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Weekly Newsletter – October 30, 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Weekly Thought:

God loves you.

Personally. Powerfully.

Passionately.

Others have promised and failed.

But God has promised and succeeded.

He loves you

with an unfailing Love.

Max Lucado

No School: On November 5th and 6th, the KCA staff will be attending the annual ACSI Teachers' Convention. The Monday following, November 9th, 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. Enjoy the Break and the extra hour of sleep on Sunday morning.

MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Folk Artist of Distinction Visits K.C.A.

The Primary Department is thrilled to welcome Mrs. Mary Scattergood, a local Folk Artist and teacher. She is scheduled to show her paintings and lead four presentations on Tuesday, November 3rd for students in JK through Grade 3. Mrs. Scattergood's gallery is located at 69 Nashville Road, Kleinburg. We are blessed to have Mary and Duncan McRuvie's Nana share her gifts and talents with us.
Carolyn Morris

Fair Glen Pictures :Grade 4, 5 & 6 parents are invited to a slide presentation of our recent trip to Fair Glen. Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at 3:15 pm., in the chapel.

Remembrance Day Trip! On Wednesday, November 11th, the students in **Grades 4-8** will be attending the Remembrance Day ceremony held at the Cenotaph in Toronto. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to come with us, we appreciate your interest and support. Due to limited space, we will draw names to

choose the parent volunteers who will accompany us on the bus. Other parents are welcome to drive down on their own and join us for the ceremony.

Operation Christmas Child – Please watch for information coming home with your child next week regarding our Operation Christmas Child programme. Fill a shoebox with items for a needy child around the world. Boxes are due back at KCA November 18th.
Mme Vereecke

KCA Students Excel at Cross-Country Meet

KCA's cross-country running team, as well as Mr. VanGurp's grade six class, participated in a cross-country meet this week. Level 3,4,5 and 6 students from Kleinburg Montessori School joined our students to participate in challenging one and two kilometre courses around our property.

KCA students represented our school extremely well, demonstrating great enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and excellent race results. We had a number of first, second and third place finishes!
Congratulations, team!



| Nov | Event | Note |
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| | 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 | All boxes due |
| 26 | ACSI Spelling Bee | |
| 27 | Non Uniform Day | Cost \$2.00 |



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!

Hot Lunch Program:

Due to no newsletter being sent home next Friday as we have a PD day, enclosed are the new **hot lunch forms** for **November 20th to December 18th** and **Pizza Lunches** for **November 23rd to December 21st**.

Please complete this form and return it to school no later than November 12th. Also, please note that the Hot Lunch scheduled for Friday, November 13th will be served on **Thursday, November 12th**. Please mark this date and remember to bring your lunch on the 13th.

This is due to the kitchen being used for preparations for the comedy banquet on Saturday, November 14th. Sorry for the inconvenience.

PIA Committee

KCA Book Fair:

The Book Fair is fast 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. Tickets are \$35 per person and are now available at the school office... Please mark this date and plan to attend.

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

Parents In Action Team.

Miscellaneous:

Philippine Relief Efforts:

The Philippines is under a state of calamity after being devastated by powerful typhoons which have left nearly 400,000 people stranded. Many parts of Manila and neighbouring regions remain under water. Nashville Road Community Church is collecting needed 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 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, athletic shoes, school supplies such as pencils, erasers, crayons etc. White socks – needed for all school uniforms (not athletic socks), toothbrushes and combs could also be included. Beanie baby type – small stuffed – toys, jump ropes and hair ribbons and pins are appreciated by girls. Boys like toy cars, balls, tops, and small plastic figures. Basketball is the most popular sport here for boys.

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

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

JK – MRS. MORRIS

Memory work: Deuteronomy 30:16a

For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands.

Letter and short vowel sound: B b

At Home: Please think of words beginning with the b sound.

Big Book Language: Squirrels All Year Long

Math: Goodbye October, Hello November

Monday, 2nd: Library today

Tuesday, 3rd: Primitive Folk Artist, Mrs. Mary Scattergood, Duncan's Nana, will show her paintings and share her ideas on her work.

Wednesday, 4th: Our challenge will be to think of many one vowel words beginning with 'b'.

ACSI convention for teachers, have a nice long weekend!

Tuesday, 10th The story of Moses

Wednesday, 11th: Remembrance Day

Thursday, 12th: The story of Hannah and her son Samuel

Friday, 13th: What's the weather like today?

Appreciation: Thank you for volunteering your time, classroom items, and/or those encouraging thoughts in words and notes. I praise God for your generosity.

SK – MISS STAM

Bible: God saves the Israelites through Moses.

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

Language: We will be finishing up our unit on consonants and will have a test on Wednesday. Nov. 4.

In Spelling, we are learning how to read the words – us, sit, see, stop and fun. These words will also be going onto our Word Wall.

Math: We start our new unit on the numbers 0-5, especially learning how to print these numbers and read the number words.

Social Studies: We will wrap up our Autumn unit and then we will revisit our All About Me unit by looking at our families.

Julia G. was our Student of the Week! There will be no Student of the Week next week, but we will choose a new one the following week.

Scholastic Book Orders are due back Tuesday, November 10th.

GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR

Bible: Character Trait: Orderliness. Focus Story: Creation.

Memory Verse: There will be no memory verse this week.

Spelling: There will be no Spelling list this week.

Phonics: We are beginning Unit 3: *On Wings and Wheels*. Focus: reading and writing long-vowel **a** words and long-vowel **i** words. Here is the rule we will be learning: If a word or syllable has two vowels, the first vowel usually says its long sound and the second vowel is silent. For example, in *made*, we hear the **a** make it's long sound and we do not hear the **e**.

Math: Focus: Adding doubles, shapes, and greater than/less than.

Social Studies: Focus: How families work together and what happens when families choose not to work together.

Language: Focus: reading and solving riddles, rhyming words and opposites.

Reminders:

1. Our V.I.P. of the week is **Matthew P!**
2. November Scholastic book orders are due on Friday, November 13. Please remit payment in the form of a **cheque**. Thank you!

GR. 2 – MRS. MCARTHUR/MISS CRICHTON

Bible: Character Trait: Orderliness Focus Story: We will continue to see how God is a God of order as we read through the story of creation.

Memory Verse: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand." John 10:27-28.

Spelling: List 8: read, team, breathe, east, seat, beach, easily, meaning, steel, streets, seen, greeting, elect, people, even. Bonus Words: seashore, reason, season, speedy, leaning.

Science- We will be taking a closer look at habitats and enemies of our different animal groups. Remember, insect projects are due on Wednesday!

Math- We are continuing to focus on shapes and measurement.

Phonics: Focus: What is a blend? A consonant blend is two or more consonants that come together in a word. Their sounds blend together, but each sound is heard. Listen for the r-blends in the following words: **grass** and **cry**. This week we will work with r-blends, l-blends, and s-blends.

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

Writer's Workshop: This week in writer's workshop we will continue to work with Word Choice in our writing. This week's piece will be all about sounds animals make.

Reminders:

1. Our V.I.P. of the week is **Luca!**
2. November Scholastic book orders are due on Friday, November 13. Please remit payment in the form of a **cheque**. Thank you!

GR. 3 – MRS. MAJOR

Bible: Character Traits Obedience and Attentiveness "Give me a heart that understands. Then I can tell the difference between what is right and wrong".

1 Kings 3:9

Math: Chapter four is a subtraction unit. We are learning/practicing subtraction of three digit numbers that require "borrowing".

Reading: 1. Preparing for Remembrance Day... We are reading non-fiction material, looking for information regarding Remembrance Day symbols.

2. Reading non-fiction "space" stories in our Pocketful of Stars reader.

Writer's Workshop: 1. Writing/ editing/ preparing our fairy tales for publishing

2. Writing Remembrance Day reports based on information gathered.

Penmanship: kite string letters i,u,w,t,j

Spelling: Because of the PA Days, students will write their list #8 test on Thurs. Nov.12

This week's list consists of words that have a vowel with "r" (ar, or, ir, ur) Spelling list: carton, hearts, sports, artist, spare, dirty, shore, curb, fair, sherbet, boards, fearless, journal, cheerfully, garbage, organ, error, sparks, harbour, perfume)

Science: 1. Space exploration: reasons for exploration, technology used for exploration.

2. The sun, moon and earth together determine day/night and seasons. We will investigate the relationship between the sun, moon and earth.

3. Characteristics of the moon.

Have a super weekend, everyone!

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 9 no test

Language Gr.4 Practicing with quotation marks, commas and punctuation

Gr. 5 Review work

Math Gr.4 Unit 3 Geometry, shapes and angles

Math Gr.5– We are continuing working on

Decimals

Science Human Organ and Systems

Literature Noah Webster, biography study

Music Instruments needed every Monday and Thursday

GR/ 6 – MR. VAN GURP/MRS. BERG

We had a great trip to Fair Glen. If you'd like to see some pictures from our trip, come to school on Wednesday afternoon, November 4 near the end of the day. Look for a note with more detail elsewhere in this newsletter. I will be in contact with some parents whose children should stay for extra help at "Club Excel" (3:30 – 4:15 on Tuesdays).

Items planned for the next two weeks:

Bible: Memory work for November 13: Mark 8:34
We are learning about Jesus' early ministry and what it means to be a disciple.

Math: We are nearing the end of Unit 2: Whole Numbers. Look for quiz results from lessons 1-8 in the Friday folders. The unit test has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2009.

Language Arts:

Spelling- we will be working on Lesson 9

Penmanship- this past week we focused on the letters D, E & F incorporating the slant of writing. Next week students will complete this page in their workbooks and we will continue with G, H & I.

Creative Writing/Grammar- The students have all chosen a topic for their five paragraph mini research paper. Their next task is to find three sources of information about their topic. One source may be the internet, one book and one alternative being a DVD, magazine article, newspaper or another book. If possible these should be brought to class. This assignment is to be worked on in class as we go through the writing process together.

Journals- Students have written about their experience at Fair Glen this week and the next Journal writing assignment will be focused on the newspaper. Please remember to bring in a local paper if you have one.

Literature- As a class, we have read up to Chapter 11 in *Billy Sunday* and students are working in groups creating a linear story line.

Week of November 9

Spelling- Test on Friday November 13 on Lesson 9

Writing/Grammar- All students should have their information with them in class for their Research Topics. This week we are looking at how to organize our information, how to select the important points and to take notes from the information we have.

Literature- *Billy Sunday*, their will be a quiz on November 11 on Chapters 4 to 10.

Science: We have spent time in class reviewing the Scientific Method and preparing a lab report using Microsoft PowerPoint. Thank you for helping your child to complete this report on time. We will begin

our next unit on "Diversity of Living Things" next week.

Computers: We continue to practice our editing skills on a collection of short stories with a focus on picture editing and formatting.

Gym: The re-test for the Soccer unit is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3. Look for a study sheet and the original test results in the Friday folders. Health classes have been re-scheduled for Tuesdays to help alleviate a scheduling conflict.

GR. 7 / 8– MISS AGNEW

Thank you to the S.L.T. members for organizing a great Backwards Day! Thank you 7 and 8's for being such good sports and going back to kindergarten. The J.K.'s had lots of fun sitting in your big desks and they were very impressed with your heavy text books. **Here's what's happening for the next two weeks. . .**

No memory verse next week.

Memory verse for the week of November 10th – ACTS 14:19

We will finish our first History unit and start our first unit in Geography.

We will finish our first Science unit and begin Unit Two

Grade 7's will continue our unit on geometry

Grade 8's we are continuing with Geometry and Measurement.

We will complete our novel study of *Hatchet* and begin our study of Informational Writing. Students are encouraged to bring in newspaper and news magazine articles.

We are continuing with Geometry and Measurement.

REMINDERS:

Grade 8 day at TDCH is Wednesday, November 4.

Grades 4-8 are going to the Remembrance Day ceremony in Toronto on November 11th.

Grace & Peace!

FRENCH – Mme. VEREECKE

Grade 1's are continuing to build their vocabulary for fruits and vegetables. They will be practising counting, colours and rhymes.

Grade 2's are continuing to build their vocabulary for food items. They will be practising counting, colours and rhymes.

Grade 3's have started a new unit following the adventures of Henriette, the little mouse, as she escapes from her cage and visits various stores in her neighbourhood.

Grade 4/5's will be starting a new unit on summer and winter activities.

Grade 6's will be starting a new unit on careers and the workplace.

Grade 7/8's will be studying the characteristics required for different types of jobs. Our grammar focus will be on speaking in the past tense. Test November 12 on the past tense for regular verbs.