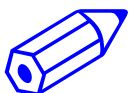




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Newsline 16

Principal's Message

Greetings, WCS,

Wow are we here already? I feel like I just blinked in the summer and now here we are about to go on a Christmas break. Yet before that begins, it is important to remind you of a few upcoming events.

By now I hope you have discovered there was no Christmas Program, in light of our Narnia play in early May. Instead, on Thursday we are singing from 10-30 - 11:15 a.m. at the Sydenham Residence so we may bless others.

This week Wednesday, the students of Grade 1-4 will be delivering cookies around town, thanks to all our parents who have provided trays of colourful treats. As for the students of Grades 5-8, they will be going to Chatham for a few hours to help out the Salvation Army as we sort goods and begin packing their Christmas hampers.

Within the school, the A-team has been selling Candy Cane O'Grams, and some of the older classes have selected secret giving friends. During the past couple of weeks, they have been giving each other special gifts and notes of encouragement, leading up to a small

gift exchange on the last day before the holidays.

It is wonderful how we often want to model the concept of giving, just as our creator did for us when He sent us our Greatest gift of all, His son. May you all have a wonderful holiday and

restful time with your friends and family. We here at WCS, are wishing you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas season. See you soon in 2009!

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas



SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS:

A-Team

Please remember to return your purchased Candy Cane O'Grams to the A-Team ASAP. The Candy Cane O'Grams will be delivered to the students on Thursday, December 18th.

Reminder: Please make sure you have purchased a Candy Cane O'Gram for your **reading buddy!**

TRIP – (Tuition Reduction Incentive Plan)

Please continue to use the **gift cards and certificates** throughout the Christmas break. They will be available from Lucia Kraayenbrink, Patti Metayer and Stekelbos Watch and Clock Repair.

You can also choose to order them from the school office this week and attach post-dated cheques. Thank you!!!

School Skating

We will have our first skating afternoon **this Thursday, December 18 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Remember: everyone is welcome to join in!** The cost of covering our two skating days is \$7 per family. So far, we have had 14 families send in money. Please consider doing so this week.

School Hoodies

There is one hoodie left (adult small) available for purchase in the school office. Please call Laurie if you're interested.

From the Fundraising Committee:

A profit of \$27.10 was made on Pizza Day last week.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, December 17

Thursday, December 18

10:30-11:15 a.m.

12:30-2:30 p.m.

December 19 - January 2

Monday, January 5

Community Service: Grades 1-4 deliver cookies to service workers; Grades 5-8 help the Salvation Army
Carolling at Sydenham Residence
School Skating – everyone welcome!
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!
Back to school!

Reminder from the Cleaning Committee:

If you are having someone clean for you, please send your money in on the Wednesday (cost is \$35).
If you are writing a cheque, please leave the name blank, as there are 4 different people who clean.
Contact Patti at 519-627-5228 for more information.

December 19

MARTIN
MCLACHLIN
MCLAUGHLIN
METAYER
MEYER

January 9

PASTOOR
PIETENS
RIEDL
RIESEBOS
SNELGROVE

January 16

TAYLOR
VANDENDOOL
VYVEY
WORKMAN
ANDERSON

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS:

Kindergarten

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2009. School will begin Tuesday, January 6, 2009.

PLEASE read the Candy Cane O Gram announcement in this newsletter. Thank you.

Grade 1 and 2:

Memory Verse (due December 17th):

Luke 2:4 - 14 "So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem, the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to the, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Congratulations to last week's P.O.W. winner:
Grade 2 – Celia B.

Week at a Glance:

- ** Grade 2 will be completing an in-class math assessment this week.
- ** AR/Snuggle-Up & Read goals are due this week!
- ** Please remember to send in 1 dozen cookies per family and to purchase a 25 cent Candy Cane O'Gram for your reading buddy.

Tuesday - Gym at Wallaceburg CRC
- Christmas Assembly @ 2:00 p.m.
(Gr. 3/4 will be leading this assembly)

Wednesday – Memory Verse Due
- In the afternoon we will be taking a bus with Mrs. Hoogstad's class to deliver cookies and Christmas cards to our community.

Thursday
– Class party (please feel free to bring in treats to share if you would like to).
– The A-Team will deliver the Candy Cane O'Grams to the students.

10:00 - 11:30 – Carolling at Sydenham residence
11:30 - 12:00 – Lunch
12:00 - 2:30 – School Skating

Friday – **No School!**

Have a Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!

Grade 3 and 4:

We have a very busy week here at school.

Tuesday: Assembly and singing practice for Sydenham Residence

Wednesday: Cookie delivery to local services

Thursday: Singing at Sydenham Residence & school skating

Friday: NO SCHOOL!!

I pray that you have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Memory Work: Luke 2:8-14 (NIV). This is due on December 16 for our Christmas assembly.

Math: **Please practice math facts daily with your child.** Both grades can work on addition and subtraction facts to 20 and the grade 4's can also work on multiplication facts up to 10 X 10.

Spelling: No test this week!

AR: Month Three Goals are due this Thursday. Grade 3 reading levels should have 30 points and Grade 4 reading levels should have 36 points. Please refer to your child's reading goal letter from September.

Wednesday: On Wednesday afternoon, we will be delivering cookies to local services as a thank you for the work that they do in our community. We are planning on taking the bus to each of these services and having the students go in groups to deliver the cookies. If you would like to join us, please phone the school.

Grade 5 and 6:

Christmas

Assembly: Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Health:

Test: Wednesday, December 17

Poster: Wednesday, December 17

Last day

of school: Thursday, December 18

8:50 -

10:00 a.m. Class party (feel free to bring in treats to eat if you want to).

10-11:30 Carolling at Sydenham residence

11:30 -

12:00p.m. Lunch

12:30-2:30 Skating

Merry Christmas!!

Grade 7 and 8: Term Two, Week Five

Math Test: Grade 7 and 8 on Wednesday

Spelling Test: Friday, December 12

1.manufactured

11. scented

2.assortment

12. aroma therapy

3.automobiles

13. inspection

4.dismantling

14. congratulations

5.aerospace

15. stability

6.declining

16. victorious

7.innovative

17. definition

8.appliances

18. protection

9.numerous

19. strategy

10.mainstream

20. narrative

WCS Community Challenge

Please send in this form to the school office when you have completed service hours.

Date: _____ **Hours of service:** _____

Description: _____

_____ **(Parent Signature)**

