



### 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*



Monday	Jan. 8	
Tuesday	Jan. 9	
Wednesday	Jan. 10	Library
Thursday	Jan. 11	
Friday	Jan. 12	Moustache Day

### From our School Community:

**Warmest Holiday Greetings** to all of you from all of us at T.B.C.S. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year! May God's blessings rest upon each and every one of us as we celebrate the gift of His precious Son.

**Reminder** that school begins again on Monday, January 8, 2018.

**The Winter Newsletter** is being sent home with the oldest in each school family today.

**January Calendar** is attached to today's journal.

**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.

**Twice as Nice:** The store will be closed December 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> during our Boxing Day sale. Please consider taking a shift, let Jenny Mol know how you can help out. 475-6995, [jhmol@tbaytel.net](mailto:jhmol@tbaytel.net), text 626-0442, store 622-7575. 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.



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**THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**December 12, 2017 at 8.00pm**  
**Mini-Minutes**

Executive meets prior to meeting

Absent with notification: Jolene M

1. Opening devotions

- Joel reads John 17:6-12 and opens with prayer.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous board meeting (November 21, 2017)

3. Correspondence

4. Leadership team report

**Motion:** "That Elizabeth Boyes be hired for a 40% part-time elementary position teaching grades 1 and 2" -carries

5. Committee reports:

a. Thrift Store

-\$15,000 transferred to school for month of November.

b. Bazaar

-\$70,000 raised at the Bazaar.

-Skate-a-thon in the works

c. Booster Club

-Spaghetti dinner went well

d. SQAP Implementation Committee

**Motion:** "To strike up a health and safety committee for Thunder Bay Christian School"

-carries

6. Next meeting – January 16, 2017

7. Closing prayer by Tina S.

## From the Classrooms:

### JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

My January classroom information was sent home Wednesday with your son or daughter.

Thank you **very** much for all the love, prayers, cards, gifts and support given to my Kinders and myself this week and since the school year began. What a blessing! ☺ I wish you all a wonderful Christmas season celebrating our Saviour's birth with your family and friends and the Lord's richest blessings in 2018!

### Grades 1 & 2 – Miss Boyes, Mrs. Hamilton

#### Miss Boyes: Grade 1/2

Bible: In Bible we talked about Jesus' birth. This included the announcement to Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus.

Memory work: Psalm 24:1-2 "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters."

Social studies: This week in social studies we talked about the different traditions and celebrations that people in the Netherlands have in comparison to us.

Have a great break Grade 1/2! As well as a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year. See you in a few weeks!

### **Grade 2:**

Language Arts: We learned about two different types of poetry this week; diamante and acrostic.

January spelling words: way, away, today, chain, wait, chase, play, played, rain, paint

Next spelling test will be Friday, January 12.

Math: This week in math we spent a lot of time working with word problems. We also found missing information in word problems.

### **Mrs. Hamilton: Grade 1**

It has been a pleasure to get to know the students a little bit this week! We have spent some time reviewing classroom rules and expectations and are settling in together nicely. We made some predictions as we read Christmas stories together this week and wrote our own Christmas acrostic poems. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday!

**Mrs. Hawkins:** Music- Students finished watching "The Nutcracker" this week. Have a wonderful Christmas break!

## **Grades 3 & 4 - Miss de Haan**

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone. I have so appreciated your support in the form of prayer, kind words, cards, and gifts.

Work folders went home yesterday. Word Wall Reviews came home last week. We will have a test the first week back so please help your child be prepared. Also, please tuck the folder back in your child's backpack (if it was not returned today) so that it doesn't get misplaced over the holidays. 😊

\*\*Please remember to return the December Chapter Summaries when you return to school in January (if you have not already done so).

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and many of God's blessings in the coming year!

**Mrs. Hawkins:** Music- Students participated in a colouring contest and were introduced to note values this week. Have a wonderful Christmas break!

## Grades 5 & 6 - Mrs. Himanen

We had such a fun week learning how to sew Pom Pom wreaths. It was amazing to see how quickly everyone picked up the skills needed for hand sewing! We also loved trying all the different foods which were sent in for our "Christmas Around the World" feast. Thank you all so much for contributing by making and buying treats and for sending in apple juice for our cider! A few of the things we tried were: filled croissants, Swiss chocolate, Slovak pancakes, Kruidnoten, Medovniky, Chinese egg rolls, Yorkshire pudding, shortbread, and many other wonderful delicacies! I know it is a busy time of year and I really appreciated the time you took to help prepare and buy these things!

Last Friday my dear students threw me a surprise birthday party! They decorated the class, made cards, and brought in snacks and drinks for us to enjoy while we watched a movie. Thank you all so much for doing this for me. I felt so special. Thank you, Miss deHaan, for your part in this surprise!

It was so wonderful to see everyone at the Christmas program performing their lines, songs, and non-speaking roles. You all did an amazing job praising the Lord with your efforts!

Students wrote tests in Bible, spelling, and math this week! Wow! We sure were busy finishing up some units! Now they can relax and enjoy the holidays....reading, of course!

And now a final thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the special gifts and cards that were given to me for Christmas. I am truly blessed to be able to teach your children, and I look forward to every day watching them learn and grow.

May you all enjoy a wonderful and blessed Christmas with family and friends celebrating the Prince of Peace and Lord of Lords!

**Mrs. Hawkins:** Computers- Students finished their text formatting assignments this week. Have a wonderful Christmas break!

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

**Mrs. Voortman:** Thank you for all the wonderful and thoughtful Christmas gifts. Praying you all have a relaxing holiday celebrating the birth of our Saviour with your families!

### **Mrs. Mol:**

Thank you to everyone who brought in such thoughtful gifts for me. I truly feel blessed to be your teacher!

Bible - We read a few more chapters in The Singer, where we saw the Singer meet a Madman and a Miller. We will continue with this unit after the Christmas break.

History - We started looking at how the land in Upper and Lower Canada was distributed to people to settle and live on, and some conflicts that arose over this.

Science - We did an escape room in our classroom, where students had to use their knowledge of the three methods of heat transfer to solve puzzles and clues to escape. It was such a fun experience for all of us! Everyone managed to escape in time (even though I made a mistake with the locks - the students are too smart for me!). Check out the pictures on Class Dojo!

Writing - The fables are coming along quite nicely now! Most of the class has their book put together with text included and is working on illustrations. We will continue working on this after the Christmas break (although feel free to do some colouring/printing/drawing/tracing if you get bored in the next 2 weeks!).

Grade 8 Guitar - I am so proud of how well our students played at the Christmas program on Wednesday. All your hard work paid off! Don't lose your finger calluses over Christmas break; play your Christmas songs for your families. Parents, guitar picks make a cheap and easy stocking-stuffer, and seem to be in high demand in our class! I'm looking forward to teaching some new songs in the new year!

**Mrs. Hawkins:**

Grade 7 Band- Have a wonderful Christmas break. Students played well at the Christmas program Wednesday.

Grade 7/8 Art- Students worked on pinecone Christmas decorations this week. Have a wonderful Christmas break!

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

**Mrs. Mol:**

Thank you to everyone who brought in such thoughtful gifts for me. I truly feel blessed to be your teacher!

Grade 9 math - The students learned how to find first differences, and used them to classify a relation as linear or non-linear.

Grade 10 math - The students played a game of BUMP to practice their factoring skills, and will begin chapter 6 when we return in January.

Grade 9/10 English - The essays are handed in and our unit on *To Kill a Mockingbird* is complete! From what I have read so far, the first experience with essay writing this year (or first time ever, for the grade nines) was successful!

**Mr. Himanen:**

Bible-The students will be completing their personal study of how the Ten Commandments relates and can be applied to their own lives upon their return after the Christmas break. We will also look at the purpose and role of the tabernacle in the lives of the Israelites during their time in the wilderness.

Technology-The students will be completing the construction of their CO2 race cars and we will be finishing that project with some drag races down the hall to see whose car is the fastest.

Science-The class will be continuing their study of the elements by researching the properties and uses of one element in the Periodic Table. We will also look at the experiments of several scientists that led to the discovery of the structure of the atom.

**Mrs. Hawkins:** Civics- Students worked on their Canadian Civic issue projects this week. Have a wonderful Christmas break!