca.

Attention Committees: Receipts for donations or refunds must get to the bookkeeper, Trudy Bolt, by the end of the year. Also, please inform her about address changes so all tax receipts can be mailed out correctly. Thank you.

January Milk form is attached to today's journal. Please fill out and hand in to the office by **Wednesday, December 20.**

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

This past week flew by! We had our 40th day of school, worked with greater than and less than, learned more Christmas symbols in a tasty format and practiced for our Christmas program. Well done, Kinder Kids, you worked extremely hard this past week.

A list of all our popcorn words (sight words) that we have studied to date went home today with the SK class. Hopefully, this will assist in reviewing our words next week.

Up & Coming:

Wednesday: Library Day- try to remember your book to get a new one to enjoy over the holidays

Friday: Christmas party! 😊

Grades 1 & 2 – Miss Boyes, Miss Strydhorst

Miss Boyes: Grade 1/2

Bible: This week we talked about our next judge Gideon. Gideon broke down Baal's alter and defeated an army of 120,000 Midianites with only 300 soldiers. Gideon realized that he did not do this alone, but that God was the one who saved them.

Gr.1 Memory Work: "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night."

Gr.2 Memory Work: "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them..."

Social Studies: This week we learned about different jobs that are found in the Netherlands. We also looked at vegetation, animals and food that can be found in the Netherlands.

Grade 2:

Language Arts: This week we focused on rhyming. We found rhyming words in poems. We also learned about rhyme schemes and created our own poems.

Spelling words: boat, coat, float, long, along, belong, paw, fawn, tall, wall

Next spelling test is on Friday, December 22.

Math: We looked at equality and inequality with balances. We added and subtracted cubes to the pans to make them balance. We also found the missing numbers in addition and subtraction sentences.

Miss Strydhorst: Grade 1

- My last week with the Grade One's has been wonderful! We stuck to our usual routine, caught up on our spelling words (no new words for next week) and we prepared a warm welcome for Mrs. Hamilton.
- We earned all about punctuation and how to use an exclamation point and a question mark!
- In Math we learned our 100's chart and counting by 10's. We have also begun addition and subtraction and will continue working on that next week!
- Today was a fun day of crafts and cookies! I look forward to stopping by sometime in the new year to deliver their hats!!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music- Student started watching "The Nutcracker" this week.

Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan

Work folders come home today with a Word Wall Review sheet and Math fact homework.

N.B. Chapter Summaries have started to come in. Two are due before the holidays (or all three if you wish!). The final summary may be returned in January. One chapter summary should be from the beginning, one from the middle and one from the end of the book.

Highlights this week:

- Bible: We are taking a break from our regular unit on Moses and have been reading the Christmas story.
- Math Grade 4: We have been rounding numbers, remembering strong arms and weaklings and how they help us decide whether to round up or round down.
- Math Grade 3: We practiced our subtraction regrouping skills, focusing on questions with zeroes.
- Literature: We read various selections about the Solar System.
- Social Studies: We have been learning about some of the characteristics of the various planets.

Coming Up:

Monday: Please return emptied Friday folder.

Tuesday/Wednesday: Library books due

Thursday: Math homework due

Word Wall Tests will be the week we come back from holidays. Please save the sheet to practice!

Mrs. Hawkins: Music– Students started learning the recorder part to "I've Got Rhythm". They also worked on Christmas-themed worksheets encouraging note-reading skills.

Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

This week we had the opportunity to go to Jasper Place with the grade 7/8 class to sing for the residents there. We had a wonderful time singing/ playing guitar and handing out homemade Christmas cards. We enjoyed juice and waffle cookies afterwards!

We also enjoyed doing some Christmas crafts and practising for the Christmas program.

The "Christmas Around the World" projects look spectacular! Presentations were done this week, and the students really did an amazing job on this project! They learned a lot about how Christmas is celebrated in other countries! Next week we will have a party and enjoy the treats that each student is able to bring in. Thank you for sending in apple juice for our cider. We still need more in order to have enough.

Students in grade 5 wrote a math test today. Look for it to be returned on Monday.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Christmas program material

Tuesday: Party!

Candy bag sale

Wednesday: Christmas program at Hope Church.

Thursday or Friday: Math test - grade six (sorry!)

Friday: 1/2 day of school

Mrs. Hawkins:

Music- Students worked on their music for the Christmas show and practiced chord progressions.

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

Mrs. Voortman:

Math: Grade 7 continues to work with equivalent fractions, reducing fractions, ordering fractions and adding and subtracting fractions. Next week we will work on multiplying and dividing fractions, as well as BEDMAS involving fractions. Grade 8 is working with expressions, equations, and various algebra operations.

Language Arts: The fruit of the spirit that goes along with our theme this month is peace. We have taken a short break from the regular curriculum that deal with keeping the peace and loving one another. We have been studying people in the Bible who weren't treated well for various reasons, why this is wrong and how we can apply peace in our classroom and lives.

Mrs. Mol:

Bible - We continued reading through The Singer, and we read stories this week about the Singer showing compassion and healing people. We talked a lot about what compassion is, and how we can show it to others, because we need to follow Jesus' example.

History - We began unit 2 this week, continuing on with Canada's history after the War of 1812. We will be focusing on the mass immigration to Canada that occurred during the mid-1800s.

Writing - We have decided to extend our fable unit until after Christmas (deadline is no longer December 22). We did peer conferences, self-editing and teacher conferences this week, and started typing and putting together the final book. We will continue this next week.

Science - We learned more about the 3 methods of heat transfer (conduction, convection and radiation). We will be doing an "escape classroom" (just like the Escape Room in town) next week, with clues and puzzles that will test the students' knowledge of these 3 methods. We are all quite excited for this! Look over your notes this weekend so you can escape the classroom in time!

Grade 8 Guitar - I was very proud of the great guitar playing that the grade eights did at Jasper Place on Tuesday. Keep practicing our four Christmas songs for the Christmas program next week!

Mrs. Hawkins:

Grade 7 Band- Please practice music for the Christmas show next week.

Grade 7/8 Art- Students made Christmas trees this week.

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

Mrs. Mol:

Grade 9 Math - We learned all about the slope of a line, and how to find it using the formulas $m = \text{rise/run}$ and $m = (Y_2 - Y_1)/(X_2 - X_1)$. We also learned how slope can be used as a rate of change by adding units. We played a board game to practice these skills to finish the week.

Grade 10 Math - The grade tens finished chapter 5 by learning how to factor perfect squares and difference of squares. They wrote their chapter test today; look for that to come back next week. We are whipping through this course and I'm very impressed with how well everyone is doing with the material! At this rate, we may get to preview some grade 11 material at the end of the year!

English - We finished the first draft of the To Kill a Mockingbird essays this week. We will be peer editing and having teacher conferences next week to put the polishing touches on them, and then we are finished the unit!

Mr. Himanen:

Bible- The students will be looking at the period when the Israelites wandered through the desert after their exodus from Egypt. We will be looking at different events which demonstrated God's faithfulness even when the people proved themselves to be very unfaithful.

Technology- The students are in the process of building their CO2 race cars. They will be racing them down the hall when they are completed sometime in the new year.

Science- The students will continue their study of the Periodic Table and the different elements found there. We will begin to look at the atom itself by looking at its structure and how the structure was discovered.

Mrs. Hawkins: Civics- Students worked on the Canadian civic issue this week.