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Newsline #5

Principal's Message

Greetings WCS,

It is hard to believe that we have been in school for one month already; how quickly time flies! Next week we will be sending home Mid-Term Reports in order that you may have an idea of where your child stands before the end of the first term. These will be coming home on Friday of next week; please look for them.

This week it is a bit harder for me to write about what happened around the school last week, because I was not here Thursday and Friday; therefore I will comment on some of the learning that took place at the conference I attended.

Once a year, the Ontario Christian School Administrators Association (OCSAA) gathers together for a 2 day conference to network and take workshops that have been organised by one of it's districts. There are 5 different districts in Ontario: Bluewater (which I am part of), Durham, Grand, Seaway, and Toronto. For the past 3 years, the Durham group has been organising workshops centred on the theme of Leadership.

During our conference we heard Professor Bruce Hekman, from Calvin College, speak on **Leadership for Change**. He began by explaining that change is inevitable; however, growth from change is optional depending on how you handle it. Change is caused by curiosity; a kind of holy restlessness, a pilgrim's search for a lost

paradise.

So, how does one create a culture that supports change? This was a big question that was asked, for if we understand that change is inevitable, then we are looking for growth to come from it. This begins by putting into place comfort zones when people feel free enough to question the ways things are going; holy restlessness.

- Are the teachers and administrators expected to continually search for new and better ways to teach and learn?
- Are experimentation, improvement and reform valued?
- Do teachers and administrators feel free to question current policies, programs and practices?
- Are new ideas and divergent views greeted with an open mind and desire to understand?

Therefore, my challenge for everyone is to begin to ask the question: why do we do what we do? Are you experiencing any holy restlessness that needs to be dealt with? If so, bring your ideas, questions, comments forward and let's hear them with an open mind. Change will happen, that is for sure, but how we grow from it depends on how

we handle any changes that come our way. However, we are blessed with the fact we aren't alone.

God has a purpose and plan for us all! Are we hearing His voice, or are we so busy by the distraction of our busy life to hear his whispering voice. Change will come – will we hear His voice of wisdom, or is it silenced due to other reasons? Let us pray for stillness, in order that we may understand His will when change comes, so that we may grow from it.

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

School News Items

CDCS Soccer Tournament – Grades 5-8

During the Tournament the Salvation Army will be selling the following items:

- Hamburg \$2.50
- Hotdog \$1.50
- Pop or water \$0.75
- Juice box \$0.50
- Chips \$0.60
- Freezies To be Announced
- Hamburg & drink \$3.00
- Hotdog & drink \$2.00

If there are weather problems, the tournament will be played on Thursday, October 4th. Check the website for updates. All Grade 5-8 students will spend the day there; those not on the team will be there to support their classmates. Parents are also encouraged to come out and cheer on the Wallaceburg Eagles! Attached is a schedule of games.

*** BUS CHANGES *** Both bus runs will **begin 15 minutes early** the morning of October 3rd. This will allow the buses to bring the soccer team and student supporters over to the fields for a start time of 8:45 a.m. The afternoon bus runs will be normal. **Parents of Grades 5-8 are asked to pick up their**

children from the soccer field at 4 p.m.

Little Caesar Pizza

This is the week to have our 'Little Caesar' orders in! Please hand them into the office this week; **Friday will be the last day to accept orders.** They will be arriving on October 19, and we will need them to be picked up as soon as you can as they will need to be put into a fridge or freezer. More details will come about where and when to pick up your orders. A **BIG** thank you to everyone for participating in this fundraiser for our school!

Apples!!!

Apple money and forms are due Thursday. The apples will be delivered to the school on Wednesday, October 17th.

A-Team News

This is the last week for our Thanksgiving Food Drive! Please keep sending in the non-perishable food items to be donated to the First Baptist Church by this Thursday! The more we collect, the more families we will be able to help at Thanksgiving! Thank you for your help!

Homework Letter

Last week a letter was sent home requesting that you fill in a chart for two weeks listing how much time your child is spending on homework. One week has already passed, and I hope you have been faithful in keeping it up to date. I am expecting the chart to be handed back on Tuesday next week after Thanksgiving. Please make every effort to have it completed so I am able to work with the data and the Education Committee.

Cross-Country

Practices for this week will be on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at noon. Our meet is on Tuesday, October 23.

Focus on the Family

Please return any orders (with cheques, payable to Focus on the Family Canada) to the school by Thursday, October 11. Thank you!

Directory Change

Please change this phone # in the school directory under Family List (pg. 5) and Dresden Bus Call List (pg. 14).

MALOTT: Jason & Amy 519-627-0577

Parents for Educational Choice

If you are interested in the upcoming election and what you can do to make your voice heard, you can go to their website for more information:

www.parentseduchoice.org

Happy Birthday to you!

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| Daniel Metayer | October 2 |
| Kristal Hooyer | October 3 |
| Benjamin Kraayenbrink | October 4 |
| Dylan DePooter | October 8 |



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Monday, October 1 | 12:00 - 12:15 p.m. | Cross Country Practice |
| Tuesday, October 2 | 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. | Soccer Practice at Glen Mickel Park |
| Wednesday, October 3 | 12:00 - 12:15 p.m. | Cross Country Practice |
| Thursday, October 4 | 12:00 - 12:15 p.m. | CDCS Soccer Tournament – in Wallaceburg, behind Walmart |
| Monday, October 8 | | Cross Country Practice |
| Friday, October 12 | | Thanksgiving Monday - no school |
| Saturday, October 13 | 7:00 a.m. | Mid-Term Reports |
| Tuesday, October 16 | 7:15 p.m. | WCS Work Day |
| Thursday, October 18 | | Education Committee Meeting |
| Tuesday, October 23 | | Hotdog Day – Gr. 7-8 bring treats |
| Thursday & Friday, Oct. 25, 26 | | CDCS Cross Country Meet |
| Wednesday, October 31 | | OCSTA Teacher Convention – no school |
| | | School Picture 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 4 different people who clean.
Contact Nicolina at 350-4739 or Carrie at 628-5891 for more information.

October 5

LUTH, G & W
MALOTT
MCLACHLIN
MCLAUGHLIN
MEYER

October 12

MCCAUGHRIN
METAYER
PIETENS
RIEDL
VANDENDOOLO

October 19

VANDERSPEK
VYVEY
KRAAYENBRINK, H.
KRAAYENBRINK, G.
ANDERSON

Classroom News Items

Joy School AND Kindergarten:

There has been a **change in our calendar**. There will be no school for Joy School or Kindergarten on Tuesday, October 30th. Instead we will have school on Wednesday, October 31st and Thursday November 1st. It is picture day on Wednesday!!!

I'm missing a few chirp forms. Please send it to school as soon as possible.

Please make sure you send a change of clothing for your child.

Helpers for October will be on next week's newsletter. Expect a call this week!

Grade 1 and 2:

Memory Verse: (due Friday, October 5)

"No one is like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power."
Jeremiah 10:6

Grade Two Spelling Words: (spelling test on Friday)

blue
truth
blew
music
ruler
gloomy
include

We had a wonderful time on our field trip to the Wallaceburg Fire Station. A BIG thank you to those who volunteered to help chaperone our first field trip!

I hope that you have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Grade 3 and 4:

Happy Thanksgiving! It's hard to believe we are into a new month already! Keep up the great work.

Our field trip to the Dow Wetlands was a great success. Thanks again to Mrs. Foster for coming with us.

Spelling: Test on October 5

1. question
2. upstairs
3. basketball
4. bedroom
5. everywhere
6. anybody
7. community
8. baseball
9. laughed
10. schools
11. exciting
12. city

Grade 4 only:

13. direction
14. compass

15. talking

Memory Work: Due October 12

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

1 Peter 2:9-12

Grade 5 and 6:

A BIG thank you to Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Feddes for being on our first field trip!!

It is our last week to sell apples. The money and forms need to be in by October 4th!

POW (Problem of the week) is due this Monday.

Music projects (writing a note values song) are due Thursday.

There is a Bible test on Thursday covering Unit 2: The Setting of God's Story. Students will be told what to study on Monday.

We have a short quiz on the story “Ezra the Baseball Fan” on Friday.

Memory work for next Friday is the Books and Categories of the New Testament (categories are found on p. 23 in the textbook).

Spelling dictation will be Friday. Spelling words are:

1. prophets
2. wisdom
3. major
4. minor
5. vibrate
6. mimicked
7. September
8. reluctant
9. historic

10. balance
11. which
12. roam
13. Hebrew
14. Greek
15. too
16. two
17. first
18. always
19. almost
20. happiness
21. midnight
22. surge
23. bewilder
24. prediction
25. affection
- *26. deceitful
- *27. perpetual
- *28. sequence
- **29. muscular
- **30. categories

Grade 7 and 8:

Monday –

- Student Booklet Journal is due. Topic for this week is - What is your idea of a dull evening? (Due Monday Oct. 9)
- Home reading, please aim to read about 100 pages a week

Thursday –

- Spelling Sentences

Friday –

- Memory verse
- Spelling Test

Spelling List:

1. placidly
2. agitated
3. bristling
4. lucid
5. lanky
6. intelligence
7. circumstances

8. conceivable
9. obstinacy
10. imploring
11. devastation
12. ravenous
13. observance
14. invariably
15. miraculously
16. irresistible
17. controllable
18. imperative
19. stampede
20. noncombatant

Memory Verse:

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **Romans 3:23-24**

Time and Location of the Soccer Games

| TIME | PITCH 1 | PITCH 2 | PITCH 3 |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 9:00 - 9:55 | Chatham vs. Sarnia BOYS | Chatham vs Wallaceburg GIRLS | Maranatha vs. Wyoming GIRLS |
| 10:00 – 10:55 | Maranatha vs. Wallaceburg BOYS | Wyoming vs. Sarnia BOYS | Chatham vs. Sarnia GIRLS |
| 11:00 – 11:55 | Wyoming vs. Chatham BOYS | Wyoming vs. Sarnia GIRLS | Maranatha vs. Wallaceburg GIRLS |
| 12:00 – 12:55 | Sarnia vs. Maranatha BOYS | Chatham vs. Wallaceburg BOYS | Chatham vs. Wyoming GIRLS |
| 1:00 – 1:55 | Wallaceburg vs. Wyoming BOYS | Sarnia vs. Wallaceburg GIRLS | |
| 2:00 – 2:55 | Maranatha vs. Chatham BOYS | Maranatha vs. Chatham GIRLS | Wyoming vs. Wallaceburg GIRLS |
| 3:00 – 3:55 | Sarnia vs. Wallaceburg BOYS | Maranatha vs. Wyoming BOYS | Sarnia vs. Maranatha GIRLS |