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## Principal's Message

*Why WCS has a Reason to Celebrate!*



Greetings, WCS:

A school is supposed to be a place of learning where students come day after day to be instructed and grow into the leaders God has meant them to be. This is what WCS strives to do! We also strive to create a loving community where all that attend feel welcomed and safe!

This past week the Chatham-Kent police department stopped by to make a presentation on safety led by Elmer the Safety Elephant. It was a time where students were reminded of the importance of "looking both ways before crossing the street," and many other tips. We were given a plaque that stated we received a perfect safety record for 2005. This is truly a reason to celebrate how God is faithful to our community and students.

This coming Tuesday we will have another presentation on safety, once again led by the Chatham-Kent

police department on bus safety. This leads me to give celebration to our wonderful **bus drivers**. Day after day, in most kinds of weather, these bus drivers get up early and inspect the buses to ensure that our students arrive at school and home again safely.

We are blessed with many parents and supporters that drive the buses for us on regular intervals. I would like to thank our bus drivers for making sure our students are able to come to school each day, as well as putting up with many a noisy ride and the clean-up that is required from students leaving unwanted "gifts" on the floors of the buses. Therefore, to the Smiths, Marlene and Dugal – *Dresden* and to Arlen Feddes – *Port Lambton* (our main drivers), our greatest thanks for all that you give our school. It is you that ensure the safety of our students daily, and it is only by the Grace of God that we

are so blessed to have this opportunity.

It is amazing to think that we have already had these new buses for a little over 2 years, and to think that they are getting very close to being paid off. This too is a reason to celebrate. So, this week we celebrate the safety record at school, the wonderful staff of bus drivers, and the fact we have new buses for our students to use. Thanks be to God for His faithfulness to our community. Please take time this week to thank and pray for all those that take part in ensuring the safety of our children

Shalom,  
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

# SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

## CSC Conference:

Mr. Alblas will be away on Thursday and Friday this week. He will be going to Toronto for a 3-day conference on leadership sponsored by the Christian Schools Canada (CSC) [www.christianschools.ca](http://www.christianschools.ca). The teacher in charge while he is away will be Mrs. Medenblik.

## Cross Country / Soccer Teams

Remember that if you are on the soccer team you are required to run with the cross country team Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to help build endurance. Please encourage your children to press on even though it is something that they may dislike.

## Website

Passwords should be set up by late next week for the community to use. If you have not already given your password, please contact the school office.

## Hog Dog Day

...is next Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Grade 7 and 8 is in charge of bringing the snacks.

## Grade 7 & 8 Retreat

This year the students of Grade 7 and 8 will be going to Lakewood Christian Campground for a one-night, 2-day retreat. The focus of this retreat will be "Discovering our Spiritual Gifts". The date set is September 29-30. Keep this in your prayers as our older students learn more about their "special abilities that are given by Christ through the Holy Spirit to empower believers for the ministries of the body." (*Discover Gifts and learn How to Use Them, by Alvin J. Vander Griend*)

**BUS CHANGES** - due to the retreat, the **Dresden bus will not do it's afternoon run on Friday, September 29.** Parents are asked to pick up the Grade 1-6 students at 3:20 p.m.

## Apples

The forms and money for apples are due on Thursday. Orders should be ready for pick

up just before Thanksgiving!

## A-Team News

Keep sending in the non-perishable food items for our Food Drive. We are very close to exceeding the amount we raised last year and that is awesome to see! The more we collect, the more families we can help at Thanksgiving. Thank you so much.

## Thank you

... for all of the cereal boxes that were sent in. They are sure to make our art project a success! Grade 3 & 4.

## Scholastic

If you would like to buy a book, please return the order form and a **cheque (payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd.)** by Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! Mrs. Lammers

## Prayer Corner

Russell Kraayenbrink was brought to London this past Sunday with slight high fever. May he heal and return to us quickly, through the grace of God.

Elliot Smith has developed the chicken-pox. May God heal him quickly, so that he may be part of our community again.

Please pray for the Christian radio station that is being established in Chatham-Kent.

Pete and Sharron Langeveld (former teacher) had a baby girl last week (Marissa Lauren) in Cameroon. Everyone is healthy.

Keziah's grandfather is currently in the hospital due to an infection. This has been an ongoing problem, and the family asks for your prayers.

**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.

**September 22**

LUBBERS, J & E  
LUTH, G & W  
LUTH, G & A  
MALOTT  
METAYER

**September 29**

MEYER  
PARTRIDGE  
PIETENS  
POIRIER  
POWERS

**October 6**

RIEDL  
SMITH  
SOUTHGATE  
VANDENDOOOL  
VANDERSPEK

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tuesday, September 19

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Friday, September 22

Thursday, September 28

1:20 p.m.

Friday, September 29, 30

Thursday, October 5

Tuesday, October 24

Thursday, Friday, October 26-27

**Soccer Practice** at Glen Mickle Park

**Education Committee Meeting**

**Soccer Practice** at Glen Mickle Park

**Grade 3-4 Trip** to LCH Conservation Area

**Hotdog Day** – Grade 7-8 bring snacks

**Grade 5-6 Assembly**

**Grade 7-8 Retreat** – Lakewood Campground

**CDCS Soccer Tournament** (raindate October 6)

**Grade 7 Hep. B shots**

**Teacher's Convention – NO SCHOOL**

# CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS:

## Kindergarten:

Welcome to the Joy School students who join us on Tuesday! A calendar will be sent home.

Thursday will be Red Day in our classroom. Could all Kindergarten and Joy School students please wear red to school on that day.

## Grade 1 and 2:

Grade 2 will find this weeks vocabulary words and their spelling list in the newsletter section of their frogbook.

**P.O.W.** – I was happy to see that almost everyone participated in the problem of the week. Keep up the great work!

*This weeks winners:*

*Gr.1 ~ Nathan Luth*

*Gr.2 ~ Amanda Metayer*

**Memory Verse:** (due Monday September 25, 2006)  
**Genesis 12:1-3**

*The Lord Said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

## Grade 3 and 4:

**Spelling Test** - Friday, September 22 - Lesson Two. The words are in the back of your child's FROG book.

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.

Keep watching the web site for homework updates as well as any upcoming events in Grade 3 & 4

**Field Trip** - This Friday we will be going to LCHenderson Conservation Area to learn about orienteering (reading a compass and following directions). The cost per student is \$4.50 and this was due today. We are in need of 2 chaperones to accompany us on this trip. Please send a note or call if you are interested in coming along on Friday

morning. (We will be back at lunch time).

## Grade 5 and 6:

Another POW was given out today It is due next Monday.

We have a short literature quiz on "Noseur" and "Late September Serenade" on Thursday.

Don't forget to bring your apple forms and money on Thursday.

On Friday, we have memory work. It can be found in Psalm 78:1-4.

Also, on Friday morning we have our "Bugmania" field trip! (Money is due on TUESDAY of this week.)

Words are next Friday are:

1. molted
2. miniature
3. complete
4. larva
5. pupa
6. nymph
7. monarch
8. forty
9. thirty
10. eleven
11. field
12. Exodus
13. testing
14. friend
15. because
16. who
17. school
18. with
19. your
20. midnight
21. counselor
22. banana
23. hiking
24. arrow
25. imagination
- \*26. irreverent
- \*27. automatically
- \*28. classify
- \*\*29. metamorphosis
- \*\*30. deodorize

**Grade 7 and 8: - Term One Week Three**

I am pleased to announce that the Retreat of Sept. 29-30 is a "GO". Please remember to have your Lakewood Retreat money in by next week (\$25). Look for the next letter about our trip to come early this week.

**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: **Describe how you feel at the dentist's office.**
- There will be a Math test next week Monday for Gr. 7 and 8

**Wednesday**

- Spelling Sentences

**Thursday**

- Geography quiz, final project for this unit (a collage is due next Tuesday - 27<sup>th</sup>)
- **Science:** Small essay (250-300 words) on mold (the making of cheese, Alexander Fleming, or penicillin) is due on Thursday. Much class time will be given for research as well as the writing of the essay.

**Friday**

- Memory Verse
- Spelling Test
- Test on the short stories we have been reading

**Memory Section**

1 I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;  
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known  
through all generations.  
2 I will declare that your love stands firm forever,  
that you established your faithfulness in heaven  
itself.  
**Psalms 89:1-2**

**Spelling List**

1. restoration
2. consequences
3. covenant
4. deliverance
5. explanation
6. molecular
7. theory
8. caloric
9. kinetic
10. molecules
11. vibrate
12. assumption
13. significance
14. nationalism
15. humorous
16. revolutionary
17. honesty
18. adjective
19. tendencies
20. dynasty