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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings WCS,

For the past number of months, the following words have been running through my head: community, relationships, and blessings. Part of the reason is that these words have been a focus of the different online classes I am taking, but I am also hearing them more often in the sermons on Sundays. When I hear similar topics being addressed in a number of areas, I can't help but stop and think, is God talking to me?

The month of February has always been a conflicting month for me. On one hand I should feel excited about celebrating a birthday and looking forward to spending time with family and friends. On the other hand, I dread what seems to happen every year at school during this month. The students seem to experience the February blahs by being less tolerant of each other and quicker to snap at each other. For that reason, I am very thankful that March is here, and with it, sunny days with blue skies.

So how does the difficulties that February often brings relate to the three words I began this article with? If we were to explore the meaning behind community, we would see a community as a group bonded together by common values and ideas, in which every member takes ownership of the community and looks for ways to build it up. It is when

community breaks down that difficulties arise, and its members become less content. Therefore, if our students are bickering with each other, or frustrated with their teachers, is that a sign that their community is breaking down? If this is the case, we need to ask ourselves what should be done about it. Do we take a hard approach and dish out more punishment, or do we seek ways to restore the community?

I believe a big part of building a community is based upon the relationships we form with the people in the community. This takes a lot of work to maintain, for it is so easy to begin thinking as an individual and forget the values and ideas that built the community. Sometimes I wonder if the students, parents, teachers, and board members are on the same page when it comes to our shared values and ideas. Our website has the key documents that binds our school together: Our Constitution, Purpose and Vision, Educational Philosophy, and Graduate Profile.

Do we read these documents to see clearly what built this community, are we continuing to build a relationship with each other with the common understanding, and finally, are we going out of our way to bless one another? This is not just to be a blessing to others (serving and doing acts of kindness), but to

really speak a blessing over your child as they leave for school. Maybe the chair of each committee should bless their group as they leave to do the work they have agreed upon. How would the students react if their teacher were to bless them each day as they enter the school and when they leave? Would this act of blessing each other change our attitudes, and help with the February blahs or other difficulties we face? I know I need to be reminded to be a blessing, but also bless others: my students, the teachers, parents, and board members. I believe we honour God when we build a community that is focussed on relationships, and have people willing to bless each other.

Shalom,
Mr. Andy J. Alblas

SCHOOL NEWS ITEMS

Report Cards:

Student report cards were sent home last Friday. These are your copies to keep; they do not need to be returned to the school.

Hockey Tickets!!!!

The 2 tickets for the **Detroit Red Wings hockey game on March 11 (this Thursday!) are still available.** If you are interested, please contact the office as soon as possible. Thank you! Money raised will go to a special project at the school.

Catering Opportunities!

Anyone interested in being involved with catering events such as anniversaries, birthdays, etc. as a way to raise funds for the school, please contact the office. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



Anneka Hoogerbrugge	March 9
Nicholas Kraayenbrink	March 9
Mikey Picard	March 10
Miss Loxton	March 13

Breakfast Day

Our breakfast day went very well last week and was a big hit with the students! Thanks to all for participating! A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the moms who helped, Judy Foster, Anna Hill and Lorraine Kraayenbrink. We could not have done the breakfast without your help, it was very much appreciated! The Fundraising Ladies

The Great Big Crunch

On Thursday, March 11 we will be participating in the March Great Big Crunch Event. All across Canada, students will be biting into an apple at precisely 2:30 p.m. Money to purchase apples as provided by the Chatham-Kent Student Nutrition Program.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, March 10

2:30-3:25 p.m.

Grade 5-6 VIP Graduation

Thursday, March 11

7:00 p.m.

Meeting with Grade 7-8 Parents and Board

March 15 - 22

March Break! – no school

Thursday, March 25

Hotdog Day – Gr. 5-6 to bring treats

Wednesday, March 31

JK Hotdog Day

Friday, April 2

Good Friday – no school

Monday, April 5

Easter Monday – no school

Thursday, April 15

Grade 7 vaccinations

Thursday, April 22

Grandparents Day!

Friday, April 30

P.D. Day – no school; please note the change from April 23

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.

March 12

GELLNER
GOODREAU
HAVEMAN
HIGHFIELD
HILL

March 26

KRAAYENBRINK, Bernard
KRAAYENBRINK, Brian
KRAAYENBRINK, D & L
KRAAYENBRINK, F & V
KRAAYENBRINK, H & J

April 2

KRAAYENBRINK, J & L
KRAAYENBRINK, L
BENN
LUTH, G & W
LUTH, G & A

CLASSROOM NEWS ITEMS

Junior Kindergarten

We have one more day before we are off for two weeks!

Wednesday will be a special day for Junior Kindergarten as we will be leading the assembly at 10 a.m. Parents are welcome to see what the JK's have been practising.

Also in the next week, look for a special letter to come home in the mail. We continue to work on our letters and counting as well as learning some small sight words.

Happy Birthday to Anneka who turns 5 tomorrow!

Today we had fun doing some new outdoor activities like basketball, bowling and hula hoops.

Mrs. Bokma

Senior Kindergarten

The letter this week is **Ss**. The alphabet pal is Sammy Seal. The Bible character is Samson. The bible verse is "Seek the Lord while he may be found." Isaiah 55:6 Please pray for the people in Sri Lanka. Snack is provided by: Jordan.

On Friday the children took home their towels. The children may return their towels after the March break if they want to.

Correction: The new booklet which will be sent home this week is called: What can you do? Sight words are: look, can, too, not. Sorry for the mistake.

Have a great March break, and see you all after the break.

Grade 1 & 2

Monday: Please see Class Newsletter
Tuesday: Gym Class
Friday: Spelling Tests
Memory Verse Due

Matthew 28: 18 - 19

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’ ”

☆ The trip to the Cultural Center has been rescheduled for Friday, March 26. We will be leaving the school at 9 a.m. and will be returning around noon. If you are still interested or able to volunteer to come along, please contact Mrs. DeTamble or myself.

Grade 3 & 4

The trip to the Cultural Centre has been rescheduled for Friday, March 26. We will be leaving the school at 9 a.m., returning around noon. If you are still interested or able to volunteer to come along, please contact myself or Mrs. VanderEnde.

As you may have noticed, we have started using planners over the last week. Please try to look at your child’s planner every evening and initial that you have read what is going on in the class that day. The students will receive special points in the classroom if every person at their table has a signed planner.

Tuesday Gym Class

Thursday Spelling Pretest
Math quiz - practice addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Friday Spelling Test

Spelling List 23: heart, slippery, tempted, earn, hid, liver, horses, skinned, slept, baked, times, wearing, cried, rope, spent thirst, obedient, stood, pleased, pleasure

Grade 5 & 6

Tuesday Phys. Ed.
Olympic Projects

Wednesday Assembly
VIP Graduation

Friday Spelling Due - Activities 9, 12, 25
French Project Due
Mrs. Matheson’s Last Day

Grade 7 & 8 Term 3 Week 3

Homework and Unit Overviews:

Memory Verse:

6 "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." Joshua 1:6-7 – **yes a repeat for last week, too many students didn’t learn it, and those that did will not have a problem to do it again.**

Math:

Grade 7

Mon – Problem Solving pg 244-245
Tues – Problem Solving pg 246-247
Wed – Problem Solving pg 248-249
Thurs – Problem Solving pg 250-251
Fri – Problem Solving quiz

Grade 8

Mon – 280, 285-286, 289
Tues – 2960-291, 294
Wed – 298, 306, 308
Thurs – 209-310, 313-314
Fri – 317

History:

1. Lesson 9 – The English Reformation (Chapter 20-23, WS 9-1)
2. Lesson 10 – St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits (Chapter 24 WS 10-1)

Geography: The March Current events package was given out on Friday. It will be due on April 1. This time I am holding the quiz

pages for after the package is handed in. I want to see how well they have read.

Computer class: The students are working on creating animation by drawing little scenes using a paint program on the computer. When their scenes are finished, we will tie them all together to make a short animation film.

Language Arts: Spelling- Test on Friday

bureau
communicate
unfortunately
advisable
decision
radiator
persuade
continually
assurance
remembrance
endure
statues
revenue
commercial
tranquil
fury
autobiography
automation
undoubtedly
reel

Reading/Writing: We continue our study of poetry this week. We will be writing Haiku and free-verse poems this week.

French: Students will be continuing to work independently on their French projects. Instruction sheets should be returned signed no later than **tomorrow**.

Science: This week we begin our unit on Forces at Work. We will be looking at 9 different forces through experimentation and exploring the difference between contact and non-contact forces.

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✓	Country Style 10%								
	Crabby Joe's (W'burg only) 25%								
✓	Gospel Text Bookstore 10%								
✓	Home Hardware 4%								
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✓	No Frills, Zehrs, Superstore 5%								
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✓	Shoppers Drug Mart 5%								
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Weekly ____ **Monthly** ____

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