



**January 11, 2010**



**Newsline 17**

### **Principal's Message**

Last week Thursday at our monthly staff meeting, we looked ahead at a number of events that are coming up in the next month, such as Winter Fun Day on January 28 in the afternoon and our Speech event on February 12. We also placed nominations for Principal of the Day for the month of December. I am pleased to announce that Jillian Lubbers (Grade 3) and Curtis Vandendool (Grade 5) were selected. The purpose of these nominations are to select students who have been showing elements of transformation in the way they think about themselves and others at school.

Jillian was selected because she has been developing confidence in her own abilities as a student and is willing to do more on her own; keep it up, we are very proud of what you have achieved. Curtis was selected because he has often been noted going out of his way to help others without being asked, such as helping JK and SK students dress for recess. He is also developing confidence in the work he is doing in the classroom. We are very proud that you are maturing and discovering your gifts, keep it up!

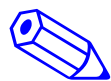
Below you will find another article written by our Chairman, Dale Maris, a gifted word smith. In his article he points out that our teachers undergo professional development to ensure that they meet the required skills in their profession, a field that is always

improving and developing. Yet they also are taught to take that knowledge and develop daily lessons from a Christian perspective.

Mr. Maris also reminds us that one of the joys of our school is the fact parents have a voice in the education of their children. I am very pleased to hear about the e-mails that are sent to our teachers with questions, concerns, and encouragements. Please continue to raise your voices in regard to the education of your children. We need to hear your thoughts and fears, for we partner in the raising and transforming of your children. Though all ideas and suggestions may not be able to be accommodated, the point is we will listen to what parents are thinking, so please continue to voice them. It is only through the art of communication that we will stay true to our mission and vision.

May you all have a blessed week as we continually reflect on the fact that we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ. (Lord's Day 1 – The Heidelberg Catechism)

Shalom,  
Mr. Andy J. Alblas



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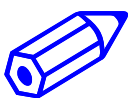
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## SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

### Hotmeal Day

Reminder: On Thursday, for those who ordered them, we will be having subs from Sister Subs in town.

\*\* We will also come around to each room with **Kapow Pops** that you can buy for **\$1**.

### Scholastic...

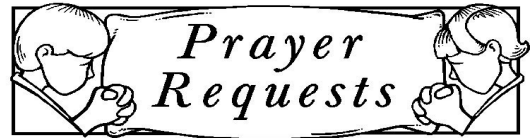
...will be handed out this week for the month of January. Please send in a cheque (Scholastic Canada Ltd) by January 28.

### Fish Fry – School Fundraiser:

There will be an all YOU Can Eat local Yellow Perch Dinner (includes all the trimmings) on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the Dresden Community Church.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$20 per person, children 6-10 \$10, children under 5 are FREE. Evening includes both a Silent Auction and Pie & Cake Auction. For tickets, call Brenda Goodreau @ 519-683-8945 or Brad Goodreau @ LV Electronics Ltd. 519-627-3127. Tickets can be picked up in Wallaceburg at Stekelbos Watch & Clock Repairs and at Wallaceburg Christian School. Come out and enjoy a nice evening with family and friends.

**Volunteers needed!** If you are able to help make this fundraiser a success, please call or email Brenda Goodreau at 519-683-8945 or [nantucketliz@yahoo.ca](mailto:nantucketliz@yahoo.ca) We are looking for help with putting up posters, selling tickets, set up, serving, clean up. We are also looking for donations of cakes and pies. Thank you!



*Mrs. Hoogstad will be undergoing surgery to remove her gall bladder on January 18. Let's pray that she has a successful surgery with a quick recovery, as well as patience as she heals.*

*Let us pray that God, our Great Physician, be with Anita Lubbers and her family, husband Glen, Jillian (Gr. 3), Connor (Gr. 1) and Amber. May He grant them all that they stand in need of.*



**Hannah Kraayenbrink  
January 11**

**Tina Foster  
January 14**

### 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.

Please note: Families are asked not to clean on Sundays. Thank you.

Contact Sue at 519-627-7586 or Janet at 519-626-9616 for more information.

#### January 15

ARNOLD  
CARRON  
DEPOOTER, Jeff  
DEPOOTER, Kevin  
DRUER, Jennifer

#### January 22

FOSTER  
GELLNER  
GOODREAU  
HAVEMAN  
HIGHFIELD

#### January 29

HILL  
KRAAYENBRINK, Bernard  
KRAAYENBRINK, Brian  
KRAAYENBRINK, Dennis  
KRAAYENBRINK, Fred

## **TRENDLINES** – *by Dale Maris, Board Chair*

### **WCS In the Age of Specialization**

In my lifetime I have received instruction in a one room schoolhouse, a centralized public school, a small high school and a larger high school, as well as an agricultural college and a publicly funded university. The dynamic changes in delivering education that have occurred in my lifetime will not decrease but rather increase. Dynamic change is a common characteristic of our day and age. As knowledge increases, regardless of the subject matter, and as technology places the world of information at the availability of a computer search engine, it becomes difficult to process, incorporate and utilize the ever-expanding resources available. This situation is not isolated to education but evident also in farming, industry, medicine and whatever segment of the economy selected.

One means to effectively manage the specialization of society and the economy is to rely upon professionals. Long gone are the days of my great-grandparents when the equivalency of a secondary school diploma was qualification enough to teach. The teachers at our school receive ongoing "Professional Development" to ensure they are aware of trends and techniques that impact the classroom. Our principal has the added educational burden of working upon his Master's of Education degree. The teaching staff at our school are appraised for their competency in such an intricate matter as training up your children in a Christian worldview.

We have confidence that our professional staff have the qualifications to teach. It is also crucial that WCS not lose the distinction that we have in that the parents and guardians of the students have a meaningful influence on the education which is delivered. However, reality is such that for most families time is always perceived to be 'short' and work abounds. But then, that is a discussion for another day.

It is imperative that the home and school partner together to provide the best education possible for the children. Each partner brings an equal share 'to the table'. The parent knows the child in an intimate way that the teacher never can. The teacher brings a trained mind to present the 'buffet' of educational choices best suited to the child and class. Participating in your child's education helps to ensure that the graduates of WCS are suited for service in secondary and post secondary school, their vocational choice and their community.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tuesday, January 12	3:30-5:00 p.m.	<b>Basketball Practice</b>
Wednesday, January 13	3:30-5:00 p.m.	<b>Basketball Practice</b>
Thursday, January 14		<b>Hot Lunch – Subs!</b>
	7:30 p.m.	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Tuesday, January 19	3:30-5:00 p.m.	<b>Basketball Practice</b>
Wednesday, January 20	3:30-5:00 p.m.	<b>Basketball Practice</b>
Thursday, January 21		<b>Education Committee Meeting</b>
Monday, January 25		<b>Gr. 5-6 Trip to the Safety Village</b>
Tuesday, January 26	3:30-5:00 p.m.	<b>Basketball Practice</b>
Wednesday, January 27		<b>Classroom Assembly</b>
		<b>JK Hotdog Day</b>
	3:30-5:00 p.m.	<b>Basketball Practice</b>
Thursday, January 28		<b>Hotdog Day – treats brought by Grade 1-2</b>
		<b>Winter Fun Day</b>
Friday, January 29		<b>Professional Activity Day – no school</b>
Monday, February 1		<b>Basketball Tournament</b>

## ***CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS***

A.R. Goals Due

### **Senior Kindergarten**

The letter this week is **Kk**. The alphabet pal is Karen Kangaroo. The Bible character is Kish. The Bible verse is "Keep your tongue from evil." Ps. 34:13. Please pray for the people in Korea. Snack is provided by: Alec

Kindergarten will be **switched from Friday, February 19 to Friday, February 12.**

Thank you for the gifts given to me at Christmas time. They were very much appreciated

Are there any parents willing to make 2 different kinds of play-do for the Kindergarten classroom? Any colour would be appreciated.

### **Grade 1 and 2:**

**Monday:** See class newsletter for important class information

**Tuesday:** Gym Class

**Wednesday:** Math P.O.W. Sheet Due

**Thursday:** Sub Sandwich Lunch

**Friday:** Spelling Test  
Memory Verse Due

### **Grade 3 and 4:**

Spelling: List 16

deaf  
playing  
racket  
held  
plenty  
information  
praise  
kid  
useful  
powerful  
signing  
speaking  
means  
wonderful  
worship  
mind  
transform  
sinful  
uninformed  
plentiful

Bible: Monday & Tuesday → Review of Exodus Unit  
Wednesday → Test  
Thursday → New Unit: God's Law

We are working on speeches everyday at school. Could you please continue working on them with your child at home.

### **Grade 5 and 6:**

Bible: Joseph Project Due Wed.

Memory Work: Due Thursday Genesis 45:5  
**"And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you."**

Children's Book due Friday

Rough Copy of Speeches Due Friday

Spelling Activities due Friday - 1, 7, 16

Our class has been invited to visit the Children's Safety Village in Chatham on Monday, January 25. We will be learning about farm safety, basic first aid, internet safety, ATV safety and a lot more! There is no cost for this trip, but, **we must have a minimum of 3 Chaperones in order to go.** Please send me a note, an email or leave a message at the school if you are available to go with us.

### **Grade 7 and 8: Term 2 Week 7**

#### **Homework and Unit Overviews:**

**Memory Verse:** 7 Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved." **John 10:7-9**

**Bible:** Unit – Upon this Rock -- Called to faithful

living

**Mon** – Working on Assignment One – What does God intend

**Tues** – Continue Assignment

**Wed** – God's Intention for the Church

**Thurs** – Continue Assignment

**Fri** – Continue Assignment – Due on Monday

**Math:** Our focus for the next two week will be on Problem Solving. A small package will be given to each student. The assignment pages we will be working on are found below:

#### **Grade 7 Math**

Mon – 100

Tues – 101

Wed – Review

Thurs – Review

Fri – **Test**

#### **Grade 8 Math**

Mon – 108-109

Tues – 110-111

Wed – Review

Thurs – Review

Fri – **Test**

**History:** This week we will be learning:

† Lesson 15 – Merchant and Craft Guilds (Chapter 24, WS 15-1,3)

† Lesson 16 – 100 Year War (Chapter 25-26, WS 16-1 and 2)

† Lesson 17 – Early Reformers (Chapter 27, WS 17-1)

† History Project – Due Thursday

**Geography:** The December Package is due on Tuesday. The next one will not come until February.

## **Language Arts:**

### **Spelling- Spelling Sentences due Wednesday, Test on Friday**

attachment  
apparent  
appetite  
application  
imagination  
aquarium  
dignity  
convict  
sewers  
alternate  
eternal  
murmur  
terrific  
bulletin  
transit  
transfer  
embarrass  
commission  
certificate  
recommend

**Reading/Writing:** We continue speech writing in Language Arts. Speeches will be presented in class on Tuesday, February 2 and Wednesday, February 3.

**French:** This week we will be studying irregular adjectives and their agreement with masculine, feminine and plural nouns.

**Science:** This week we are studying the makeup of both plant and animal cells. Students will be required to know the functions and names of different cell organelles for our unit test in the end of February.

**Art:** This week we continue our "Art Show with the Masters" lesson. Students have been assigned groups to work with as well as individual tasks. Information has been sent home for parents to sign and must be returned by tomorrow, **January 12.**



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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cheque #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Declining Balance Gift card	RETAILER	\$5	\$10	\$20	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$250	\$ Total
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✓	Mark's Work Wearhouse 7%								
✓	M&M Meat Shops 5%								
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