



February 16, 2010



Newsline 22

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Greetings WCS,

Today I would like to expand on a thought written by our humble Board Chair in his Trendline article today. He writes, "God created mankind to be in a relationship with Him and with other people." This past Sunday I heard this explained so beautifully in a message that was presented by a lead singer, Mr. Kevin McGlade, a member of the British hip-hop/rap group "29th Chapter." In McGlade's message, he spoke of how humans are constantly looking for experiences that allow us to connect with others. He used examples of sporting events, concerts or simply, the weird and strange. Yet once each of the events have come to an end, we once again return to our isolation, content to plug in our Ipods and hide behind our social networks on computers. We crave to be connected and form relationships, but we only catch glimpses of it from time to time. The reason we crave this is because we are created to be in relationships, so when we catch a glimpse of it, we are only seeing a dim reflection of things to come.

One of the beautiful aspects of our school is that we are free to explore relationships in the light of the Glory of God. We are able to model that relationships require us to give with love, with no expectation of return. We do

what we do because we love God and we love all members of our community. It doesn't matter what differences we have, we simply love because He first loved us. This is the message we want our students to understand every time struggles present themselves. It is the same message we want parents to understand when disappointments and frustrations surface.

Last week saw our community gathered together many times to support each other. At times, it was under the air of deep sorrow, leaving many unanswered questions. Yet, we came and showed we cared with a hug, words of encouragement, and just to grieve as one body. We gathered to hear students share words that were placed on their hearts, and we were amazed at the strength and courage it took to share. Then we gathered to support a cause that is so close to all our hearts as we ate together and celebrated that God is the foundation of all things.

My prayer is that we will continue to build a relationship with each other, trusting that it is good, because we are simply modelling what God intended us to do. This school is not mine, nor any student, parent, staff member, or supporting member. This school belongs to God, and he has already equipped this place with many members to accomplish

the work he has already set for us to do. Therefore, let us continue to encourage each other to carry on with the work that needs to be done: to educate the students, to build a stronger relationship between the home, school, and church, and to promote our school in the community. This way we will let the light of God shine, because as I have already said, this is His school, not ours.

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

Open House / Registration Day

Our Open House / Registration Day is set for next Monday and Tuesday, February 22 and 23, from 1-3 and 7-9 p.m. This Open House is set up for Junior Kindergarten, as well as new families interested in SK- Gr. 8 Please note: all current JK students are considered registered for SK next year.

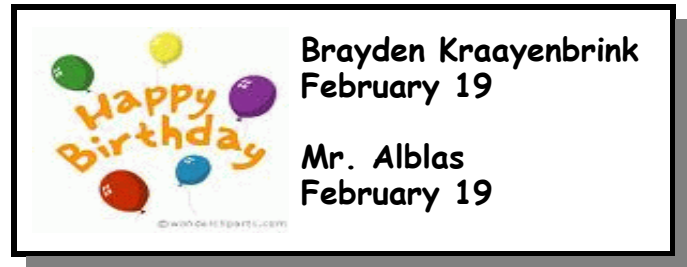
Please let your friends and relatives know about our school, and the opportunity they have to come in and get a tour, and have any questions answered.

Storytelling & Speeches

Thanks to all the parents and students who worked so hard on their speeches and stories. The students have done a terrific job preparing and delivering them. On Friday, we were able to hear speeches and stories shared from each grade level, and the students who were selected to share did a fantastic job! Way to go everyone!

We'd like to thank Rev. Brian Horrobin, Rev. Richard Vander Vaart and Rev. Larry Hutchins for being our guest judges. Each year, three students are selected to move on to the Legion's speech contest and this year those students are:

Grades 1 - 3: Rachael Luth
Runner-Up: Jillian Lubbers
Grades 4 - 6: Nathan Luth
Runner-Up: Tina Foster



Grades 7 - 8: Katie Kraayenbrink
Runner-Up: Sarah Kraayenbrink

Congratulations on a job well done!

Fish Fry

Thank you to all who attended our Fish Fry and Auction on Saturday, and helped to make it such a success. More details on the final numbers will be available next week.

Little Caesar Fundraiser – Reminder

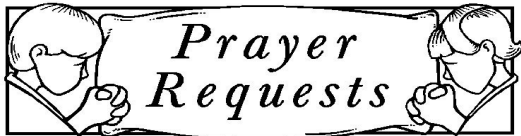
Order forms need to back in to the school by February 19, and you'll be able to pick up your orders on March 3. Thanks to everyone who help to make our school fundraisers a success!!!

Scholastic

...for the month of February will be handed out this week. Please return order form and a cheque to Scholastic Canada Ltd. by Thursday, February 25.

Gift Certificate Fundraiser (T.R.I.P.)

REMINDER: please continue to keep using gift cards for your every day purchases. They are available through Laurie at the school, Stelkelbos on Dufferin Ave., Susan Beth Martin, Patti Metayer, and Lucia Kraayenbrink. **THANK YOU** to everyone who uses them faithfully.



Mrs. Arlene Maris will be undergoing surgery this week; please pray that everything goes well.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, February 18 7:00 p.m.
 Monday, Tuesday, Feb. 22 & 23 1-3 and 7-9 p.m.
 Wednesday, February 24 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, February 25
 Friday, February 26
 Friday, March 5
 Thursday, March 11
 March 15 - 22

Board Meeting
Open House and Registration
Gr . 1-4 trip to Chatham Cultural Centre
JK Hotdog Day
Hotdog Day (Gr. 7-8 bring treats)
P. D. Day – no school
Report Cards
Board Meeting
March Break! – no 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.
 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.

February 19

KRAAYENBRINK, Gordon
 KRAAYENBRINK, Herman
 PASTOOR
 PIETENS
 RIEDL

February 26

RIESEBOS
 SNELGROVE
 TAYLOR
 VANDENDOOL
 VYVEY

March 5

ANDERSON
 ARNOLD
 CARRON
 DEPOOTER, J & L
 DEPOOTER, K & R

TRENDLINE ARTICLE – by Dale Maris, Board Chair

WCS in the Age of Isolation

I can recall during my grade school years, during periods of life which were stressful, occasionally having a vivid, recurring dream. In my dream I stood in a totally darkened room. All I could sense was that I was standing in a corner, facing outward, seeing nothing. Although I could not see them, I knew the walls which formed the corner wherein I stood stretched out without end. I always awoke from my dream strangely comforted, although not knowing why I took comfort in such a dream.

It wasn't until I grew older that I understood the dream. Although I stood in a corner and ahead of me was total darkness, I realized that I was being held up by a floor that would support me wherever I walked. Those circumstances in life, none of which I can recall, seemed so ominous at the time. More certain than the trepidation I felt, was the certainty that when I had to step out of my corner, I would not be stepping into a chasm. As soon as I understood the message of the dream, it ceased.

There will be times for all of us that it will seem the "floor will fall out beneath us". Our school has been going through 'deep waters' of late. During these times, when we seem to be in a free fall into the abyss, God will send along a friend, family member, an associate or even a perfect stranger to catch us. Indeed, there may be those times when all 'mortal flesh may fail you' that He himself will be the one to carry you through the 'deep waters'.

At WCS, a core principle of Christian education is the beneficial working together of the school, church and home. God created mankind to be in relationship with Him and with other people. WCS has a distinct school identity, undergirded by relationships that cross generations. We have seen the power of the WCS community throughout this past week. Our vision statement includes the following excerpt on relationships:

We provide a safe and caring environment with opportunities to serve others and the wider community.

In this day and age, when so many in our communities struggle due to fractured relationships with family, friends, neighbours and God, we endeavour to serve them by creating a safe and caring school environment. We can stride forward confidently, regardless of the dark corners that life may have backed us into, because we have a firm foundation built upon Jesus Christ, the chief cornerstone.

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS

Senior Kindergarten

The letter this week is **Pp**. The alphabet pal is Penelope Pig. The bible character is Peter. The bible verse is "Praise the Lord". Please pray for people in Papua New Guinea. Snack is provided by: Brayden

The booklet: At the Zoo will be handed out this week. The sight words are: at, you, are. Please practise these words.

Grade 1 & 2

Tuesday: Gym Class
Please see Class Newsletter

Wednesday: AR Goal Due

Friday: Field Trip \$ Due
Spelling Test

100th Day of School Celebration

☆ Upcoming Field Trip: On Wednesday, February 24, Grades 1 - 4 will be visiting the Chatham Cultural Centre for an art workshop on colour theory. We will be leaving the school by bus at 9:00 a.m. and will be returning to the school around noon. The cost of the field trip is \$2.75 per student and needs to be turned in by this Friday! If you are interested in chaperoning for this field trip, please contact me.

Grade 3 & 4

On Wednesday, February 24, Grade 1-4 will be visiting the Cultural Centre. We will be participating in an Art Workshop on Colour Theory. We will be leaving the school by bus, leaving at 9:00 a.m. and will be returning to the school around 12:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$2.75. The payment is due by Friday, February 19. We are still in need of help for this trip, please contact me.

Congratulations to Brendan, Jillian, Ben and Nathan who were chosen to present their speeches on Friday. Special congratulations to Nathan who won his category (Grade 4-6) and

will go on to compete at the legion! Way to go!

The Olympics are underway! Each day in Grade 3/4 we will be talking about the events of previous days, and keeping a tally of Canadian medals won. In addition, their journal writing during the Olympics will be about various aspects of the games. Each student has a booklet "My Podium Pages" where they will answer questions and be able to state their opinions and feelings about the importance of the Olympic Games being held in Canada.

Spelling: Lesson 20 - answer, lunches, Canada, slip, capital, sinner, mourn, minutes, sail, tooth, beaver, windows, floor, tired, terrace, woman, beard, engine, memory

Pretest - Thursday

Test - Friday

A.R.: Goals are due by Friday, February 19

Bible: Review - Tuesday & Wednesday
Test - Thursday

Math: Please continue practising multiplication and division facts with your child at home. Grade 3 has begun multiplication and Grade 4 is working on long division, with and without remainders.

Health: This week we will be continuing our unit on "Being Me." We have been talking about encouraging words vs. put-downs. The central theme seems to be the power of our words. Students were asked to say one encouraging comment about each student in the class, and I was very impressed with the sincerity of these comments. I think this really helped strengthen relationships within the classroom. We will be talking about feelings this week and the best ways to deal with them. Students will be encouraged to share thoughts and feelings, but are allowed to pass at any time if they feel uncomfortable.

Grade 5 & 6

Tuesday Phys. Ed.

Wednesday VIP Visit

Thursday Recorder Yellow Belt Due

Friday Spelling Due
Activities 1, 10, 13, 26
Memory Work Due
Last Day of Term 2

Olympic Sport Project due Tuesday, February 23.

Memory Work: The Ten Commandments
Vertical Commandments

1. Have no other gods.
2. Make no images.
3. Keep God's name holy.
4. Keep God's day holy.

Horizontal Commandments

5. Honour your father and mother
6. Don't murder.
7. Don't commit adultery.
8. Don't steal.
9. Don't lie.
10. Don't covet anything.

Grade 7 & 8 Term 2 Week 12

Homework and Unit Overviews:

Memory Verse: "8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

Philippians 4:8-9

Math: Grade 7

Mon – 141-143, 149, 158-162
Tues – 168-172
Thurs – 177-180

Fri – 203-205, 209

Grade 8

Tues – 156-157, 162, 170, 172

Wed – 173-175, 181, 188, 190

Thurs – 191-192, 195-196, 199-200

Fri – 205, 211, 213

History:

1. Lesson 4 – Ulrich Zingli (Chapter 6 and 7)
2. Lesson 5 – The Radical Reformation (Chapter 10–16)

Language Arts:

Spelling- Test on Friday

realized
recognize
apologize
shield
welfare
triumph
brake
satellite
considerable
desirable
prepaid
heir
regardless
combination
modify
scientific
feature
schedule
acquaintance
inquiries

Reading/Writing: We are now finished with speeches, well done everyone! This week we begin our study of Poetry in both Reading and Writing. Over the course of this unit, students will be required to read and interpret poetry, as well as write some of their own poems.

French: This week in French we will continue our study of irregular adjectives and irregular

verbs. The **unit test** will take place next **Wednesday, February 24** in class. Students will be provided with materials for review.

Science: Cell Model Projects are due next **Thursday, February 25**. Students should continue working on these at home and can bring them to school finished any time this week. Students were sent home with instructions several weeks ago, which should be followed.

Art: We are still in the middle of our "Art Show with the Masters" lesson. Students will be working on recreating a piece from the artist they are studying this week, as well as planning the art show that will take place at the end of this project.

To all grade 8 students: Your option sheets for WDSS must be handed into Mrs. Groendyk no later than this Friday, February 19. If there are any questions regarding the sheets, please feel free to ask.



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
✓	Canadian Tire 4%								
✓	Cara Restaurants (Harveys, Swiss Chalet, Kelseys, Montana) 3%								
✓	Country Style 10%								
	Crabby Joe's (W'burg only) 25%								
✓	Gospel Text Bookstore 10%								
✓	Home Hardware 4%								
✓	Mark's Work Wearhouse 7%								
✓	M&M Meat Shops 5%								
✓	No Frills, Zehrs, Superstore 5%								
✓	PharmaPlus 5%								
✓	Shoppers Drug Mart 5%								
	Sobeys, Foodland, IGA (paper) 5%								
✓	Sobeys only cards 5%								
✓	Subway 4%								
✓	Tim Hortons 5%								

Please indicate if this is a recurring order (attach postdated cheques) **Weekly** ___ **Monthly** ___

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