



The Monthly

KNOX NEWS

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HOW WE CAN CREATE A WORLD OF KINDNESS

By Principal Paul Marcus

What does it mean to be kind? Colossians 3:12 begins with the command to God's chosen people to clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. I believe that the Apostle Paul chose these words with intention. As Mrs. Beerda pointed out to us this week, he didn't command us to be nice. In fact, the word 'kind' or 'kindness' is used myriad times in the Bible, but 'nice' is not used. So, what's the difference between being kind and being nice?

Look up a few definitions of 'nice' and you get synonyms like 'agreeable', 'pleasant', and 'satisfactory.' These

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seem more like the characteristics of good citizens, but I can't help but think that God calls us as His Chosen People to do and be more. Take a look at some synonyms for 'kind' and you see words like 'charitable', 'considerate', and 'compassionate.' I'm sure the images floating through your head as you read the latter list bring up different images than the former.

Yes, we're called to be good citizens, to be well-mannered, and to be nice. But we're definitely called to more. In the Bible, we're called to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1), love our enemies (Matthew 5:34), consider others greater than ourselves (Philippians 2:3), etc. We were also challenged this week to acknowledge that kindness begets kindness. As we endeavour to be Christ's hands and feet to the world, it will be our kindness that says the most about who it is that lives in us and perhaps inspire others to kindness as well.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



GIVING THANKS

On October 9th our JK and SK classes hosted our Thanksgiving Chapel. They reminded us that we have much to be thankful to God for. We would like to thank our team of decorators and Price's Country Market for letting us borrow some beautiful fall decorations.



KNOX'S AWESOME ARTISTS!





Saturday December 7, 2019

Get ready to enjoy delectable meals in the **Restaurant**, baked goodies from the **Bake Shop**, shop for gifts in the **Craft Room**, bid for items at the **Silent Auction**, and at the **Live Auction**. All in support of our great school!



SHOW AND SHARE

At the beginning of October, Grade 2 spent many mornings sharing stories about our families, our favourite things, and of course, our pets. Recently we were blessed with a visit from Border Collie Bella; one of our student's best friend. What a perfect way to use our learning garden!



TERRY FOX RUN

We're proud to have once again played a small part of raising funds for the Terry Fox Foundation. Students were able to dedicate their walk to a loved one affected by cancer during our annual Terry Fox Walk on Wednesday, September 25th. Thank you to all who came out to walk with our students and those who sponsored them.



SK CLASS TRIP

Mrs. Bent's SK class had an awesome time at Nature's Bounty Farm last week. They picked apples, ate apples, made apple cider and tasted apple cider, found a giant pumpkin for their class and met a llama and sheep. It all sounds exhausting but great fun too.



SCIENCE CLASS

Mrs. Boekee has been teaching the Grade 7's how to use microscopes. It's amazing to see what God has created that we aren't able to see with the naked eye!

CALENDAR of UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 4** KCSS Membership Meeting 7:30pm
- November 6** Grade 7/8 Enrichment Day Picture Retake
- November 11** Remembrance Day Chapel 10:50am
- November 18** Report Card Writing Day - No School
- November 27** Hot Lunch and Spirit Day

PRAISE and PRAYER REQUESTS

- Prayer for the health of staff and students as cold and flu season is now upon us.
- Prayer for our bus drivers as they navigate the roads to keep our children safe.
- Praise for our new families and prayer that they would feel welcomed and loved.
- Prayer for those in our community who struggle with food scarcity, and for generous hearts to give to those in need.



REMEMBRANCE CHAPEL

Join us on Monday, November 11 at 10:50am as our Grade 7 and 8 classes lead us in a chapel to commemorate Remembrance Day. We are thankful for the sacrifice that many gave so that we have religious freedom in this great country.

BOARD UPDATE: October 2019

Greetings from your Board of Directors. We hope that your family is settled into a new school year and that Knox Christian School is feeling like home.

We would like to invite you to attend our annual Fall Membership Meeting on Monday, November 4 in our school library at 7:30pm. All Knox Christian School Society Members are invited to attend and to vote on items that require decision. At the meeting, updates will be shared about the school's finances from the past year, our Principal Paul Marcus will give a presentation on the school's new 'Learning Flow', and Ms. Shannon Marcus, principal at Durham Christian High School, will provide us with an update about the exciting things happening at the Christian secondary school level.

At our monthly meetings we've been spending a lot of time thinking about the future. As our school has grown, we have had to begin analyzing what lies ahead. How do we want to use the facilities that God has given us? What direction do we want to go in our instruction and programming? How do we want to utilize the incredible gifts and talents we have on staff? In all of this, we realize that we must make decisions for a population of Christian school parents and children that don't yet exist. We covet your prayers in this as we discern God's call for us.

At our most recent meeting we discussed a number of exciting initiatives. First, we have mandated an ad-hoc committee to explore starting a thrift store to raise money specifically for a more robust tuition assistance program. Many Christian schools in Ontario have done this very successfully. If you have any interest in being a part of this ad-hoc committee, we would love to hear from you. Second, we are nearing completion of a plan that will see some much-needed facilities upgrades happen, and a plan to eliminate the school's small debt. If you attend the Membership Meeting, you'll even get to hear the beginnings of our Parking Lot Rejuvenation plans. Very exciting indeed!

In all of our work, we look to represent you, the stakeholders of Knox Christian School. We hold the school in trust on your behalf. In this way, we want to hear from you. Your voice is important. Whether it's through speaking with a Board Member, asking a question at a Membership meeting, or sending a letter to us, we'd love your input. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

On behalf of the KCSS Board of Directors, Lisa Myers, Board Chairperson
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THE CHICKS HATCHED!

We had two new fluffy friends join our Knox JK class mid-October. The challenge then became what to name them. We welcome Squirt and Chirp to Knox!



OFFICIAL OPENING

On Tuesday, September 24th we celebrated with Durham Region's Social Services Department on the official opening of the Edna Thomson Early Learning and Child Care Centre. It is good to see the space being well used and received by the community.

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