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God's 20/20 Vision: Open Our Eyes to See

*"The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes"
Psalm 19:8*

From the Princip**AL's** Office:

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them ALL.
(Cecil Alexander, 1848)*

What a delight it is to encourage students to be curious about God's world. To celebrate God's incredible creation, and to develop the confidence to look at their environment with the joy of critical awareness. Students can celebrate the gift of having eyes to see, ears to hear and hands to touch and create.

Our Biblical throughline theme for the month of January is **Creation Enjoying**. Through our studies, discussions and songs we will draw attention to God's creation; its wonders and beauty. We can stop, look, and be amazed and we must create opportunities to see the delicacy, oddity and miraculous in everyday things. We must also explore the majesty and wonder of the beauty in those parts of Creation that we have to work hard to see-the huge and awesome artistry in space, the bizarre and beautiful creatures hidden in the oceans, and the microscopic miracles of cells.

We all know how much fun it is when we give someone a gift and they really love it; that is what it's like for God when we and our students get out, experience and rejoice in the gift of creation.

"Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them"
(Psalm 11:2)

Looking Ahead:

Monday, Jan. 13	Board Meeting	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 14		
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Library	
Thursday, Jan. 16		
Friday, Jan. 17	Pajama Day	

Staffing Changes: Please pray for the board, staff and administrative team as we continue to work to finalize the teaching assignments for the new year.

The Recess Rink: The Recess Rink is operational. Please remember that hockey/safety helmets (not bicycle) must be worn on the ice. When travelling on the bus, skates must have skate guards or be in a sturdy bag for safety.

From Our School Community:

Hockey Sticks: Reminder to all those students that are playing boot/ice hockey during the recess breaks that they are required to bring their own hockey sticks to the school. The sticks should have their name on them, and permission needs to be asked before someone else's stick is used. Please note that hockey sticks are allowed on the bus Monday mornings and can go home Fridays but are to remain at the school during the week.

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.

From the Library: The season of wet mittens, toques and leaky water bottles is upon us. May I suggest that you place your child's **library books in a plastic bag** before placing them in their back packs, this will undoubtedly cut down on the amount of water damage happening to our library books.

Scholastic: Flyers were sent home earlier this week on Monday. If you wish to place an order, please return to the school no later than Wednesday, Jan. 15. (Please remember to note the prices in the ONT column as they are occasionally higher.) I have also now enabled online ordering if you prefer to order this way. Our city is Rosslyn and Miss de Haan is the teacher. Book orders are still accepted the old-fashioned way as well. ☺ Thank you.

Reminder Bus Driver Change: John Meijaard will be driving the City (Tiger) bus for Marlene Schelhaas from January 6 to January 23, 2020. Please contact Jeannette Meijaard @ 475-8325 (cell 629-0322) for any concerns/messages and she will pass them on to John.

The needs at TAN for next week:

Please email Courtney Henny at tanvolunteers@gmail.com or text at 630-3631 to volunteer for a shift!

THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 10, 2019 at 8:00pm

Mini-Minutes

1. Opening devotions based on Judges 7:2 and prayer were done by Jolene M.
2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous board meeting (November 20 and 25, 2019) Carried.
3. Correspondence
4. Principal's Report
5. Jolene Makkinga, Devin Breukelman and Arend Janssens have all finished their term on the Board. They are thanked for all the work they have done the last three years. Thank you! We welcome Aaron Breukelman, Chris Streutker, Rob Groenheide and Randy Cramer as new Board members.
6. Committee Reports

The 2019 Bazaar was highly successful! Thanks to everyone for all their hard work and to the entire community for their continued support of TBCS!

7. Next meeting: Monday, January 13, 2020 at 8:00 p.m., d.v.
7. Motion to adjourn. Carried.
8. Closing prayer – Rob Mol

From the Classrooms:

JK & SK - Mrs. Kaemingh

Many thanks to all those that came out to help us with laces and skating today. Your help certainly was greatly appreciated!

We are back into the swing of things with a few highlights being a New Year kick off, acting out stories in Bible and skating.

Grade 1 – Mrs. Bolt, Mrs. Bakker

Mrs. Bolt:

We have had a very productive first week of this decade! 😊

Language Arts: January reading logs came home on Monday and December reading logs can still be handed in. We have been working hard to flip the sound of the vowels while we read, specifically 'i'.

The spelling words for next week will be: hate, take, name, bake, fine, bike, hide, mine.

Math: We have started our number sense unit and have been counting by tens and ones.

French: We have started our unit on the months of the year.

Gym: We are going to skate next week Tuesday and Friday if the weather isn't too cold. Please remember your skates and helmet. Parents are welcome to join!

Mrs. Bakker:

It has been a great week getting to know the Grade Ones. We have begun a new unit on Matter and Materials. We started by looking at our five senses and how we use them. Could you please send in a clean pie tin or margarine container for a project in the next few weeks?

We spent some time reviewing what we have learned in our Bible unit so far and have looked at a summary of the law and the acronym JOY. (Jesus, Others, Yourself). Our new memory work is Joshua 24:15b "*But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*"

Mrs. Wiebe: Music- We had a fun first week back in music together, learning about beats and note values, and singing some fun action songs together.

Mrs. Bakker

In Bible this week we started our study of the Exodus. We have read about Moses' early life and how God called Moses. We worked on Egyptian panel drawings of these stories. A new Memory work was sent home Monday.

During Language Arts we are working hard to finish our poetry unit. This week we took a look at rhyming poems. We practiced writing in complete sentences and worked on sequencing what we have read. A new spelling list for January was sent home Monday. The words are also up on spelling city. Due to popular demand we will begin bringing in a mystery item again. This time around when writing our questions on sentences strips we will be practicing quotations. Hayden will be up first.

For Grade Two math we have been practicing filling in blanks on a 100 chart and started measuring with cm.

There are a few supplies we are in need of in the 2/3 classroom if there is anyone interested/willing to send them in. We are in need of disinfectant wipes. We use these daily in areas that students use regularly (taps, handles, desks etc.) to slow the spread of germs in an attempt to keep students healthy. Also if anyone had an extra box of sandwich size Ziploc bags they could send in it would be greatly appreciated for when students have something to bring home that needs to be sealed. Thanks so much!

Mrs. Himanen:

It has been great getting back into routine again and seeing all the eager faces of my students back at school again! It was terrific to hear their stories of what fun they had during the Christmas holidays. This week we continued working on our penmanship skills, returned back to our tree unit work, enjoyed reading in the library, learned skills in basketball, and worked to complete our watercolour seahorse art piece. Occasionally, if a student does not finish an assignment during the class time given or is away for an assignment it will be sent home to be completed. Thank you for ensuring that work is completed!

I read a book to the class called *The Goodness Gorillas*. It was about a group of children who decide to do kind acts to make their class, city, and world a better place. The theme fit well with what we learned in Grow Groups!

I have been encouraging the children to experience taking out more challenging books from the library. Thank you for encouraging your son/daughter to read every day at home.

We would like to try going skating for gym next week, weather permitting. Please send skates/helmet to school with your child on Tuesday and Thursday of next week as we will skate one of those two days.

Miss deHaan:

Math Grade 3- We continue to work on our geometry unit. This week we learned about angles, equilaterals, and many kinds of quadrilaterals. We will be reviewing the unit early next week and having a test on Thursday.

Mrs. Wiebe:

Gr. 2 Music- We had a fun first week back in music together, learning about beats and note values, and singing some fun action songs together.

Gr. 3 Music- We began practicing our Link-Up songs this week, and also started up on recorders. Students reviewed rhythm and note values while learning 'A' and 'B' on their recorders.

Next Week:

Thursday: Grade 3 math test

Friday: Quiz on leaves (pages to be studied will be check marked)

Grades 3 & 4 – Miss deHaan

Work folders come home today with new Word Wall Words and Memory Work.

NB. It is a new month for book reports! If your child has not brought in a book to be approved for January, please do so by Monday. A good goal is to have the book read by the middle of the month so that the remainder of the month is free to complete the assignment.

Highlights this week:

Bible: We began our unit on "God's Law". So far, the Israelites have complained three times. God continues to have patience and provides for their needs (providing water and food while they travel in the desert).

Math Grade 3: We continue to work on our geometry unit. This week we learned about angles, equilaterals, and many kinds of quadrilaterals. We will be reviewing the unit early next week and having a test on Thursday.

Grammar: Gr. 4 We reviewed abbreviations and comparing words using the suffixes –er and –est.

Grammar: Gr. 3 We reviewed adverbs and started practicing how to make contractions.

Literature: We were introduced to our new novel study, Stone Fox. We are excited to see how the dog, Searchlight, plays a role in the plot.

Mrs. Voortman:

Grade 4 Math- I am excited to be teaching grade four math for the rest of the year. Since I already teach these students physical education it has been an easy transition. This week students were introduced to various mental math activities and we have been working on methods to multiply numbers by tens, hundreds, or thousands. Multiplication tables are extremely important to me as I teach the older grades and students who know these have a much easier time when the concepts become more difficult. We will be focusing on our five times tables for a few weeks. Students are to know them up to twelve by memory. We do flashcards daily in class to reinforce. A math sheet will be coming home which is due on Tuesday dealing with five times tables.

Mrs. Wiebe:

Music-We began practicing our Link-Up songs this week, and also started up on recorders. Students reviewed rhythm and note values while learning 'A' and 'B' on their recorders.

Coming Up:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
*Please return emptied Friday folder	Grade 4 math sheet due Gr.3/4 skating- please bring skates and helmets	*Library books due	*Spelling Tests *Math test Grade 3

Grades 5 & 6 – Mrs. Himanen, Mr. Himanen

Mrs. Himanen:

We have had a good week of getting back into our routine and getting used to working again. We have all felt tired but are working hard to press on! In literature the students continued to present their book report projects and many shared their oral book reports for their December reading. Projects should be ready to be taken home early next week. I am reading a new book to the class called *City of Ember* which the students are fascinated by. I will let your son/daughter tell you more about the plot. In art we worked on a literature picture, and for next week each student will need to bring a piece of thick cardboard to use underneath an exacto-knife cut out project.

Mr. Himanen:

Bible: Next week the class will be continuing to look at the return of the Israelites from captivity. We have looked at the work done to rebuild the temple and now the work on the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.

Social Studies: The students will be learning about the role of the church in the colony and how it attempted to teach the native peoples the gospel.

Science: Next week the students will be learning about insulators and conductors. We will look at how different substances do, or do not, allow electricity to pass through them.

Mrs. Wiebe: Music- Students were glad to be reunited with the ukuleles! We reviewed chords learned in the fall and played along with a few songs.

Next Week:

Memory Work: Psalm 111:2

Wednesday or Thursday: math test grade 5 up to NS 5-55

Friday: Memory Work, Spelling test, Penmanship

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

Mrs. Voortman:

Grade 8 Math: We dove right back into things by getting into geometry. This week we worked on complementary angles, supplementary angles, and the various letters that help us determine angle measures (X, F, Z, C). We also looked at how to figure out a missing angle measure in various polygons.

Bible: We continued our study of *Dangerous Journey* by finishing chapter two and beginning chapter three. The Slough of Despond and The Interpreter's House pages are due on Tuesday.

Writing: We are ready to start writing our fables. We will write and edit our fables next week.

We had an opportunity to go out on the rink this week. It was mild temperatures and picturesque with the snow lightly falling. What a privilege it is to have a rink to use. Monday looks to be mild again so please remember your skates. Wednesday we will continue working on our basketball skills in the gym.

Mr. Himanen:

Science: Next week the students will be learning about each of the simple machines that we see and use every day. They will also be researching and writing a report on the history of a machine of their own choosing.

History: The students will be learning about the unrest that has been growing in the colony. We will look at the reasons for this unrest and how the government tried to deal with the unrest.

Math 7: The students will be completing their fractions unit next week so there will be a test next week on Thursday, January 16. We will be reviewing the material on the days prior to the test.

Mrs. Wiebe:

7/8 Band- It was great to hear everyone playing band instruments, including the grade 8's! Students spent time working with their sections, reviewing and learning new notes.

Next week:

Monday: Bring your skates

Tuesday: Slough of Despond and Interpreter's House pages due

Wednesday: Library

Thursday: Spelling lesson 17 due, spelling test

Grade 9/10 – Mrs. Voortman, Mr. Himanen, Mrs. Wiebe

Mrs. Voortman:

Bible- We have started exploring the Pentateuch, which is the first five books of the Bible. Also, tests will be returned Monday so be sure to see how your child did.

Mr. Himanen:

Science- The students will be completing their unit on Atoms and Elements next week and will be reviewing the material in preparation for the unit test.

Mrs. Wiebe:

English- This week high school students learned about Shakespearean sonnets and then wrote their own sonnets. We also viewed some spoken word poetry and began writing free verse poems. Next week students will present their original poems during our class "Poetry Café".

Art- We explored the topic of composition in art and elements of design. Students viewed and discussed several works of art, identifying how the artist draws our eye to focal points.