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Greetings WCS,

Last week I began writing about a new program for schools called "Balance School Day"; a restructuring of the way the time table of the school day is organised. It's aim is to find an equal balance between nutrition breaks and class time. Hopefully your interest was peaked a little by reading what I had written last week. This week I will explain what the implications would mean to our school.

Knowing that studies have proven that there would be an improvement in academics performance, better balanced nutrition, more physical activity, which will lead to more time for learning, one does need to understand that some changes would have to be made for our school.

The biggest change would be to the amount of time the students are at

school. Currently the students are at school from 8:50-3:30 (6.5 hours), of which only 330 minutes are spent in class (5.5 hours). In order to offer a more balanced day we would need to **add 20 minutes to our day** to make up for the 20 minutes needed due to a longer break.

The new time table would possibly look something like this:

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| 8:40-10:30 | Class Time 110 minutes |
| 10:30-11:10 | Break 1 40 minutes |
| 11:10-1:00 | Class Time 110 minutes |
| 1:00-1:40 | Break 2 40 minutes |
| 1:40-3:30 | Class Time 110 minutes |

During the break times, the students would spend the first 15 minutes eating and the remaining 25 minutes outside playing. The

one major disadvantage with this new style of set-up is the fact that a few parents from time to time come to school and eat their lunch with their child. By moving our breaks around like this, it may affect that possibility.

The question now is what do you all think about this idea? I see myself as a catalyst for new ideas and suggestions. I would love to hear what you think of this idea, and answer any questions you may have. Could you please fill out the survey at the end of this Newsline and let me know what you think.

Just because you don't or do fill in this survey doesn't mean it will or will not happen. I am simply gathering information to see if this idea is something to pursue.

May all of you have a wonderful week, as our time for this school year is quickly coming to an end. Only 3

weeks left; wow, hard to believe!

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

District Track and Field Day

The big day is Friday (rain date Monday, June 11th). Mrs. Smith will be driving our bus to Essex High School. She will pick up any Dresden riders at the Dresden Community Church at 7:15 a.m. The bus will leave our school at 8 a.m. so please be here **by 7:50 a.m.** Mrs. Smith requests that you save all juice to drink at field day; you may drink water on the bus. Bring appropriate clothing, sunscreen, food and plenty of water! The bus should return to our school shortly after 4 p.m. Please pick up your child(ren) at that time.

Please note: School will be cancelled for all those not participating in the District Field Day.

2007-08 Registration Forms

These registration forms were due back last week. If you have not returned yours yet, please do so as soon as possible. The Finance Committee will be calling all families who have not sent theirs back.

Scholastics

Scholastics flyers for June will be handed out on Tuesday, June 5th. If you would like to buy a book, please return form and cheque (payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd) by Tuesday, June 12th. I will not be able to accept any orders after June 12th. Thank you!

Attention Milk Drinkers!

Please save all outer milk bags. They can be cut into strips, looped together and crocheted into mats for mission fields. The children sleep on these mats, who otherwise would sleep on the bare floor. They love to receive these mats; they don't attract bugs, are washable, last a long time, and we keep them out of the landfill.

Please send them to Ruth Loxton, who collects them for First Baptist Church

Prayer Corner

- † *Please pray for Russell Kraayenbrink. He came home on Friday but is returning to the hospital on Monday.*
- † *Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Brian and Aileen Schouten on the birth of a son (and brother!), Caden Evan Brian (8 lb 8 oz) this past Thursday.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, June 7
Friday, June 8

1:15 p.m.

Friday, June 15
Monday, June 18
Friday, June 22

5:00 p.m.

Weekly Prayer Meeting – all welcome
CDCS Field Day – rain date June 11
(No school for non-participants)
WCS Annual Year-End BBQ
Grade 1-6 Class Trip
Last day of school
Graduation

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.

June 8

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

June 15

MEYER
PARTRIDGE
PIETENS
POIRIER
POWERS

June 22 - July 13

Summer cleaning – all
families
If not cleaning, please have
your cheque in by June 15th
(\$40)

FUNDRAISING FYI

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| HOT MEALS (pizza, spaghetti, KD, Big Chief) PLUS.....\$46.00 to Dominican school from breakfast day PLUS.....FREE pizza day after poinsettia sales (with chocolate milk and cupcakes) | \$198.76 |
| HOT DOG DAYS (including field day with a profit of \$23.00) (field day is to celebrate the end of the year and our athletes!) | \$737.48 |
| GERANIUMS (thank you for all who participated!!) | \$744.82 |
| GROCERY RECEIPTS Dutch Market Zehrs | \$226.92 \$100.01 |
| SOCCER TOURNAMENT (sold Kapows) | \$75.00 |
| KAPOW DAYS 134 sold in October | |
| CATERING (thank you to the Smith family) | \$2,000.00 (approximately) |
| CELL PHONE COLLECTION 18 phones collected to date (we receive \$1.00 each when we reach 50 phones) | |
| CRAFT SALES (donated by Joanne Kraayenbrink) (thank you very much!) | \$227.00 |

Thank you for a great year.....the fundraising gals appreciate your help and support !! Have a wonderful summer.....and hope to see you at the year-end Bar B Q !!!

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS:

Kindergarten:

There will be no Kindergarten on Friday, June 8th because there will be no buses. The older students will be going to district field day. We will have Kindergarten on Friday, June 1st.

The Kindergarten class is taking a class trip to Greenview Aviaries on **Tuesday, June 19**. I would like to take vans, but each child must be in a booster seat. Parents, will you please let me know if you are willing to come on this trip.

Sight words: look, can, too, not,

Please practise these words and the booklet "What Can You Do?"

Grade 1 and 2:

Memory Verse: (Due Friday, June 15, 2007) For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything! Hebrews 3:4

Spelling Words:

Grade One: shadow, continue, puppy, puppies, daylight, haircut

Grade Two: robin, dragon, chicken, lemon, wagon, cabin, broken, seven, open, person

*** Please look in Frog Books tonight, as a letter is coming home regarding year end trips and parties. Thank you.**

Grade 3 and 4:

Memory Work: Jeremiah 30:20-21. Due Wednesday, June 6

Spelling: Week 36 Test on Thursday. Words went home in FROG books today.

Pool Party: We will be having a pool party next week Tuesday, June 12 at the Haveman's house. Parents are invited to come along. We will be taking the bus. Watch next week's Newsline for more details.

Grade 5 and 6:

We are having our pool party next Tuesday afternoon at the Haveman's. If you wish to have some swimming fun with your child, please let Mrs. Medenblik know if you can make it!

Don't forget about Track & Field on Friday. For those not participating, enjoy your day off!

Memory work for this Thursday is the first half of the Apostles' Creed:

"I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his holy Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to hell; The third day he rose again from the dead."

Words for next Friday's dictation are:

1. gilding
2. gait
3. obstinate
4. jowls
5. stench
6. burly
7. pliable
8. platform
9. dispatch
10. projection
11. carcasses
12. Antioch
13. Barnabas
14. riding
15. performance
16. semifinal
17. signature
18. illegal
19. everybody
20. everything
21. first
22. something

- 23. landscape
- 24. mattress
- 25. especially
- 26. formidable *
- 27. sauntered *
- 28. scuffling *
- 29. unmitigated**
- 30. conversion **

Grade 7-8 – Term Three Week Thirteen

** What a wonderful time we had on our Toronto trip! Thank you to all those that helped out to make this possible:

Mrs. Smith – for driving the bus the whole time and through the busy traffic of Toronto.

Mrs. VanderSpek, Mrs. Poirier, Pastor Vander Vaart – for being chaperones and helping prepare all our meals

Mrs. Erica Lubbers and Mrs. Vandendool – for buying all our food and organizing what our meals would be

Mr. Southgate – for arranging for tickets for our visit to the CN Tower

Mrs. Laurie Hooyer – For helping Mr. Alblas with researching and ordering tickets for our different events

With everything running so smoothly, one can only praise God for being so gracious to us as we spent this time away from home.

Monday (Next Week)

- Signed Student booklet and full page journal. Please write neatly and fill every line. Feel free to type your work and glue in on to the page.
- This week’s topic is: • **What do you think makes a happy family?**

Tuesday

- French vocabulary test

Thursday

- Memory Verse
- Issue Art and Music project due

Memory Section

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13

But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

Job 23:1018

Balanced School Day Form

Name: _____

- Yes, I really like it go for it!
- I need more information or I have questions still
- No, I see no need for change, keep things the way they are.

Please fill in any questions or comments you have in the space below.
