



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Annual School Theme We are the clay, You are the Potter; we are all the work of your Hand.

Isaiah 64:8 also read Jeremiah 18: 1-6

The prophet Jeremiah goes to the Potter's house and sees him working at the potter's wheel, working, reworking, rejecting some clay, shaping and reshaping until the vessel comes out just the way he wants it. And a word of the Lord comes to Jeremiah, just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand. Every vessel begins as a lump of clay on a potter's wheel. Then it is shaped and reshaped until it becomes a pot or dish or a cup or whatever.

If God is our Potter, we should be willing to allow Him to shape us by the word of God (Bible). But let us also reflect on our hands. What are we doing with these hands? Whose lives are we shaping? And what shape are those lives taking with these hands? Are we teaching shame with angry hands? Are we imparting God's love and acceptance with open caring hands? Are we treating each other with brutal, punishing hands? Or are we supporting and nurturing one another with comforting, soothing, loving, gentle hands? What are we doing with these hands?

A disciple of Jesus follows and leads. A disciple grows and gives. A disciple is shaped by God and in the name of God shapes the life and faith of others.

To help us grow this year, KCA is emphasizing one character trait and one organizational skill/month. The student agendas purchased this year have helpful materials that teachers will be discussing in class. One chapel per month will also specialize on one of these

traits/skills. For the next 4-5 weeks our focus is on "Empathy" and "Work Habits". Parents please familiarize yourselves with the agendas. There is plenty of information for you to discuss or implement with your child/ren at home. The skills being taught are mixed throughout the agenda each month and the character trait information is at the back of the book. Three things we are immediately working on are: keeping my desk clean/tidy; getting to school on time (being late 5 minutes/day is equivalent to missing three full days of school); using our agendas. Let's work together so that we can obtain maximum success. Thanks so much.

School Uniforms: There has been some misunderstanding with our order at McCarthy's regarding our school policy on the wearing of ties and for this I do apologize. Our school dress code for this year is that JK/SK students are not expected to wear ties but we do expect all boys in grades 1-8 to wear them.

For your convenience, if you do not have a tie for your son, we have asked McCarthy's to send us a supply and they will be made available at the school office next week.

On another note, please note that all students in grades JK- 8 are expected to wear the white buttoned shirts long sleeves or short sleeves daily with the following exceptions: boys/girls may choose to wear the white golf shirts on "Casual Tuesdays" without a ties. Girls may wear the school dress pants on those days as well, if they choose.

For now, girls in all grades should be wearing either a kilt (grades 4-8) or tunic (grades JK-3) daily with the choice to wear blue dress pants on "Casual Tuesdays". During the winter, girls may choose to wear the blue dress pants daily. I will announce the starting date later,

depending on the weather (likely in November sometime).

If for some reason your child does not come to school in the expected attire, a call home may be required. If a child arrives without a tie, one will be loaned to him for \$2/day. If so, an “Oops Slip” will be attached to the student agenda/go-home-bag. The “Oops Slip” may be used for other forgotten items as well, including textbooks, notebooks, homework etc. The intent is to keep you informed and involved in the process of learning. Thanks for your cooperation and sorry for any inconveniences.

Curriculum Night: Please mark your calendars for Tuesday September 22 at 7 p.m. We will begin with a formal parent meeting followed by two 20 minute sessions led by your child’s teacher in their perspective classrooms. If you have more than 2 children in the school, you may choose to divide and conquer with your spouse.

Teachers will share relevant information regarding curriculum, rules and regulations, responsibilities, communication etc. The emphasis of the evening is to inform parents of the academic program at KCA not to discuss the individual needs/progress of your child/ren. These are private matters and are best discussed privately, perhaps on another occasion. This event is intended for parents only.

Long and McQuade will also be at KCA this evening with information on instrument rentals for our grades 6-8 instrumental Band Program. For more information, please speak with Miss Hallyburton.

Birthday Celebrations at KCA: If you desire to celebrate your child’s birthday at school, great! But please limit the festivities to bringing in snacks/lunch for the class during the regular lunch period. Most classes start lunch at 12:20 p.m. The younger grades start

earlier. Please contact the classroom teacher well in advance and discuss the details.


Though it is a thoughtful thing to do, we discourage the exchanging of gifts at school. Our experience tells us that when some students get gifts and others don’t, it can be emotionally stressful for some, especially the younger students. If you feel compelled to give a gift, please do so discretely and directly with the child’s parents. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.


Opportunities for Parent Volunteers:

If you are interested in helping out at KCA for the following positions, please call or email me:

1/ Yard Supervision during the times of 8:30a.m. to 9:00 am. or 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. (one or more times/week). You will be working along side of one of our teachers.

2/ Facilitating/Assisting in an After School Club: - Drama
- Chess
- Science Fair

3/  Do you play the piano? Are you interested in playing for our Junior Choir? We practice once a week. Please contact Madame Vereecke.

4/  Are you interested in speaking about the Lord Jesus Christ in your life to our Junior or Senior Chapel? Please contact Madame Vereecke.

5/ Hot Lunch – We are sending home a volunteer hot lunch form, if you can help in any way please fill out and return to the office. See insert.



Sept	Event	Note
16	Chris Robertson Jk-8	Assembly 9:00 a.m.
22	Curriculum Night	7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
25	Terry Fox Run	
29	ACSI Soccer Tournament (Gr. 4-6)	
Oct. 6	ACSI Soccer Tournament (Gr. 7-8)	
21-23	Fair Glen Trip	(Gr. 4-5-6)

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAGAZINES

Just about every home has at least one magazine subscription. By purchasing the same magazine through QSP you will also be involved in fundraising. The order for magazines will be sent home soon. Orders can also be placed on-line at any point throughout the year.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

JK – MRS. MORRIS

We can praise God for a fantastic first week of school. The students are settling into our classroom routines and getting to know one another. We're practising lining up one behind the other to move from place to place in and around the school. The progress has already been very evident, Wow!

Bible: Beginning of the world. God created everything!

Letter and Sound: S s

Big Book Language: Come into my Garden

Math: Watch for a collage on number 1

Science: We're checking the garden patch with magnifying glasses.

Monday: Wear your favourite, funniest, or brightest socks today for the letter 'Ss'

Wednesday: Chris Robertson, a Canadian Hero will present a multimedia presentation at 9:00 a.m. Please **dress in red and white** or wear a **Canada shirt**.

Appreciation: Thank you for encouraging your child to wear comfort outdoor shoes for recess and gym.

SK – MISS STAM

It has been a busy, yet fun week! We are steadily getting into our new routines. Next week we will be starting our student of the week! I wonder who it will be? When your child gets chosen, a special backpack will go home with them. Inside the duotang will be a note explaining what to do.

Bible: We are learning about the first story in the Bible: God made the heavens and the earth.

Language: We are learning how to recognize and read each others' names. We are also

reviewing the letters Bb, Ss, Tt, and Hh - what do they sound like and how do we print them. Most Phonics pages that come home have an at home 'assignment', usually on the bottom right side. It would be very beneficial for your child if you did this 'homework' with them each night.

Math: We are classifying (left, right, above, below) and sorting by colour and shape.

Socials: We are talking All About Me. Some associated homework is being sent home.

Please send these back by Monday, September 21.

Scholastic book orders are being sent home.

All orders are due back by Friday, September 18. Please enclose a cheque payable to Scholastic Canada. No cash please.

GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR

We have had a great start to the year!

Bible: This year in Bible we will be learning about what it means to develop Godly character. Over the course of the year, we will study various character traits for two weeks at a time. During the first week, we will learn about the trait and hear stories of people from the bible who demonstrated the trait and how God rewarded them for it. Next, we will take a week to talk about the opposite of the trait and how that can negatively affect our lives and the people around us. This week's trait is "obedience". This week we will focus on the story, "Noah, the Grown-up Obeyer".

Memory Verse: "If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15.

Spelling: This week we will be introduced to our first spelling list. A letter detailing the spelling program, along with your child's "spelling duo-tang" will be sent home on Thursday.

Math: We have begun Unit 1: Sorting and Pattering. This week we will focus on pattering.

Science/Social Studies: We are beginning a unit entitled: Naming the World God Made: Mapping My Home. This week we will practice the following: using directional words,

finding landmarks in our school community, and making a map from a “birds eye view” of our classroom.

Phonics: We have begun Unit 1: All Around the Town. This week’s focus: Beginning, middle and ending sounds.

Language: Over the course of the year we will be learning about the “6 Writing Traits”. This week we will be focusing on the first writing trait, “Ideas and Content”. We will have a lot of fun brainstorming ideas for our writing!

Have a blessed weekend!

GR. 2 – MRS. MCARTHUR/MISS CRICHTON

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Memory Verse: “If you love me, you will obey what I command.” John 14:15.

Spelling: Spelling Test #1 on Thursday. Continue to practice those words that can be found in your practice duo-tang!

Math: We will be continuing to focus on patterning and classifying. We will also practice counting by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s

Science/ Social Studies: We are starting the year off with a unit on structures called “God Shows Us How to Move”. Next week we will be exploring how our bones and muscles allow us to move and exploring how creation moves through air.

Phonics: We have begun Unit 1: Celebrations. This week’s focus: medial consonants, final consonants, and hard/soft c and g.

Language: Over the course of the year we will be learning about the “6 Writing Traits”. This week we will be focusing on the first writing trait, “Ideas and Content”. We will have a lot of fun brainstorming ideas for our writing.

Grade 2 Math: We will be continuing to focus on patterning and classifying. We will also learn how to count by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s

Have a blessed weekend!

GR. 3 – MRS. MAJOR

I would like to welcome our five new grade three students: Arianna, Emily, Jonathan, Selina and Sofia. A great big “Thanks” goes to the “original ten” for making their new classmates feel right at home at KCA.

Coming up next week:

Math: Addition and Subtraction strategies/ facts to 18

Spelling: List #1. Please see the yellow Spelling Duo Tang. List #1 test is Thursday.

Language/ Word Study: Reviewing short and long vowel rules.

Reading/ Reading Response: “The Elephant Hunter” short story: Using “Star Strategies” to decode unfamiliar words. Students will make a take-home booklet to illustrate and explain these strategies.

Science: We are beginning a unit about Canadian Trees. Students will identify the parts of a tree (roots, trunk, crown) as well as learn about coniferous/ deciduous trees.

Bible: God designed and created each of us in His own image. That must mean that He knows us very well! What do we know about God? We are asking the “W-5” questions this week: “who, what, when, where, and why” about God. Introducing Daniel.

Computers: Students “play” their way through a space-age world in the new program “All the Right Type”. Along the way, students develop correct body/hand position and essential keyboarding skills. This week: the “home row”.

Writing: Personal Narratives (Writing about things students have personally experienced). As a class, we will learn strategies for

developing “ideas” to write about, as well as experience children’s literature written in the “personal narrative” genre.
Have a great weekend!

GR. 4 / 5– MISS HALLYBURTON

Memory Verse: He shall have Dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. **Psalm 72:8**

Bible, Life of Samuel

Spelling Lesson 2 test on Friday

Language Gr.4 writing and recognizing good sentences

Gr. 5 subjects and predicates

Math Gr.4 Patterns

Social Studies, Canadian Government

Literature Unit on short stories

Grade 5 Math: Our first unit in Math is Whole Numbers. We are learning different mental strategies to adding whole number and will be moving on to adding 3- and 4- Digit numbers

GR/ 6 – MR. VAN GURP

We’ve had a good start and with God’s blessing we look forward to a great year. We had our first memory verse and spelling test as well as other homework assignments – look for more details on those in the Friday folder that went home today. There’s a letter of explanation, a place for parents to sign and make comments if they wish and a copy of our classroom rules and student responsibilities. The Friday folder is intended to help with communication about work done in class as well as test and quiz results.

Items coming up next week:

Bible: We’ll continue the Salvation Series lessons. Memory work for Friday is John 1:12.

Math: We are working on Unit 1: Number Patterns. We have a quiz on Thursday, September 17 on lessons 1-3.

Science: We are learning about “Motion”. Next week our focus will be on Energy. This is a short unit so expect a quiz the following week.

Spelling: We are working on Lesson 2. We’ll have a pretest on Monday to determine what

words we need to practice and a dictation on Friday.

Keyboarding: We are getting started in using “All the Right Type” to help us build our typing skills.

Grammar: We are learning about types of sentences and sentence structure.

Writing: We are making entries in our journals and writing in response to the novel we are reading in Literature. Students in grade 6 should be writing in cursive.

Literature: We are reading the story of Billy Sunday and making notes on story elements, vocabulary and answering comprehension questions.

Computers: We are beginning our first project: “TechnoEditor”.

Gym: We are beginning our first unit on soccer next week with work on basic skills and a review of the rules of the game.

***Socials & Art** (see Miss Agnew)

Scholastic Book Orders: There are four different order forms to choose from. Please make payment to Scholastic if using a cheque or send exact change in a sealed bag or envelope by Friday, September 18.

D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) Bring a chapter book at your reading level for Wednesday, Sept. 16.

GR. 7 / 8– MISS AGNEW

Welcome back Grade 7’s and 8’s! We have had a great first week and I am looking forward to a fabulous year. Our class has given a warm welcome to our new classmates, Sabrina and Sophia. Here’s what’s happening next week. . .

Memory Verse – Acts 2:1-4 (Due Friday)

Bible – We continue our study of the book of Acts.

Spelling – We will work on our first spelling list next week. Remember, sentences and definitions are due Wednesday and your test will be Friday.

Writing – We continue our focus on personal narratives.

Reading– We will begin our novel study, Hatchet.

Grade 7 Math – We continue our first unit “Number Patterns”. Don’t forget your daily homework and homework quizzes.

Grade 8 Math: The grade 8’s are learning problem solving strategies and prime factors. Homework books will be taken home almost daily to reinforce lessons learned that day. Students are also reminded that they will have mini quizzes throughout each week. Have a great weekend everyone!
Grace and Peace.

FRENCH – Mme. VEREECKE

Welcome back! We have had a great week developing new routines in Madame’s classroom (Youppi!!). I look forward to a fantastic year at KCA.

Grade 1’s are beginning to learn to introduce themselves and say “hello” in French. They are starting a new unit on body parts.

Grade 2’s are reviewing introducing themselves and are starting a unit on themselves and their bodies.

Grade 3’s are learning to distinguish between real and imaginary stories. They are following the story of a boy and the problems he encounters at school with his pencil.

Grade 4/5’s are starting to learn about their preferred ingredients on a pizza.

Grade 6’s are starting to learn words for clothing as they learn to observe and describe criminals. Test September 17 on colours.

Grade 7/8’s are learning words for fast foods, and expressing their preferences. Test September 17 on colours and pronouns.

Cross Country Practices:

Monday and Wednesday commencing September 14th, 2009 from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.



Soccer Practices:

Tuesday and Thursday
3:30 to 4:20 p.m.

