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A Weekly Newsletter to Bowmanville District Christian School Society Families

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From the Principal's Desk

The king asked, "Is there anyone left from the family of Saul to whom I can show some godly kindness?" 2 Samuel 9:3

We never know the impact of an act of kindness we show to someone. One act of kindness today may have an impact on others years down the road. Before David was King, he was a good friend with Jonathan, who was the son of King Saul. David and Jonathan were loyal friends, even though King Saul felt threatened by the knowledge that David had been chosen to be the next King of Israel. Years after David was crowned the King of Israel, he was thinking of his friend, Jonathan, and the kindness he had shown to David. David asked if there were any of Saul's family left because he wanted to reward the kindness that had been shown to him by Jonathan, even though there had been conflict between David and Saul. When David found out that some of Saul's family was still alive, he sent for them. Mephibosheth, who was Jonathan's son, was given back everything that had belonged to Saul and his family. Mephibosheth was also invited to eat at the royal table as one of the royal family. In our interactions with each other each day, one act of kindness today may have a significant impact years down the road, maybe even in future generations. The sacrifices and actions of the founding generation of Knox Christian School have made an impact on today. Our sacrifices and actions today will have an impact on the next generations. As we face the challenges of today and plan for tomorrow, let us continually pray for God's wisdom, guidance, and blessing. I will leave you with a question: if we viewed each word and action as having the potential to change the future, would we behave differently?

Community News

Thursday, January 19, 2012

JK/SK Registration for 2012-2013

Yes! It is time to start thinking about registering for the 2012-2013 school year. Our Kindergarten registration and open house will occur on February 14 and 15 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. If you have a child starting in Kindergarten in the fall, please contact the office for more information.

Pre-enrolment Forms

Pre-enrolment forms will also go out in February to be returned by Friday, March 9. If you know of any families that may be interested in attending Knox, please have them contact the school office. We would love to answer any questions they may have and take them on a tour of the school.

Speech Festival

Our local Speech Festival is coming up soon - February 10. Please read your class updates for deadlines and connect with your child on their progress.

Save the Date

The Knox Fundraising Committee is hosting a Spring Fling Dinner/Evening out on March 31 and would love to see you there! Details will follow.

Thanks

Thank you for the donations to our Dominican Republic project. The money will be used to complete a home for a Dominican family and the balance will purchase rice and beans for the orphanage.

Ed and Sylvia Rypstra

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Kaldeway - Financial Administrator - as they were blessed with a healthy baby girl, Mikayla Rose, on Monday night.

The Inside Scoop

Mrs. Rozema, looking sprightly in her hairdo, entertained us with her guitar and the story of "Why the Bear has a Short Tail" in our Spirit Day Assembly yesterday. Students and staff looked cozy in their pajamas in the sub-zero weather! Students are reminded to focus on "random acts of kindness" this January. How about scraping off your parents' cars in the morning or shoveling the snow that falls occasionally this winter?

Pastors' Day

We will be hosting our Pastor's Day on January 25, 2012. A form went home last Wednesday asking each family to confirm church affiliation, as well as pastor's name, phone number and e-mail address, as we don't want to forget any pastor with our invitations. Please return the form to the office as soon as possible so that the Development Committee can plan their day! Thanks for your help!

Cookbook

The Knox Fundraising Committee is excited about plans for the Knox Christian School Cookbook to be published this Spring. The cookbook will be available for sale at such events as Grandfriend's Day, Maplefest, Applefest and the Bazaar. We are asking for your favourite recipes. Please forward your recipes to fundraising@knoxchristian.com, or to the Knox office addressed "cookbook" by no later than February 3rd. Thanking you in advance for your help in making this another successful fundraising endeavour. The Knox Fundraising Committee

CLASSROOM REPORTS

Bowmanville Pre-School – Mrs. Reid

As we explore our favourite things to do in winter, this wee, I am reminded that one of the great perks of being a pre-school teacher is witnessing the simple joy and learning that takes place as we play in the snow! Thank you, God, for snow!

JK/SK – Mrs. DeJong

What happens to margarine when it's heated? What happens to marshmallows when they're heated? What can you make when you add a specific cereal to the mix? You may have guessed what our tasty treat was last week! This week's letter is "Dd." Do you know how to play dominoes? Dodge ball? What was bothering King Pharaoh during the second plague sent by God? Come and check our bulletin board! What do you think of wearing pajamas to school? How many of us like that idea? How many don't? We should count and make a graph.

Parents: I'm looking for donations of the case/tile pieces for VERI-TECH and THINK-IT-THROUGH (Discovery Toys) Tiles. I'd be glad to accept any and/or answer questions.

Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Crookall

This week we welcomed "Nemo" and "Goldy", our pet goldfish, into our class. We are enjoying watching them as we learn about Fish in Creation Studies. The Grade 1 Word Wall Words for this week were: "down", "of", "have", "eat", and "friend". Grade 2 did not receive a new spelling list this week. Instead, we reviewed all our present Word Wall Words. Thank you to all those who sent in old CD's for our craft project. We have lots for the whole class now. Next week's Show & Tell theme is "Snow".

Grade 3 - Mrs. McDowell

What fun we've been having looking at family photos. We're continuing in this reading theme for a few more weeks, so there's still time for your child to bring in family pictures, if they haven't yet done so. We are excited to begin multiplication in math next week. Our work patterns this week are: "'-er", "-irl", "-urt". We have a word quiz tomorrow. In grade 3/4 we have blasted off and are enjoying learning about our planet Earth and, over the next few weeks, and beyond! January book orders are now due on Wed., Jan.25.

Grade 4 - Ms. Ullman

We are going to work on rounding numbers in math. In grammar we will be reviewing homonyms, synonyms, and antonyms. We are doing very well summarizing our chapters on the book *Mr. Popper's Penguins*.

Grade 5 – Mrs. Bandstra & Mrs. Rozema

Our speech outlines are helping us as we write this week. Our speeches are varied, exciting, and well written, so far! Complete rough drafts are due next Tuesday. We will have a quiz this Friday on double digit multiplication – any method to find the correct answer! Keep memorizing the first part of the Apostles Creed.

Upcoming Dates

*Tuesday, January 24 – Finance Committee Meeting-
Wednesday, January 25 – Pastors' Day
Thursday, January 26 – LDAD Parent Meeting
Tuesday, January 31 – Program Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 8 – Hot Lunch & Spirit Day
Friday, February 10 – Knox Speech Festival*

Grade 6 - Mrs. Fayer-Murphy

We are working hard on our projects for Ancient Greece and looking forward to displaying them on Wed., Feb. 1. We are also working on our rough drafts of our speeches which are due on Tues., Jan. 24. Wed's Spirit Day – Pyjamas – was fun and comfortable. We are working on lesson 16 in spelling – tests are on Fri.

Mrs. Feddema

What fun we had with the French presentations! Many students did a great job pretending that they were very skilled in various roles in the circus. A few students actually were incredibly skilled, and that was wonderful to see! Our speeches are progressing well. Rough drafts are due this Fri. They will be returned as soon as possible. There will be a French test next week Wed., and a geography quiz is coming up as well. Stay tuned for more details. Lesson 14 in spelling is due Fri. Literature review assignments generally went well. Our next story, "Dark they were and golden eyed" certainly has a very different feel from our previous reading!

Grade 8 - Mr. Janssen

A promise kept, or a promise broken? Under Joseph Brant's leadership, First Nations people agreed to support the British in exchange for refuge and land in 1776. Will they get it? Considerable time has been spent in class with writing and research related to speeches. Please ensure that a draft is ready for Tues. of next week. Parents, your child will benefit greatly from guidance in this area with regards to writing and editing. Only 3 weeks remain! In science we have been learning about heterogeneous and homogeneous mixtures. We've moved into an Integer Operation Unit (Unit 6) in math and daily homework has been assigned.

Resource - Mrs. Vandemeent and Mrs. Hoogendam

There is lots of writing activity happening as students are putting their thoughts together into a speech. We had fun weighing things around the room, and are surprised how heavy a kilogram actually is.

Athletics at Knox:

The girls and boys volleyball teams were involved with a local Catholic school tournament on Wed. Jan. 18. Details will follow next week.

Prayer Items

If you have a Prayer item you would like included in the Knox News, please email at office@knoxchristian.com or phone at 905.623.5871.

Please pray for Stephen and Lori-Anne Janssen and their family as Lori-Anne's grandmother, Maria Haan, passed away last Thursday.

Please pray for Jason and Kate Craine (Suzanna - JK, Xavier - 1) and their family as Kate's father, Glenn Willson, passed away last Friday.

Please pray for the Hohmann family as Paula's father passed away last Wednesday.

Please pray for the Graham family, as Gord's grandmother passed away last week.