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Newsline 14



Greeting WCS,

The Christmas season has always been my favourite time of the year, but the reasons have changed as I become older. As a child, like most children, I was one who was filled with longing and expectation as to what I might receive under the tree that snow-filled evening on Christmas Eve. Then as I grew older and had money of my own, I fully enjoyed the fact that I could spend my hard earned money on those that I love. I enjoyed watching my brother, sister, and parents unwrap the gifts that I lovingly selected that would bring a smile to their faces.

These aspects of Christmas I still enjoy, the giving and receiving part. However, even these two parts seem to pale to the new feeling I have about Christmas now. This past week I watched my students decorate our classroom. They strung the lights, set up the tree, and painted different

windows with Christmas symbols; not to mention the hanging of a mistletoe from the classroom door. I watched them be filled with excitement as they merrily went about transforming our academic room to a place that was filled with a warm and cozy feeling. At times I could almost see them dance with joy as the sounds of music filled them, bringing them into the season of bliss. I can say that the aspect of Christmas that I enjoy the most is the part that makes everyone just a little more soft-hearted and willing to listen and help each other.

It's like those sentimental films that bring warm fuzzies to people down on their luck. Maybe that is why I love Christmas movies and collect them; the warm feeling that they provide when people do kind things for each other. As I watched my students grow with excitement as they worked

together to change just once simple room of a school, I began to think what it would be like for them to take that energy into the world around them. It seems very easy to become all jazzed up about this festive season. We see it all around us. The mall has been advertising for more than a month now, and one radio station has been playing Christmas music for close to 2 months already. We get so pumped up and excited that we often lose sight of why we celebrate this season.

I often wonder why, after all is done and January has rolled around, why do I feel empty as if something is missing. It is kind of like eating too much candy and then feeling hours later that at the height of it all you are still empty, and wishing for some steak and potatoes.

I am thankful that I can work in a school that

allows students to take part in the joys this season offers, but more importantly I am able to help them see past all the pretty lights and glossy wrappings. I am thankful that each year I can take my students on service projects that help places like the Salvation Army. However,

most importantly, I am thankful that I can teach and remind the students that this season is not about what we get but it is the story of a father's love for all His children. This Christmas season is just part one of the most beautiful story every told, and to think, it is a true story!

I celebrate this week because I can share God's love with each of my students and with this school!

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

Report Cards

Please bring them to the parent teacher conference!

Parent Teacher Conference

Forms have been sent home with your assigned time slot. Please be on time so we can keep to the scheduled timetable. Remember that you are given 15 minutes with your child's teacher. If more time is required, you will need to reschedule another time period.

Panorama / Living Books Book Fair

These books will be available to peruse during the parent teacher conferences.

Board Executive

There will be a meeting this week Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the school office.

Board Reports

Would all board members please have your reports sent to the school or e-mailed before Friday, so that the board packages can be sent home on Friday. Our next Board meeting is scheduled for December 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Carol Sing

There will be a Christmas Carol Sing at the Wallaceburg CRC on Tuesday, December 12th at 7 p.m. Many of our students will be singing there. Mrs. Joyce Haveman will be conducting our children's choir made up of

students Grades 5-8. All are welcome to attend.

Phys.Ed Classes

Mrs. Smith will be driving the morning run to the CRC church on Tuesday, 9-12, and Nicolina Baisden will be driving the afternoon run, 2-3.

TRIP REMINDER:

The Holiday Order form is only available through December 11th. **You have only 1 more opportunity to order from this expanded form!** Orders are placed on Mondays and cards will be available by Friday. Cheques must be attached to your orders.

Scholastic Orders:

December Scholastic orders are due in by Thursday, December 7th.

Candy Cane O'Grams:

A-Team will again be selling Candy Cane O'Grams this year as a fundraiser for the school that we sponsor in the Dominican Republic. They will be available starting on Thursday of this week and continue on until Friday, December 15. Cost will be \$0.25/note and a candy cane will be attached. Parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome to take part in this event as well. They will be delivered to the students on Thursday, December 21st.



Prayer Corner

Bill Schenck - Nothing new to report, but please continue to keep Mrs. Schenck and her husband in your prayers for whatever they stand in need of.

Anita Lubbers - has undergone her 2nd chemo treatment this past week Thursday. She is doing well and is enjoying quality time with her family. She thanks you all for your prayers. Even when times are well, we still need to keep our prayer time up, so please continue with your daily prayers for this family.

Russell Kraayenbrink - will be going to London this week for more blood work and treatment. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, December 4	3:45 - 9:00 p.m.	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, December 6	3:45 - 5:00 p.m.	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday, December 21	10:50-12:15	Christmas Open House
	12:30-2:30	School Skating
December 22 - January 5		CHRISTMAS VACATION
Monday, January 8		Back to school!

Reminder from the Cleaning Committee:

If you are having someone clean for you, please send your money in on the Friday (cost is \$30).
If you are writing a cheque, please leave the name blank, as there are 3 different people who clean.
Contact Nicolina at 627-4739 or Carrie at 628-5891 for more information.

December 8

CAMPBELL
DEPOOTER, J & L
FOSTER
GELLNER
HEARN

December 15

HAVEMAN
HILL
HOOYER, W & M
KRAAYENBRINK, A & J
KRAAYENBRINK, B & K

Christmas Holidays

KRAAYENBRINK, J & L
LUBBERS, J & E
LUTH, G & W
LUTH, G & A
MALOTT, J & A

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS:

Joy School AND Kindergarten:

Ii – Alphabet pal is Isabel Iguana. The Bible verse is “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” John 14:15 The Bible character is Isaiah. Please pray for the people in Indonesia. Elijah is asked to bring the snack.

Grade 1 and 2:

Parents please bring your child's **report card** to the parent-teacher interviews.

Memory Work: Matthew 22:37 - 39 *Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.”* (Due on Friday, December 15)

Congratulations to our **POW** winners!

Gr. 1: Eric Powers

Gr. 2: Destini Hearn

Gr. 1 Spelling Words: pal, mats, last (dictation on Friday, December 8)

Gr. 2 Spelling Words: gain, silver, wrist, flow, stray, chore (dictation on Friday, December 8)

Grade 3 and 4:

Please be sure to **sign your child's FROG book every night**. This is a great communication tool between home and school, and if it is signed, I can ensure that you are aware of what is happening in the classroom. Thank you.

Spelling - Lesson 13 Test on Friday. Words are in FROG book today.

Memory Work Psalm 24: 1, 7-10.
Due December 15

Grade 5 and 6:

Both grades will be given a new POW on Tuesday. It is due next Tuesday.

Grade 6 Parents: We are finally nearing the end of our math unit. This week, the Grade 6 class will be given out 2 math assignments: LCM shuffle (due Friday) and Mega Mall (due next Tuesday). Our test will also be in 2 parts: part one (multiples, factors, prime & composites, integers) will be next Tuesday, and part two (decimals, fractions, ratios, percent) will be next Wednesday. Please help your child study and prepare for these large tests.

There is a French vocabulary quiz on Wednesday.

Our diamante poems are to be typed and handed in by Friday

Memory work for next Friday is Luke 2:10-12.

Spelling dictation is on Friday. Words are:

1. light
2. energy
3. radiant
4. crest
5. trough
6. frequency
7. transmit
8. transparent
9. reflect
10. absorb
11. irregular
12. refraction
13. justice
14. prophetic
15. Amos
16. Isaiah
17. nation
18. concrete
19. really
20. went
21. too
22. two
23. myself
24. laugh
25. prettier
26. translucent *
27. opaque *
28. wavelength *

- 29. bioluminescence **
- 30. symmetry **

- 6. introduce
- 7. sincere
- 8. courtesy
- 9. disappear
- 10. happiness
- 11. twelfth
- 12. unhappy
- 13. nonsense
- 14. decline
- 15. justice
- 16. treaty
- 17. relief
- 18. belief
- 19. interrupt
- 20. dread

Grade 7-8 --Term Two Week Three

Monday (Next Week)

- Signed Student booklet and full page journal. Please write neatly and fill every line. Feel free to type work and glue in on to the page.
- This week's topic is: **Why do you think fact is an important quality?**

Tuesday

- Grade 7 Math Test

Wednesday

- Spelling Sentences
- Grade 8 Math Test
- Science Quiz

Thursday

- Geography climate graph project is due.

Friday

- Memory Verse
- Spelling Test

Memory Section

1 "Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

2 Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

Isaiah 55:1-2

Spelling List

- 1. normal
- 2. anxiety
- 3. equally
- 4. nervous
- 5. conversation