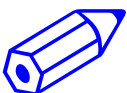




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Newsline 26

Principal's Message

Greetings WCS,

Life is certainly becoming busy at school now that we have had our first week of long practices. Personally I love these times; I love the whole dramatic process as students prepare for their parts, as plans are made for how the set will develop, to the types of costumes we will need, and all the technical aspects. I find it all very exciting.

Yet it could be very easy to get caught up in the excitement and lose focus on why we are here: to teach and help our students discover the gifts they have. With that in mind, allow me to share with you an interesting article I read lately, written by Clarence Joldersuma, a professor at Calvin College. In it he talks about the "Call" educators listen for as they contemplate entering the field of education, and how we need to stay focused even when we are in the field. He writes:

"The call does not come from the faculty that hired us, or the administration that pays us or the community that supports us. Instead the ethical call comes directly from the student as other. It is as if the trace of God shines through the visage of the student, as if God's call to teachers to be responsible comes directly through the student's face." (page 69 — C. Joldersuma, "Not only what or how, but Who?")

I had never thought clearly before, where this "Call" could be seen in a physical presence. Yet the explanation that Joldersuma uses

makes sense, but it also opens the door to many uneasy ideas. Joldersuma attempts to help us understand that our students are the "who" or "face" that are calling out, "do us no harm", just as the Good Samaritan. With this image, I have no difficulty looking at my students or any other neighbours, from the viewpoint of "do no harm". Yet to judge the quality to which I am listening to the "call", to what extent I am living it out, as I see it reflected in the faces of my students is very humbling.

Joldersuma spends a lot of time talking about the tensions teachers face in their teaching: the pace, the curricula, and the assessment practices. As an educator, thinking about these topics it would not take long to find examples where the faces of our students have shown less than beaming reflections of delight. Does it mean that we are falling short in our "call" because of the "face" is not showing it? I don't think so. Rather he says, we must stand firm in our "call" despite the forces outside of our control and simply claim, "Here I Am!"

May you all continue to pray for the staff as they will be putting in many more hours as opening day of our play draws closer, as well for the students, many of whom have an overwhelming amount of lines to learn. Above all, continue to pray that your educators will remain faithful to the call that God has placed upon each of their hearts.

Shalom,
Mr. Alblas

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS:

A-Team

On Wednesday, April 1, the A-Team encourages you to come to school dressed in your favourite mismatched clothing! We are looking forward to seeing how mismatched everyone can be on our **Mismatch Day!**

From Fundraising:

Students enjoyed their donuts and hot chocolate – a great way to end the week before March Break. Our profit from this was \$24.75.

TRIP News:

Please note:

- You have **until April 30** to reduce your tuition for next year (2009-10) by purchasing gift certificates for purchases you are going to make anyway! **Keep shopping with gift cards; it pays off!**
- Stekelbos will be closed from April 4 - 23. You can stock up on your gift cards using post-dated cheques, or purchase them from Laurie at the school, Lucia Kraayenbrink, Patti Metayer or Susan Beth Martin.

Scholastic

Orders from the March Scholastics are due back by Thursday, April 2. Please return the order form with a cheque (payable to Scholastic Canada Ltd.). Thank you!

The Magicians Nephew Sets:

We are beginning construction on the sets to the play. However, we are in need of many things in order to do so. If you could help out in donating any of the following objects, please let Mrs. Hoogstad or Mrs. Lammers know, or drop them off at the school. If you also need clarification about these things, please ask!

- 30 hinges
- black spray paint (at least 4 cans)
- blue acrylic paint - multiple tones for sky scenes
- chicken wire - enough to construct large paper mached rocks (life size)

- 4 - 4' lengths of chair rail
- lots of acrylic paints - oranges, yellows, reds, browns, white, black, purples, greens
- Christmas trees - all sizes
- glue gun sticks - lots
- 6 very small blow up pools - new born size and preferably blue

Thanks for all the help in collecting costumes and props for the Magician's Nephew! The following costumes and props are still needed:

- top hat
- fake mustaches / beards
- large animal costumes (lion, horse, warthog, bulldog, bear, bird, elephant, other animals)
- silk leaves
- giant wings
- battery operated candles
- guinea pig (live or stuffed animal)
- serving tray (old-fashioned style)
- bell
- garden arch

The students in JK to Grade 4 will need the following costumes for the play:

JK (stars) - black or dark blue clothing
SK (stars) - black or dark blue clothing
Grade 1 and 2 boys (grass) - green clothing
Grade 1 and 2 girls (flowers) - green clothing
Grade 3 (trees) - brown clothing
Grade 4 (animals) - varies depending on their animal costume.

Reminder: Concert this Saturday!

Wallaceburg Christian School is hosting a concert by Paraguayan harpist / speaker Eduard Klassen this Saturday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at the Dresden Community Church, Highway 21, Dresden. Tickets are \$10/person and \$35/family; they are available from Laurie at the school, and will also be available at the door. Please come out to support the school and enjoy an evening of wonderful music.

More information is available at www.eduardklassen.com

Children's First Grants

Please be advised that there are still five days remaining for families to apply for a Children First grant. Grants are worth 50% of tuition, up to an annual maximum of \$4,000 a year and are renewable until grade 8. Please help us spread the word by letting any interested families know they still have time to apply for a grant. The application will remain available on our website at www.childrenfirstgrants.ca until midnight on Tuesday, March 31st, 2009.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, April 1

Thursday, April 2

Saturday, April 4

Thursday, April 9

Friday, April 10

Monday, April 13

Wednesday, April 15

Wednesday, April 22

Friday, April 24

Wednesday, April 29

Thursday, April 30

Mismatch Day!

No school for Grades 1-4

Eduard Klassen Fundraising Concert

Breakfast & P.J. Day

Good Friday – no school

Easter Monday – no school

Vaccinations for Grade 7

Spring Society Meeting

P.D. Day – no school

JK Hotdog Day

Hotdog Day – Grade 3-4 to bring treats

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.

April 3

HILL

KRAAYENBRINK, Bernard

KRAAYENBRINK, Brian

KRAAYENBRINK, F & V

KRAAYENBRINK, H & J

April 10

KRAAYENBRINK, J & L

KRAAYENBRINK, L

LUTH, G & W

LUTH, G & A

MALOTT

April 17

MARTIN

MCLACHLIN

MCLAUGHLIN

METAYER

DEPOOTER, J & N

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS:

Junior Kindergarten

We are busy discussing and doing crafts and activities related to Palm Sunday and Easter. We had fun painting a mural about "The Road to Jerusalem" and cutting palm branches to glue on to the road.

Today we went for a trip to the Library as part of our community helpers unit. Thanks, Mr. Dale, for driving us. We also continue on with our sounds and letter recognition. The children have been discussing their phone numbers so we will spend some time learning our correct numbers.

On Wednesday, April 1st we will be having Mismatch Day, so dress with mismatched, backwards or inside out clothing. We will also be having breakfast food at lunch time.

Thanks, Mrs. Riesebos, for helping us. The April newsletter will go home on Wednesday.

Kindergarten:

This week the letter is **Uu**. The alphabet pal is Underwood Umbrella Bird. The Bible character is Uriah. Please pray for people in United Arab Emirates. The Bible verse is "Under His wings you will find refuge." Psalm 91:4 Snack is provided by Ethan.

Change to the Kindergarten calendar for April and May:

April 17	school
April 24	no school (P.D. Day)
May 1	school
May 28	no school (District Field Day)
May 29	school

Please return the purple folder (every Kindergarten day).

A new sheet will be handed will be handed out with words and sentences. The students need to practise the words and sentences at home. The students will be able

to put a sticker on their sheet if they are able to read it. Thank you!!!!

Please continue to practise the sight words and reading the booklets.

Grade 1 and 2:

1. **Spelling Tests this Friday.** Word Wall Words (for Grades 1 & 2):
about carry come every

Grade One Spelling (*words with the long i sound*)

cry my shy sky
pile mile smile tiles

Bonus Word: buys

Grade Two Spelling (*words with th*)

they them this that
these those both other
cloth thick thin

Bonus Word: clothes

2. **Memory Verse** (due Tuesday, April 7)
Matthew 28: 5 - 7, "The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."
3. **Math P.O.W.** sheets are due Next Monday!
Congratulations to last week's P.O.W. winners:
Gr.1 – Rachael Luth
Gr. 2 – Jonah Malott

Grade 3 and 4:

Math: Please practice math facts daily with

your child. It is very important that your child is practising these at home as well. ***Grade 4 has begun long division. Please review the steps each night with your child. For right now, we are not having remainders to our answers.

Spelling: List 17

card
hardest
aren't
large
marker
sharp
cartoon
artwork
army
dare
fair
bear
chair
stare
careful
airplane
scared
there
their
they're
nightmare(Bonus Word)

Memory Work: 2 Kings 17:17 is due on Monday, April 7. Keep practicing 2 Kings 17:13-16 as well for our test. **Our Bible test will be next Tuesday, April 7.** Watch for a review sheet this week.

Math: Grade 4 math test on Monday, April 6. This test is on addition (with and without regrouping), subtraction (with and without borrowing), multiplication (0-12 timestables), and simple division and long division, as well as problem solving.

Socials: There will be a socials test on Canada and mapping this Friday. A review sheet along with our socials notes went home this past Friday. We will be wrapping up the unit by this

week Wednesday, so be sure to watch for a few more notes on Canada's water, natural resources and national and provincial parks. Also watch for your child's expedition log to come home too.

The Play: Just to give you a heads up for the play...The grade 3s will need to wear all **dark brown** for the play. T-shirts are okay for the play as we can paint their arms to match. The grade 4s will need to wear colours that will match the animal that they are. A few grade 4s will also need to wear very fancy church clothes for a castle scene. These can be very colourful (preferably). Fancy Easter dresses/outfits or wedding apparel would work perfectly! Check with your child if they are in this scene.

Writing: The rough copy of our Fine Arts narrative is due tomorrow. The minimum amount of words is 150. The maximum is 1000.

Grade 5 and 6:

Please feel free to contact me at my new school email address:
jmatheson@wallaceburgchristianschool.com

Phys. Ed: Our class will now be having P.E. on Tuesdays and Thursdays outside so please dress for the weather.

Art: "Mundane Object Enlargements" are due **Tuesday.**

Field Trip: We are going to the Chatham Cultural Centre on **Thursday.** Students need to bring in their **\$3 by Tuesday.** Please contact me if you would like to go with us.

Memory Work: Matthew 5:3-12 - Due **Friday**

Spelling: Unit 24 – Test **Friday**
Grade 5

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. baseballs | 2. meanwhile |
| 3. impossible | 4. unhappiness |
| 5. grapefruit | 6. nonconformist |
| 7. changes | 8. misbehave |
| 9. indecision | 10. explain |
| 11. double | 12. form |
| 13. fire | 14. excuse |
| 15. league | 16. corner |
| 17. clutch | 18. switch |
| 19. carpenter | 20. letter carrier |
| 21. insurance | 22. arson |
| 23. investigate | 24. investigation |
| 25. umpire | |

Grade 6

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. interest | 2. manager |
| 3. indeed | 4. least |
| 5. foreign | 6. religion |
| 7. government | 8. seasonal |
| 9. settlement | 10. suggested |
| 11. stripes | 12. therefore |
| 13. separate | 14. experience |
| 15. grave | 16. flew |
| 17. drill | 18. clover |
| 19. capture | 20. lift |
| 21. market | 22. members |
| 23. religiously | 24. exhibition |
| 25. correspond | 26. diplomat |
| 27. diplomacy | |

Grade 7 and 8: Term Three, Week 5

** We have a field trip on Wednesday to learn about Geocaching. A memo was sent home last week Tuesday. Each student is required to **bring \$4.50** by Wednesday to cover the cost, thanks.

Journal: Journal is due **Monday, April 6th** For the next few weeks we will be writing a story in our journal. This week, write part 3 of your story.

Math: Grade 8 has a test on Wednesday

Memory Verse: “23 They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful backsliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God.” **Ezekiel 37:23**

Spelling Test- Friday, April 3rd

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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. protect | 2. protection |
| 3. stable | 4. stability |
| 5. victory | 6. victorious |
| 7. politics | 8. political |
| 9. graduate | 10. graduation |
| 11. inspect | 12. inspection |
| 13. strategy | 14. strategic |
| 15. tranquil | 16. tranquillity |
| 17. definition | 18. congratulate |
| 19. narrate | 20. immunize |

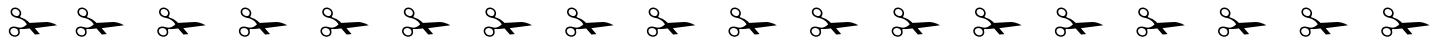
WCS Community Challenge

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

Date: _____ Hours of service: _____

Description: _____

_____ (Parent Signature)



WALLACEBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – IN STOCK Certificate / Gift Card Order Form

Name: _____ Cheque #: _____

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	Country Style 10%									
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✓	Gospel Text Bookstore 20%									
✓	Mark's Work Wearhouse 7%									
✓	M&M Meat Shops 5%									
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