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Greetings WCS,

Last week Wednesday and Thursday, I had an opportunity to take part in training offered by Real Justice. It was a very rewarding and eye-opening event that allows for more healing to be done when discipline problem arise in school or outside of school. Below you will read the definition of the program, which is found on their website (www.realjustice.org) I really encourage you all to read what is below and ask me any questions you have. I feel it may be something that our school could adopt.

Real Justice Conferences originated as a response to juvenile crime. Conferencing is a new victim-sensitive approach to addressing wrongdoing in various settings in a variety of ways.

Conferencing can be employed by schools in response to truancy, disciplinary incidents including violence, or as a prevention

strategy in the form of role plays of conferences with primary and elementary school students.

A conference is a structured meeting between offenders, victims and both parties' family and friends in which they deal with the consequences of the crime and decide how best to repair the harm. Neither a counselling nor a mediation process, conferencing is a straightforward problem-solving method that demonstrates how citizens can resolve their own problems when provided with a constructive forum to do so.

Conferences provide victims and others an opportunity to confront the offender, express their feelings, ask questions and have a say in the outcome. Offenders hear firsthand how their behaviour has affected people. They may begin to repair the harm by apologizing, making amends and agreeing to financial restitution or personal or community service work. Conferences hold offenders accountable while providing them an opportunity to discard

the "offender" label and be reintegrated into their community, school or workplace.

Participation in conferences is voluntary. After it is determined that a conference is appropriate and offenders and victims have agreed to attend, the conference facilitator invites others affected by the incident--the family and friends of victims and offenders.

A Real Justice conference can be used in lieu of traditional disciplinary or justice processes, or where that is not appropriate, as a supplement to those processes.

Conference facilitators stick to a simple script and keep the conference on focus, but are not active participants. A conference is far more productive and rewarding than the current means of responding to wrongdoing.

In the conference the facilitator asks the offenders to tell what they did and what

they were thinking about when they did it. The facilitator then asks victims and their family members and friends to tell about the incident from their perspective and how it affected them. The offenders' family and friends are asked to do the same.

Finally the victim is asked what he or she would like to be the outcome of the conference. The response is discussed with the offender and everyone else at the conference. When agreement is reached, a simple contract is written and signed.

Since the first Real Justice trainings in March 1995, people have experienced positive results with conferencing. A two-year

study of conferencing showed almost universal satisfaction with conferencing among victims, offenders and offenders' families; 94 percent of offenders complied with commitments they made to victims in conferences; and victims who participated in conferences were more likely to say the offender was held accountable, compared to victims whose cases went to court.

Conferencing started in New Zealand in 1989, was adapted by Australian police in 1991 and was first used by Australian educators in 1994. Since 1995, Real Justice has been a non-profit provider of conferencing training, technical assistance,

I thank this school for allowing me to take part in this workshop and training. I know that our discipline policy needs improvement and I feel that parts of this **real justice program** may serve in the amending of the policy that is already 7 years old. I celebrate this week that God plants ideas and suggestions that cause us to grow and learn. This way we are able to become ever more sensitive to the needs of His children when times are hard, and there have been a few already this year that has tested the children and teachers of our school.

Shalom, Mr. Andy J. Alblas

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

Science Fair:

On April 2 & 3, Grade 7 & 8 will be hosting their Science Fair. Projects will be on display both days, so be sure to stop in and check them out.

Jump Rope For Heart – Friday, April 20

This will be a school-wide event in the afternoon of April 20. Material is coming home today for each student with details. Please note: consent letters are to be returned by April 6th. Volunteers are also needed, so if you are able to help, please indicate that on the form.

Also, have your child(ren) consider to whom they might dedicate their participation, whether it is a family member or acquaintance that is or has been affected by heart disease. They will have the chance to put that name on a heart to be displayed at school.

BAZAAR!!

The Fundraising Committee is looking for someone (or perhaps several someones!) to

organize our next Bazaar. This is a wonderful fundraiser for the school, as well as a time of fellowship and fun. Please contact a member of the Fundraising Committee to volunteer or for more information. Thank you!

TRIP – Gift Certificate Program

The Fundraising Committee would like to remind everyone how vital the gift certificate program is to our school. It is our biggest fundraiser, and to make it successful, we need everyone's support. Money you would spend on groceries, etc. can bring up to 5% back to the school! It can't get any easier than that.

Please consider using the grocery certificates on a **regular** basis; they are available from Lucia Kraayenbrink, Arlene Feddes, Martha Hooyer, Erica Lubbers, Stekelbos Watch & Jewellery, and at the school. An order form is at the bottom of this Newline, and on the website. Just return it

to the school to be filled. Have trouble remembering to do it? Why not fill out a form, mark it recurring order and attached post dated cheques; we'll remember for you!

We will be contacting families to see if there are any questions or concerns that we can address.

Happy Birthday to:

Joel Hill – April 4
Alison Pietens – April 7
Elijah Martin – April 8

Prayer Corner

Mrs. Hoogstad's uncle remains in the hospital and is undergoing many tests. Please pray that the doctor's begin to see a light at the end of this tunnel and that the recovery process may begin.

Please keep Anita Lubbers and Russell Kraayenbrink and their ongoing health concerns on your prayers.

GREAT WOLF LODGE 2007

Back by popular demand...Calvin Christian School, Hamilton is once again excited to share this great opportunity with the OACS community. Last year, during the OCSTA convention in October, we were able to get a HUGE discount on the rates at Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls, ON. This beautiful northern woods themed hotel and indoor waterpark is full of thrilling waterslides and pools - great family fun! This year's convention is scheduled for October 25 & 26 - PD days for our students. If you are looking to keep the kids entertained during this annual long weekend - look no further. The **same great rates** as last year have been offered to us - \$159/night for Thursday and/or Friday nights, and \$199 for Saturday night! These prices are based on up to four persons per room with an additional 2 people allowed in each room for \$20pp. All waterpark passes are included in these prices and a one night stay gives you two days to play in the park. Our booking code is: **9a13no**. Make your reservation at www.greatwolflodge.com or call 1-800-605-WOLF (9653).

A \$10 donation to our fundraising committee for our efforts is most appreciated. Cheques can be made to: CCS Fundraising and sent to: CCS, Hamilton 547 West 5th St., Hamilton, ON L9C 3P7. For more information, please contact Tammy Veld @ 905.765.3869 or veldacrefarm@aol.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, Tuesday, April 2 & 3

Wednesday, April 4

Thursday, April 5

1:15 p.m.

Friday, April 6

Monday, April 9

Thursday, April 12

Wednesday, April 18

Friday, April 20

Thursday, April 26

Friday, April 27

Friday, May 11

Gr. 7 & 8 Science Fair

Finance Committee Meeting

Weekly Prayer Meeting – parents and supporters welcome

GOOD FRIDAY – no school

EASTER MONDAY – no school

Board Meeting

Spring Society Meeting

Jump Rope for Heart

Hotdog Day – Grade 1 & 2 bring treats

P. D. Day – no school

Grandparents Day

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.

April 6

FOSTER
GELLNER
HAVEMAN
HEARN
HILL

April 13

HOOYER, W
KRAAYENBRINK, A & J
KRAAYENBRINK, B & K
KRAAYENBRINK, J & L
LUBBERS, J

April 20

LUTH, G & W
LUTH, G & A
MALOTT
MCCAUGHRIN
METAYER

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS:

Joy School AND Kindergarten:

The letter this week is **Vv**. The alphabet pal is Vickie Vulture. The Bible characters are Visitors. The Bible verse is "Verily there is a reward for the righteous." Psalm 58:1 Please pray for the people in Venezuela. Snack is provided by Avery.

Grade 1 and 2:

Spelling Words

Grade One: *pitch, thumb, taller, smart, kitten, shake*

Grade Two: *carrying, skunks, crawl, elk, finds, first*

Word Wall Words (review from last week): **now, slow, too, new, look**

Memory verse: 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." Matthew 22:37-39

Creation Studies: We are beginning a new unit in called *The Skies Declared*. Take note of different types of weather that we are experiencing and discuss it with your children.

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: Week 26 Test on Thursday. Words went home in FROG books today.

Novel Study: Please be sure that your child is rereading the assigned chapter at night time. We will be reading it in class as well, however, some students may not finish during the given time. It is very important that we all stay at the same pace during the study or students will quickly fall behind. This week we are reading chapters 4-7.

Science Test: Thursday, April 5th on Packages. The students need to study their Think Back questions as well as the sections in their textbook (pages 161-175).

School Supplies: Please check with your child on their status of school supplies. Many students are in need of erasers, rulers, glue and scissors. If your child is missing any of these, please send new ones to school with them as soon as possible.

Wet Weather: With the wonderful spring weather upon us, this also means mud! Please be sure that your child has an extra pair of socks and even pants in their backpacks in case of emergencies.

Grade 5 and 6:

Congratulations! Kaitlyn has received 1st place for her Remembrance Day poster at a district level for the Legion! AND our small class has read and passed over 100 A.R. tests!

The rough copy of a narrative story needs to be done on Wednesday. The good copy needs to be typed out by next Friday and handed in.

"Two Against the North" folders will be handed in on Thursday.

Memory work for next Friday is I Corinthians

11:23-26.

Have a great Easter holiday!

Spelling dictation is on Thursday:

1. perimeter
2. metre
3. centimetre
4. millilitre
5. scoured
6. dispel
7. engrossed
8. crystal
9. mineral
10. streak
11. igneous
12. lava
13. magma
14. sediment
15. reverse
16. vanished
17. soapstone
18. blizzard
19. balanced
20. anxious
21. editor
22. copied
23. buried
24. overpower
25. whole
26. sedimentary *
27. mysterious *
28. ingenuity *
29. reverberated **
30. international **

Grade 7-8 – Term Three Week Four Monday (Next Week)

- Signed Student booklet and full page journal. Please write neatly and fill every line. Feel free to type work and glue on to the page.
- This week's topic is: **Does it bother you to be around someone who has bad manners?**

Wednesday

- Spelling Sentences
- Grade 8 Math Test
- Bible Test

Thursday

- Memory Verse
- Spelling Test
- History unit test

Memory Section

6 "This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land.

7 I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. **Haggai 2:6-7**

Spelling List

1. antisocial
2. antiseptic
3. antibiotic
4. intermediate
5. international
6. interfere
7. promote
8. progress
9. intramural
10. intrastate
11. hesitate
12. memorable
13. finally
14. investigate
15. usually
16. discipline
17. evidence
18. accuracy
19. article
20. miracle

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Please indicate if this is a recurring order (attach postdated cheques) **Weekly** ___ **Monthly** ___

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