



# Kleinburg Christian Academy

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**Weekly Newsletter – October 23, 2009**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Weekly Thought:** If you keep saying that things are going to be bad, you have a good chance of being a prophet.

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Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth,  
thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.  
*Proverbs 6:2*

**Picture Day:** Please be reminded that Friday October 30 is Picture Day. Students are asked to wear their school uniforms.

**No School:** The title got you reading, didn't it? On November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, the KCA staff will be attending the annual ACSI Teachers' Convention. The Monday following, November 9<sup>th</sup>, KCA will have an internal Professional Development Day to discuss, challenge and teach each other about some of the things we have learned from the convention.

Research states that if teachers don't have time to process, discuss and reflect upon new information gained from workshops at the conventions, then the chance of actually implementing new strategies/ideas is minimal. With this in mind, the time given on Monday will be time well spent. Conventions and workshops are great but the information gained must translate to more effective teaching so that each child is better enabled to reach their potential. Enjoy the mini break! We will be working hard for the benefit of your children.

## MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Grades 1-3 Music:** The San Francisco Symphony has a great interactive web-site for children. Visit them at [www.sfskids.org/router.asp?pageid=23](http://www.sfskids.org/router.asp?pageid=23)  
M.Vereecke

**Christmas Choir:** Permission forms have gone home with those students interested in practising for a Christmas Choir. First practice is October 27, from 3:30-3:55. Please return forms as soon as possible.  
M. Vereecke

**Operation Christmas Child:** Watch for upcoming news about our shoebox collection for the Operation Christmas Child programme. M. Vereecke

**Backwards Day – Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.**  
Hey K.C.A.! The S.L.T. invites you to participate in Backwards Day, Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Show your school spirit on this free non-uniform day. Wear your clothes backwards, your hat backwards, your backpack backwards! Write your name backwards, eat your dessert first! Be creative and have fun.



Oct	Event	Note
30	Picture Day	In full uniform
Nov	Operation Christmas	Child
5-6	ACSI Teachers' Convention	No school
9	PD Day	No School
11	Remembrance Day Ceremony Trip	Grades 4-8
14	Comedy Night Fun/d Raiser	6:30 p.m. Church/School
18	Operation Christmas Child Chapel	
26	ACSI Spelling Bee	



### **SWAP Program:**

Gift cards are a great solution to your Christmas giving needs. Check out the gift cards offered through our Shopping With A Purpose Program and consider purchasing through SWAP. There are 2 opportunities to get your orders in before Christmas... November 10th & December 1st. Make your life

easier and SHOP with SWAP!

### **KCA Events:**

We've only heard back from 10 families on the Parents In Action Seminar Response Form. If you are interested in having seminars available to you throughout the year, please send back the response form. We've attached another one for your convenience.... Thank you!

### **KCA Book Fair:**

The Book Fair is soon approaching! It's time to clean out those book shelves to make room for the new books your children will be bringing home. The PIA is very excited to be adding a "USED BOOKS" area to this year's Book Fair and we are counting on your help and support. Please bring in all your gently used books that your child no longer enjoys by **Monday November 30th**. The books can be dropped off at the school office. Just remember...*reusing is just as important as recycling!*

### **Upcoming Comedy Banquet:**

In conjunction with Nashville Road Community Church, we will be holding a Comedy & Banquet Evening on Saturday, November 14th at 6:30pm. This is for adults only and our goal is to raise support through a silent auction as well as to enjoy a relaxing evening. Some of the proceeds from this event will be for our fundraising account and the rest will go towards an organization who rescues victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery and oppression - International Justice Mission. Tickets are \$35 per person and are now available at the school office... Please mark this date and plan....See attached flyer for more details.

### **Miscellaneous:**

#### **Philippine Relief Efforts:**

The Philippines is under a state of calamity after being devastated by powerful typhoons which has left nearly 400,000 people stranded. Many parts of Manila and neighbouring regions remain under water. Nashville Road Community Church is collecting need supplies for the children and families in this area. If you are able to help at all, please bring in items to the school or church office by November 20th so we can ship supplies these families in need. Brian & Carol Foutz are our missionaries in this area and have asked for our help. They've asked us to "please pray for those who have lost so much, not just in terms of goods but also loved ones who drowned. Pray for Asia, as so many areas have been devastated this week with flooding, storms, earthquakes, and tsunamis. Pray for



the students and teachers of Faith Academy who have been traumatized or displaced by the flood".

### **The following items are needed:**

Towels, sheets, children's clothing of almost any type (no heavy or winter clothing), teen/adult jeans & t-shirts, light jackets and athletic shoes.

Thank you for your support. For more information, please contact Charissa at 905-893-7277 ext. 238.

Nashville Road Community Church

Thank you for your support! Any questions or ideas can be emailed to PIA@kleinburgchristian.ca.

Parents In Action Team.

## **CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES**

### **JK – MRS. MORRIS**

**Tuesday/Thursday Students:** Photo day is scheduled for **Friday**. You are welcome to drop by at 9:30 for the individual and group photo. Hope to see you if it's convenient!

**Bible:** Joseph's Coat.....God cared for Joseph and blessed many people through him.

**Memory work:** Genesis 28:15, I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go.

**Letter and short vowel sound:** U u as in umbrella

**Please practice rhyming words with:**

an, at

in, is, it

on, off, op

**Big Book Language:** Growing Pumpkins

**Math:** Ask your child to count forward to twenty and backward again. It's OK to help them along or take turns each saying the next number.

**Monday:** Library today

**Tuesday:** Backwards Day. Be sure to pack a treat in the lunch bag as we're going to eat our dessert first.... wear what you like but wear it backwards!

**Wednesday:** We're baking today...and it has something to do with pumpkins!

**Thursday:** Expect to see a pumpkin craft today.

**Friday:** Smile, it's photo day! Hope to see the Tuesday/Thursday students drop by.

**Appreciation:**

Thank you for encouraging your child to wear rain boots on the rain days....warm comfortable feet are a blessing.

### **SK – MISS STAM**

**Bible:** We will be finishing the story of Joseph and moving into the story of Moses

**Memory Verse:** "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3

**Language:** We continue to review the sound of Qq and Vv as well as the sound of Xx and Yy. We are doing very well learning to recognize our colour words. We will also be learning to recognize some

fall words – fall, autumn, apple, pumpkin, and corn.

**Math:** We continue to count and match, focusing on the concepts of more and less.

**For Math on Thursday, Oct. 29 your child needs to bring in a favourite stuffed animal.**

**Social Studies:** The Leaf Posters looked great! We will now be examining pumpkins and Indian corn.

**Nicola** was our Student of the Week! Next week's student is...?

### GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR

**Bible:** Character Trait: Attentiveness (knowing what is going on around me). Focus Stories: The disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, Samuel hears God's voice calling out to him.

**Memory Verse:** "My son, pay attention to what I say. Listen closely to my words. Don't let them out of your sight. Keep them in your heart. Proverbs 4:20-21.

**Spelling:** Review of Lists 1-5. The test this week will look a little bit different. On Thursday, students will complete a multiple-choice review test that requires them to choose the word that is spelled correctly. We will practise this in class together throughout the week. An example of the review test went home in your child's yellow Spelling duo-tang today.

**Phonics:** Focus: We will wrap up unit 2 with some review of reading and writing short vowel words as well as high frequency words. There will be a **unit test on Friday.**

**Language:** Focus: rhyming and compound words.

**Math:** Chapter 3: vertical addition and subtraction, counting on (e.g. "5 + 3" Say 5 and count on three more, 6,7,8).

**Social Studies:** We will begin our new unit, "Our Home and School Communities." Throughout this unit students will be challenged to make a difference in both their family and school communities. This week we will begin by taking a close at our own families and also at different types of families. Students will see that God's design for family is for each member to play a special role and for all members to work together as one body.

**Writer's Workshop:** This week in writer's workshop students will be given the beginning of a story and will be challenged to author and illustrate the second half of it. We will have fun listening to all of the creative ways a story can change!

#### **Reminders:**

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  2. Julia is our V.I.P of the week!
- Blessings!

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

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**Memory Verse:** "My son, pay attention to what I say. Listen closely to my words. Don't let them out of your sight. Keep them in your heart. Proverbs 4:20-21.

**Spelling:** List 7: human, joke, load, music, stone, huge, tune, fumes, know, only, used, mostly, true, flute, owner. **Bonus Words:** coach, polite, cube, mute, total.

**Phonics:** We will complete reading and writing activities to review words with long vowel sounds. There will be a **unit test on Friday.**

**Language:** Focus: root words, suffixes, writing sentences that express a complete thought, and matching opposites.

**Science-** We are looking at life cycles of different animal groups.

**Math-** We are starting Unit 3 – Geometry and Measurement

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### GR. 3 – MRS. MAJOR

**Bible:** Character Trait: Wisdom

Memory Verse (due Friday) Psalm 1: 1, 3 (see zipper pocket for copy)

**Math:** Addition with carrying to thousands (Chapter test on Wednesday) Learning strategies for solving word problems. Math test will be on Thursday, not Wednesday.

**Reading:** Pocketful of Stars: A play called "Stone Soup"- learning to read dialogue.

**Language:** More superlative, fantastic adjectives.

**Writers' Workshop:** Carrying through with our fairy tale story maps/ writing a rough draft of our fairy tales.

**Penmanship:** "kite string" letters: *i, u, w, t*

**Spelling:** Consonant blends in an initial, medial and final position. This week's words are crept, crunch, sounds, dusk, refund, colder, skunk, unfold, risk, milk, halt, different, protesting, twister, independent, absent, stretch, printing, blended, product

**Gym:** Rounders (A fast paced game somewhat resembling baseball)

### GR. 4 / 5 – MISS HALLYBURTON

**Memory Verse** - 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. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. **Psalm 119:33, 34, 35, 36**

**Bible** Life of David

**Spelling** Lesson 8 test on Friday

**Language** Gr.4 Practicing with quotation marks

Gr. 5 Test, Thursday on subjects, nouns, and verbs

**Math** Gr.4 Unit 3 Geometry

**Math** Gr.5 We are starting Unit 3 - Decimals.

**Social Studies** Justice and Elections unit test on Friday, review in class

**Literature** Unit on short stories concluding.

**Music** Instruments needed every Monday and Thursday

### GR/ 6 – MR. VAN GURP

At time of writing we have not left yet for Fair Glen. I hope that it will be a great trip – an opportunity to grow in our appreciation of God, His creation and each other.

More students have been staying for extra help at “Club Excel” (3:30 – 4:15 on Tuesdays).

#### **Items planned for next week:**

**Bible:** Memory work for this week: Luke 5: 10b, 11 We are learning about Jesus’ early ministry.

**Math:** We are nearing the end of Unit 2: Whole Numbers. Look for quiz results from lessons 1-8 in the Friday folders. A unit test is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

**Language Arts:** We will be continuing with our novel, "Billy Sunday Runner for the Lord"

**Spelling:** The Lesson this week is Lesson Eight and the Spelling Test is on Friday October 30.

**Grammar/Writing:** We will be studying different styles of writing and I have asked the students to bring to class for next Wednesday a copy of their local newspaper, it does not have to be a current copy, it may be a few weeks old.

**Science:** We have spent time in class reviewing the Scientific Method and preparing a lab report using Microsoft PowerPoint. The lab report is due Friday, October 30, 2009 on. Look for an email with attachments to help prepare this report. If you do not receive the email, that means I don’t have your email address. Please contact me so that I can reply.

**Computers:** We continue to practice our editing skills on a collection of short stories.

**Gym:** Results of the knowledge test on Friday, October 16, 2009 were not very good on average. An opportunity for a re-test will be given when our

Health classes begin in early November. Health classes for grade six will be on Mondays for a period of 6-8 weeks.

### GR. 7 / 8– MISS AGNEW

We had lots of fun in 7/8 this week. The students prepared a delicious “Habitant Luncheon” on Wednesday. Though our Food Web game had to be postponed until next week, due to the rain, we enjoyed the vinegar egg experiment in Science. Here’s what’s happening next week . . .

**Memory Verse** – ACTS 11:25, 26

**Spelling**– List 6 Words and Definitions Due Wednesday, Test Friday

**Science** – The Science test originally scheduled for Oct. 23 will be Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>!

**Literature Circles** – Your second group meeting will be Friday, be prepared!

**Grade 8 Math** - We are starting Unit 3- Geometry and Measurement.

**Reminder** – Grade 8 day at TDCH on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Grace & Peace!

### FRENCH – Mme. VEREECKE

**Grade 1’s** are learning words for fruits and vegetables, their colours, as well as voting for their preferences.

**Grade 2’s** are learning lunch box and breakfast items. We feel very hungry during French class!

**Grade 3’s** are reviewing the stories of their unit on school supplies, imaginary and real stories, as we wrap up our theme. Their workbooks should have come home for you to look at this week.

**Grade 4/5’s** will be preparing to create a pizza on paper, complete with a list of ingredients and instructions.

**Grade 6’s** will design an imaginary criminal, and write a complete, precise description for their unit project.

**Grade 7/8’s** will be starting a new unit of study: jobs and career choices. Vocabulary test October 29: question words.

