



# Kleinburg Christian Academy

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## Weekly Newsletter - September 25/09

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Weekly Thought:** Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard is worth doing.

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*Wealth obtained by fraud dwindles, but the one who gathers by labour increases it. Proverbs 13:11*

**Curriculum Night:** We had a great evening together. It was time well spent. Thanks to all for finding time in your busy schedules. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please speak with the classroom teacher and ask for an information package.

**All Ontario Principal's Conference:** I have been away for a couple of days at a conference in Orillia and will be back on Monday. Dianne De Groot, from California USA will be leading the conference theme dealing with "Student Recruitment and Retention. I am anticipating a valuable experience that will be beneficial in long term planning for Kleinburg Christian Academy.

#### **Opportunities still available 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

*Coming events*

Sept	Event	Note
29	ACSI Soccer Tournament (gr 4-6)	
Oct. 6	ACSI Soccer Tournament (gr.7-8)	
12	Thanksgiving Day	No School
15	ACSI Cross Country	(gr 3 to 8)
16	Interim Progress Reports	
21-23	Fair Glen Trip	(Gr. 4-5-6)
30	Picture Day	
Nov	Operation Christmas Child	All Month



*Working together with parents and school to build a healthy, safe and positive environment for the students of Kleinburg Christian Academy.*

#### **Summary of PIA Meeting, September 21st.**

Members of the PIA committee:

- Charissa Yavtucovich – Chair
- Garry Zondervan – Vice Chair
- Karen Lochhead – Hot Lunch Coordinator
- Maria Fava – School Events Coordinator
- Julia Ventresca – Hospitality Coordinator
- Sandie Bressanutti - Financial /Bookkeeper

We had a great meeting discussing the structure of our meetings and content of our responsibilities. The committee will be meeting 5 times per year to discuss agenda items and reporting of our various tasks.

#### **Curriculum Evening – Tuesday, September 22nd at 7pm**

The committee will provide refreshments for this evening as well as be introduced to the school community.

#### **Terry Fox Run – Friday, September 25th**

We will provide a pizza lunch with veggies, water or juice and fruit.

#### **School Policy:**

Discussions were made regarding the hair/adornment policy as per our school handbook. Suggestion for changes were reviewed and decided upon. These changes will be mentioned and made available to the school community in the newsletter dated October 2nd.

#### **Hot Lunch Program:**

The response to the hot lunch response forms have been very encouraging. It was decided that the "official" hot lunch program will commence on **Friday, October 9th** to allow time to have the teams trained and in a rotating schedule. We decided to offer a pizza hot lunch on Friday, October 2nd. Pizza has been eliminated from the

hot lunch menu and instead will proceed with a “no frills” pizza lunch on Mondays. This will begin Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Additional outsourced lunches:**

Due to several reasons, it was decided not to go ahead with this option. This service has been investigated and is not logistical or feasible to provide this service at this time.

**School Events:**

A winter carnival has been planned for Saturday, February 20, 2010 and will be held at the school from 11am to 5pm. A variety of activities are being planned for this day including jumpy castles, face painting, arts & crafts corner, and so much more.

**SWAP:**

Due to time constraints, the committee is having a brief meeting on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the SWAP program.

The PIA team can be reached via email at:  
PIA@kleinburgchristian.ca

**MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Watch for more details on a Thanksgiving Food Drive beginning on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**ACSI JUNIOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

The ACSI Junior soccer tournament is scheduled to be held here at Kleinburg Christian Academy on **Tuesday, September 29, 2009**. We look forward to a great day of playing soccer together with the other five teams that are coming. Our focus is upon building Christian character through good sportsmanship, encouragement and teamwork. Please feel free to join us and cheer us on! Devotions are scheduled for 9:20 and the awards ceremony for 2:30. Check the sports bulletin board in the hallway for the Game Day Schedule.

**MAGAZINES**

The magazine orders have gone home. This fundraiser goes from Sept. 22 to Oct. 15, 2009.

**CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES**

**JK – MRS. MORRIS**

Thank you for coming out to KCA Curriculum Night. If you have any questions and/or comments regarding our JK presentation, please contact me. Please welcome Gabriel Tamaro to our JK class on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Bible:** Beginning of the world. God created everything, even time to rest!

**Letter and Sound for the vowels: A a, E e, I i, O o, U u**

We’re working on the short vowel sounds.

**Please review and practice: S s and T t**

Big Book Language: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Math: We’re practicing before and after as we observe objects around the room.

Food Drive: Something to consider: Within the next two weeks, please consider sending in packages of diapers and/or baby food. Why? JK students are growing up and don’t need these items but others are still in need in our community.

Appreciation: Thank you for dressing your child in rain boots on those wet mornings...dry socks are a wonderful blessing!

**SK – MISS STAM**

**Bible:** We will conclude our unit on Noah and move into learning about Abraham and Isaac

**Memory Verse:** “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall never cease.” Genesis 8:22

**Language:** This past week we found out who stole the cookies! Cookie Monster! He even brought some back for us to eat. This week we review the letters Jj, Ff, and Gg. We are listening for these sounds at the beginning and end of words.

**Math:** We successfully completed our first math test! Well done everyone! In our new unit we will be exploring patterns.

**Social Studies:** We will be taking a break from All About Me in order to focus on Thanksgiving and Fall. This week we will be preparing for our Thanksgiving Chapel.

**Library:** Due to a scheduling conflict we did not make it to the Library this past week. We will try again on Monday. Each student will be allowed to take home one book which is to be returned the following Monday.

**Joey** was this week’s Student of the Week! We had such fun learning about Joey. Who will be next...?

**GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR**

**Bible:** Character Trait: Thankfulness. We will be practising for our part in the Thanksgiving Chapel. Please plan to attend!

**Memory Verse:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1.

**Spelling: List 2: let, his, had, ask, old, took, also, sat, fell, get. Bonus Words (optional) look, cold, blue, ship, mask.** Please remember to send the yellow spelling duo-tangs back to school every Thursday.

**Phonics:** We will be wrapping up Unit 1 this week. We will take time to review initial, medial and final consonant sounds and we will have a unit test on

Wednesday. On Friday we will begin Unit 2. The theme of Unit 2 is "At Work, At Play". In this unit we will focus on short vowels.

**Reading:** Sight words we will be practising: **can, come, down, find, for**. Consonant sounds we will be practising: **j, k, l, m, n, p**.

**Math:** We have completed our first unit! There will be a unit test on Tuesday. We will begin Unit 2: Patterns, Symmetry, Adding and Subtracting on Wednesday.

**Social Studies:** We will continue to read all different types of maps. We will focus on the elements of a map: title, legend, and compass.

**Language:** Focus: comprehending phrases and sentences to match with pictures, discriminating between singular and plural form, decoding one and two vowel words.

**Writer's Workshop:** This week in writer's workshop we will write about our "favourite place to go".

**Be Blessed!**

## GR. 2 – MRS. MCARTHUR/MISS CRICHTON

**Bible:** Character Trait: Thankfulness. We will be practising for our part in the Thanksgiving Chapel Please plan to attend!

**Memory Verse:** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1.

**Spelling: List 3:** **little, its, under, rock, dead, past, them, collar, dug, does, gobble, bottom, level, felt, next. Bonus Words (optional): tender, lack, humble, chop, instead.** Please remember to send the yellow spelling duo-tangs back to school every Thursday.

**Phonics:** We have finished Unit 1. We will have a unit test on Tuesday and begin Unit 2 on Wednesday. The theme of Unit 2 is "Friends and Family". In this unit we will focus on short and long vowels.

**Reading:** Sight words we will be practising: **as, by, could, every, fly**. Special sounds will be practising: **ay, sh, th** in thick, **th** in this, and **bl**.

**Language: Focus:** sentence completion, rhyming and syllable identification.

**Writer's Workshop:** This week in writer's workshop we will write about our "favourite place to go".

**Grade 2 Science-** We will be discovering How God Moves Us: by exploring the land and land animals.

**Grade 2 Math-** We are finishing up patterns and starting addition and subtraction facts.

**Be Blessed!**

## GR. 3 – MRS. MAJOR

There were some tense moments in grade three Thursday morning. I inadvertently left Teddy's cage open Wednesday night, and when I arrived in the morning, *Teddy was gone!* Thankfully, after a few minutes of searching Bryce found Teddy hiding behind our art

paper bins. Teddy has had several offers of weekend sleepovers. I'm not sure how much sleep Sofia had last weekend with Teddy exercising on his wheel all night! Hope you get some sleep this weekend, Emily.

**Math:** Chapter two: Place Value. Counting by 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's, 100's. Ordinal numbers.

**Spelling:** List# 3: Short vowel sound words. (See your yellow spelling duo tang for the words). Spelling test is Thursday morning.

**Writing:** We are learning about the writing trait, VOICE. Voice refers to the questions: "From whose perspective is the story told? Who is the audience? What message is the author trying to convey? This week we are continuing the writing process, writing personal narratives (events from our own lives) and moving them through the "Ideas, Drafts, and Publishing" stages

**Language:** Reviewing hard/ soft c (centre/ castle) and hard/soft g (garage, engine).

**Science:** Learning how scientists classify leaves/ function of leaves.

**Bible:** Character trait: Thankfulness/ Preparing for our Thanksgiving assembly.

**Gym:** "Wall soccer", tag games, fitness blasts.

**Cursive Writing:** Reviewing cursive terminology (lead-in stroke, starting point, retrace, release), Reviewing correct body and paper positions, cursive a and c.

**Library:** Please remember to return library books on Friday.

**Computers:** "Home row" practice.

**Art:** Painting our clay masterpieces (last week's art projects).

## GR. 4 / 5– MISS HALLYBURTON

**MemoryVerse:** *Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; I shall observe it with my whole heart. Psalm 119:33, 34*

**Bible,** Life of Samuel as the last judge in Israel

**Spelling** Lesson 4 test on Friday

**Language Gr.4** Reviewing sentence writing and a test on Thursday, review done in class.

**Gr. 5** Verb forms, endings, irregular, past and present, participles. There will be a test on Thursday, review will be done in class.

**Math** Gr.4 Unit 2 Whole Numbers

**Math** Gr.5– Next week there will be an end of the unit test and then be moving on to Geometry

**Social Studies,** forms of Government, Democracy, dictatorship, theocracy, consensus

**Literature** Unit on short stories

**Music** Each student will need a recorder or guitar for music. Recorders must be purchased from the school.

They need to be ordered through the school office by Tuesday, September 22. Guitars should be a ¾ size classical guitar. (No electric guitars). Instruments will be needed in class on September 29<sup>th</sup> and every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter.

## GR/ 6 – MR. VAN GURP

Thank you to those of you who were able to make it on Tuesday for a good session and for your questions about curriculum as well as plans for the coming year. Please check the Friday folders for a letter outlining expectations for homework

### **Items coming up next week:**

**Bible:** Memory work for this week: Luke 2:52. We are starting our next unit on the boyhood and early ministry of Jesus next week.

**Math:** Due to the difficulty of the first three lessons of this unit on Number Patterns, we have spent additional time in class reviewing the steps to solving recursive patterns. We will have a math test scheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2009.

**Science:** We are learning about Friction. We will learn about using the Scientific Method and will spend class time preparing a lab report.

**Spelling:** We are working on Lesson 4. We'll continue to have a pre-test on Monday to determine what words we need to practice and a dictation on Friday. Students achieving 100% on the pre-test need not write the Friday dictation. Advance study is not expected.

**Keyboarding:** We are focussing on using the all the right fingers in all the right places so that we have a good foundation for improving our typing skills.

**Grammar:** We are learning about writing paragraphs.

**Writing:** We are making entries in our journals and writing in response to the novel "Billy Sunday".

**Literature:** We are continuing the story of Billy Sunday. Our focus this week will be on answering comprehension questions in preparation for the quiz on chapters 1 – 3 that is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2009.

**Computers:** We have learned about following directions to complete assignments, especially the importance of saving your work in your own folder. We learned about the parts of the Microsoft Word environment. Next week we hope to begin editing a collection of short stories.

**Gym:** We are continuing our unit on soccer with work on basic skills, positioning and a review of the rules of the game. We are also working on building our running and anticipation through warm-up games

**Music** Our first class with instrument will be September 29<sup>th</sup>.

## GR. 7 / 8– MISS AGNEW

Parents, it was great meeting with you on Tuesday evening. Thank you for your positive comments and support, I am looking forward to a great year with the 7/8's. Congratulations on your participation in the Terry Fox Run, everyone. Here are some reminders for next week. . .

**Memory Verse** – Acts 3:19

**Spelling:** List 3 definitions and sentences due Wed., test Fri.

**History** – We begin Chapter 2.

**Math** – Grade 7's start Unit 2

**Literature Circles** – Don't forget, Meeting #3 is on Friday, keep up with your work!

**Junior Soccer** Tournament is Tuesday. The 7/8's will be running the snack bar and assisting with the tournament.

**Music:** Our first class with instrument will be October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Grade 8 Math** - We will be starting a new unit: Application of Ratios, Rates and Percent Grace and Peace!

## FRENCH – Mme. VEREECKE

**Grade 1's** will be playing, "Guess who?" and will be building Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head faces.

**Grade 2's** are discussing their toothbrushes and good foods for their teeth.

**Grade 3's** are following the story of Max and his problems at school without his pencil.

**Grade 4/5's** are learning about different types of pizza. Vocabulary test on the ingredients October 1.

**Grade 6's** are practising written descriptions of clothing and colours. Vocabulary test, fiche 5 & 6 October 1.

**Grade 7/8's** are learning to describe what they want to eat, what they can prepare, and what they must pay to purchase items. Test on the verbs "pouvoir", "vouloir" and "devoir" October 1. Students must be able to conjugate the verbs (use your reference sheet) to be able to fill in the blanks with the right form.