



Knox News

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From the Principal's Desk

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2

With just two weeks of school left before Christmas, I have noticed that it is more difficult to be patient. We are all looking forward to Christmas Break – both the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the two weeks to spend time with family and friends. All the while, we still have our daily routines, work schedules, Christmas shopping, baking, preparing, and more to do. We especially need to remember patience when our lives (and others) seem to wear our patience thin. The Ephesians were told the key to being patient – to bear with one another in love. We have already seen, back in September, the importance of love. We are reminded again of the importance of love in helping us to be patient. When we talk and act out of love, patience will be evident. To help us remember what love in action means, 1 Corinthians 13 says:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

As we remember God's love for us by sending His Son, what are we willing to sacrifice, out of love, for God and for others?

TRIP Orders

Gift cards that are required before Christmas holidays must be ordered by December 9, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Krista at 905.983.9187

TRIP (gift card program)

Christmas is fast approaching and we want to remind you to take **full advantage** of the TRIP program! When buying gift cards for presents get them from the school instead of running around from store to store...one stop shopping!! When buying your turkey and all the fixings remember to use your grocery gift cards. When travelling from one family's home to the next you will need gas so...get those gas cards for all your fill ups!!! Wow...the possibilities go on and on. Don't forget that when you use TRIP you help support BDCSS while reducing your (or a designated family's) tuition cost!

Battle of the Books

The book titles for the "Battle of the Books" have been released! Happy reading! Encourage your "bookworms" to participate in this enrichment program. We are also looking for parent involvement. Please contact Mrs. Hoogendam or Mrs. Bandstra if you are interested. Thanks to Mrs. Findlay for getting the books for us!

Bazaar

The Bazaar was a huge success! We raised over \$44,000 under the guidance of our bazaar coordinators, Sandra Heeringa, Liza Prins, and Angel VanLeeuwen, along with the help of countless volunteers! Well done!

Christmas Program

This year's Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, December 22 at 7:00 pm. Invite your family and friends to celebrate Christ's birth with our school. This year's offering will be split between Bethesda House and an orphanage in the Dominican Republic.

Skating

We will be ending 2011 with a skating party at the Garnet B. Rickard Complex on December 23 at 1:15 pm. We would love to have parents join us.

Clothing

During the fall and winter our playground is quite wet. Many of our students enjoy playing in the mud and water. Consequently we ask that your child has a pair of spare socks in their knapsack (and pants if there is room) during these seasons.

Name Contest!

Only four more days till the deadline for the "New Name for Knox News" contest on December 12. Drop off your suggestions in the suggestion box located in the office or e-mail vprincipal@knoxchristian.com. The winner get a prize!

Knox Catering

The Catering Committee is looking for large yogurt-type containers (750 ml). Please send them to the office.

The Inside Scoop

- The "nutrition break" we now offer is enjoyed and beneficial for some of our students. We are excited about getting ready for the Christmas Program! How time flies!

- Thanks again to all our Special Reading Friends. Primary students look forward to this time every week!

Piano for Sale

A 1928 Ger. Heintz upright piano in good condition is for sale with the proceeds going to BDCSS. Delivery not included. For more information please contact Diane VandeMeent at 905.623.3325.

Milk Bags

THANK YOU for the extra donations of bags gathered after the bazaar. Please remember that they need to be clean, dry, and folded twice. Thank you.

Many Thanks

Last Thursday the halls of Knox were filled with volunteers and the wonderful aroma of baking apple pies!

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers, both peelers and assemblers, for their help in preparing the pies for our Christmas Sales Fundraiser! They are delicious!

Spirit Day

Next week Wednesday, December 14 will be our last Spirit Day Assembly for the year 2011. Dress in your house colours, but add a touch of Christmas to your ensemble! We will sing some carols together and enjoy a celebration of our year in pictures. Hot lunch will also be served on that day.

JK/SK – Mrs. DeJong

"Rr" is our letter of the week. We thought of many words beginning with "Rr". We now have three bundles of straws to indicate how many days we've been at school. 10-20-30! We're counting by tens. Rhyming words are so much fun! Parents are encouraged to read, recite, and teach nursery rhymes at home. Where do you see or hear bells ringing? Learning about Christmas symbols and how they relate to Bible stories is most interesting! Manipulating and gluing paper shapes to create Christmas pictures is fun!

Grade 1/2 – Mrs. Crookall

We are busy working on our presentation for the Christmas program in a couple of weeks. We are so excited! Christmas is just around the corner! The grade 1 Word Wall Words this week were: "who", "for", "can", "our", and "us". Next week's Show & Tell theme is: "a favourite toy". Please remember to send only one item for Show & Tell each week so that we have time for everyone to share (the item should fit in your child's backpack, please). Thanks!

Grade 3 - Mrs. McDowell

We are reviewing our Word Wall Words. Our review quiz (all words) will be on Tuesday, December 20. We continue to practice cursive writing connections and are having fun learning to write words in cursive! In grade 3 / 4 we are presenting our Canada projects. A study sheet for next Friday's Canada test was sent home today. Grade 3 December flyers were sent home today, as well.

Grade 4 - Ms. Ullman

We will be working on two-digit by one-digit multiplication next week. We have reviewed multiplying by 10, 0, 1, 2, 3 and 4. Students should be memorizing these facts. We will begin a novel study on *Mr. Popper's Penguins*.

Grade 5 – Mrs. Bandstra & Mrs. Rozema

We are enjoying a culture study of our country's First Nations. We are thankful to everyone who worked in and came for the Bazaar. We love our school! We are learning the value of adjectives and adverbs to make good sentences sing! Speaking of singing, we have already started to practice some Christmas songs for the concert! We have been talking about and writing about our Christmas traditions. It's great to hear all the fun and special traditions that are done with our immediate and extended family and friends. What a blessing community is! We are playing with and creating word pictures in Working with Words to help us visualize and write our words correctly.

Grade 6 - Mrs. Fayer-Murphy

It was a pleasure to meet with every parent during interviews. It's a wonderful time to connect and discuss each student's accomplishments and areas that need growth and attention. Thank you, parents! We're half way through our novel study *Underground to Canada*. After our quiz and multiple choice test for comprehension on Thursday, we'll get to sit back and enjoy the rest of the story. For some students that will be the best part of the school day. In math we're nearly finished with addition and subtraction of decimals. We've had our first of four sessions with Constable Sullivan for V.I.P. It was interesting and informative. Memory work for next week is 1 Cor. 13:4-7 along with a quest in French – due Wednesday.

Grade 7 - Mrs. Feddema

What a diverse and amazing world we live in! Students will write a geography quiz today on the six biomes we have learned about. We have been exploring the ways in which you get to know a character in a short story. Good copies of the character sketch are due Friday. Students are also writing personal reflections of their place in God's world. In French, students will begin working on scripts for their auditions next week. Spelling lesson 10 is due Friday. Dictation results have been excellent recently!

Grade 8 - Mr. Janssen

When will it rain? Imagine having no dew or rain in your country for three years. In Bible we are studying the life of Elijah as he speaks to Ahab as God's spokesperson. "The Maple Leaf Forever..." We've had a chance to examine the symbols of Canada including the Union Jack, Coat of Arms, Red Ensign, and National Anthem as we begin our next unit. A new unit in Math on circle measurement has begun and we aim to finish it before Christmas. A writing project entitled "My Island" has also started. Keep up the good work, grade eight! (See www.knox8.webs.com) for daily homework details and resources.)

Resource - Mrs. VandeMeent and Mrs. Hoogendam

We enjoyed meeting all the parents during parent/teacher conferences. Now we need to work together to meet new goals! It is exciting to see the students newly motivated. Our younger students are learning to 'streeetch' out the sounds of a word, while the math group is reviewing mixed fractions and learning about prime numbers.

Athletics At Knox:

The boys' volleyball team is playing an exhibition game tonight at Knox.

Prayer Items

For Hammy Vandergaast, mother of Sharon Payne and grandmother to Matthew Payne, who has been in the Oshawa Hospital for the past 3 1/2 weeks due to a number of health issues. Please pray for strength for the family as they minister to their loved one.

For Josiah Jousse and his family as he goes to Sick Kid's Hospital this week for follow-up testing.

If you have a Prayer item you would like included in the *Knox News*, please let the office know.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, December 12 BDCSS/DCHS Executive meeting (7:30 pm)
Wednesday, December 14 Hot Lunch & Spirit Day
Wednesday, December 21 Band Concert (2 pm)
Thursday, December 22 Christmas Program (7 pm)
Friday, December 23 School Skating (1:15 pm)
Friday, December 23 Last Day of School in 2011
Monday, January 9 School resumes