



# Kleinburg Christian Academy

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**Weekly Newsletter – December 11, 2009**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Blessed Christmas to all from the staff at Kleinburg Christian Academy. May this be a special time for you and your family. See you in the New Year!

**Enrichment Program (grades 4-8):** The registration forms are being returned today with the confirmed student activity. Please return the form with payment by Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>. I am pleased to say that most students received there first choice (over 90%) and all others received there second choice.



Dec.	Event	Note
17	Christmas Program	7:00 p.m.
18	Last day of School	Full day
18	KCA Christmas Chapel	9:00 a.m.
21 to Jan. 1	Christmas Break	Enjoy!
<b>Jan. 4</b>	School Resumes	8:45 a.m.
11	Snow Valley Trip	Gr. 4 to 8

**Weekly Challenge:** Congratulations to everyone who worked on the math problem from last week. Depending on how you read the problem, the answer could have been 4 or 10. Admittedly the wording could have been clearer. The key strategy in resolving the problem was to use a Venn diagram. Prize winners for this week were Natasha (grade 3) and Francesca (grade 4). Congratulations!

**This week’s question:** In the song, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, how many presents were received? Hint: total presents, not just presents received on the last day. It may be helpful to make a chart.

As an added challenge, perhaps for the older students, see if you can find a pattern and formula for a quicker and easier calculation.

Test out your formula, if there were *Thirteen Days of Christmas*, how many gifts would have been received?

The first two students, one from grades JK-3 and one from grades 4-8, that brings the right answer to my attention and is able to show how they got the answer will receive a small prize from the principal. Enjoy!

## MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **WARM WINTER WEDNESDAYS!**



(December 15)

The Student Leadership Team would like to thank everyone who purchased hot chocolate and candy canes on Wednesday. It was a great recess treat! The money we raised will go towards supporting our sponsor child. Don’t forget to bring in \$1.00 next Wednesday, so you can warm up with hot chocolate and a candy cane. Thank you, SLT



### **“LIVE FROM BETHLEHEM”**

Parents, families and friends are warmly invited to join us for our Christmas Pageant, “Live From Bethlehem”, on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. All students must be at the school at

**6:30 p.m. sharp!** Students should go directly to their classrooms and stay with their teachers. Those cast members with speaking or singing parts are asked to meet in the fireside room at **6:15 p.m.**

The actors, singers, musicians, and choirs have worked very hard to prepare for our show and we look forward to seeing everyone at our performance on Thursday.



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

Thank you so much for your support during the KCA Book Fair. We sold over \$2800 in scholastic book sales, Christian literature, used uniforms and used books. Well done KCA!

A special thank you to the volunteers who gave their time to man the Book Fair. They were: **Angie Graci, Paul Cammara, Delia Emeid, Julia Ventresca, Sandra Bressanutti, Pina Grignano, Shirin Quatraro, Amelia Plastina, Karen Lochhead** and extra special thank you to Maria Fava for doing a fantastic job in organizing the 2009 Book Fair.

### **Story & Craft Hour:**

Invite your friends to our Story and Craft Hour on Wednesday, January 27th from 9:30am to 11:30am. Please register by calling the school office at 905-893-7211.



### **Winter Carnival:**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 20th for our Winter Carnival! This is no ordinary winter carnival, get ready for the biggest, the most fun time of all. An all day event where there will be jumping

castles, arts & crafts, popcorn, cotton candy, and so much more... Invite your friends, family and neighbours to this great event!

### **Hot Lunch Program:**

Please watch for the new forms which will be sent home the first day back at school after the Christmas break. The No Frills Pizza will be served on Monday, January 4th for those who have paid and sent back their forms. We will be offering subs from Mr. Sub for the remaining Mondays in January. Further information and forms will be sent home on Monday January 4th. Thank you for your support!

The PIA Team wishes you all a very happy and blessed Christmas. May you find time to spend with your family and friends during the Holidays. Our prayer is

that you remember the one who came so that we may have life... A full life according to his purpose and plan. Merry Christmas!  
PIA Team

## **CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES**

### **JK – MRS. MORRIS**

**Please pray** for the Christmas Practices and Programme.

#### **Dress Code for Christmas Programme:**

Please have your child dress comfortably in white, black, gray or brown.

The JK students will be sheep.

**Monday:** Collecting all library books for inventory today.

**Tuesday:** J is for Jesus

**Wednesday:** Warm Winter Wednesday with candy canes and hot chocolate!

**Thursday:** See you tonight for the Christmas Program

**Friday:** We're curling up with a book!

**Watch** for blankets going home for laundry.

**Bible:** Jesus' Birth

**Memory work:** Luke 2:11

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

**Letter and Sound:** Reviewing vowels and consonants

**Math:** We're counting to 25 and back again!

**December Appreciation:** Thank you for supporting the KCA book fair. Our classroom library is building greatly due to your generosity. Thank you again.

*May God bless you and your family this Christmas season!*

### **SK – MISS STAM**

**Bible:** This week we will be taking about Samson, who was used by God through his unusual strength.

**Memory Verse:** Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

**Language:** We will be looking at the short vowel o. We have also started reading! We each have our own reader and are practicing sounding out words and recognizing simple sight words. We also continue to practice writing about Christmas.

**Math:** We are looking at shapes and solids: circle, square, rectangle and triangle as well as cone, cube, sphere and cylinder.

**Social Studies:** We are finishing off our Christmas projects.

**Adam** was our Student of the Week. Which of our friends will be next?

### **GR. 1 – MRS. MCARTHUR**

**Bible:** Character Trait: Meekness – The Christmas story.

**Memory Verse:** No memory verse this week.

**Spelling:** No Spelling test this week.

**Phonics:** Focus: reading and writing words ending in "le".

**Math:** Positional words and addition drills.

**Science:** We are wrapping up our unit on structures – we will put our knowledge of how to build strong supports to use as we build our own structures out of candy and other materials.

**Author of the week:** We enjoyed reading Jan Brett's books so much that we've decided to have her as our author again this week! We will enjoy her Christmas book series this week.

**Writer's Workshop:** Students will practise making predictions and we will talk about what it means for an author to "foreshadow" in a story. We will predict our own endings to one of Jan Brett's newest books, *The Gingerbread Friends*.

**Reminders:**

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3. If your child will not be attending the Christmas pageant on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, please let me know. Thank you!

Have a very Merry Christmas!

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

**Bible:** Character Trait: Meekness – The Christmas story.

**Memory Verse:** No memory verse this week.

**Spelling:** No Spelling test this week.

**Phonics:** Focus: contractions and plural endings.

**Math:** We will continue to look at time and money.

**Science:** Although we will be done our test, we will be doing some more experiments to reinforce what we have learned about solids, liquids and gases.

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**GR. 3 – MRS. MAJOR**

We have a busy final week before Christmas!

**Special events:** Wednesday is our woodworking morning.

If you have not sent \$15.00 to school yet, please do so ASAP.

**Christmas Party:** Friday afternoon is a board game/snack time. Please bring a snack and game to share.

**Christmas Concert:** Please wear a green or red t-shirt/shirt and jeans. Our primary choir us singing two songs.

**Math:** We are learning our times tables. Students are expected to memorize these facts at home, with additional practice at school.

**Science:** Mapping unit: What are essential elements of a map?

**Reading:** "It Could Be Worse", and "Nothing Much Happened Today".

**Writing:** Christmas themed creative writing.

**Spelling:** words with -ed, -ing, -er suffixes. Suffix rules. (watching, checking, finishing, learner, bending, cleaned, sorted, missed, singer, guessed, teacher, walker, remembered, following, tossed, turning, wishing, landing, leading, catcher)

**Bible:** We are reading through Luke's book of the bible, hearing the Christmas story from someone with a lot of knowledge of the details.

\*\*\*A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES WHO PURCHASED BOOKS FOR OUR CLASS AT THE BOOK FAIR. Grade three students are devouring books, so these new books will be read and loved! Happy birthday, Sofia. Thank you to the Graci family for providing a "Mad Science" afternoon in celebration of Sofia's birthday today.

All of the grade three students are eight now!

Have a fun weekend,

**GR. 4 / 5– MISS HALLYBURTON**

**Memory Verse: Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in the way. Psalm 119:33, 34, 35, 36**

**Bible** Life of David

**Spelling** Lesson 15

**Language** Gr.4 Writing with details

Gr. 5 Pronouns at Work

**Math Gr. 5** - We will be finishing up our unit on Measurement with a test on Thursday.

**Math** Gr.4 Unit 4 Multiplication and division  
**Science** Human Organ and Systems Cardio-Respiratory

**Literature** Book Reports

**Music** Instruments needed every Monday and Thursday. Students are expected to practise for about 15 minutes daily.

## GR/ 6 – MR. VAN GURP/MRS. BERG

Grade six students would like to celebrate Christmas as a class as well as with other classes in the school on December 18. Students may bring in some snacks & games on that day as we hope to have a classroom party at the end of the day.

Club Excel will continue next week Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

### Items planned for next week:

**Bible:** Memory work for December 18<sup>th</sup>: Isaiah 9:6  
“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

**Math:** Look for results of the Geometry test and the Decimals quiz in the Friday folders. We will have a test on Decimals on Thursday, December 17, 2009. Look for a study sheet on the school website and in email.

**Science:** We are continuing our study of the classification of living things and adaptations. Students should be ready to present their completed Extinct Creature reports on Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

**Computers:** We are now including keyboarding in our computer class time. We are working with captions, grouping pictures and different ways to cut and paste.

**Gym/Health:** We will continue our volleyball unit next week. Volleyball rules have been introduced and a quiz on Volleyball will be given on Tuesday, December 15, 2009. In Health we are wrapping up our study of Nutrition.

**Spelling:** We will be working on Lesson 14, but there will be NO test on Friday, Dec. 18/09.

**Grammar:** Continue to identify verbs and nouns in sentences

**Literature:** Reading our novel, "Message of the Mountain"

**Journal Writing:** Due on Friday, Dec. 18/09 Do not forget to hand in you Book Reports. It is due on Friday, Dec. 18 but may be handed in at any time when it is completed.

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Christmas and New Year. Mrs Berg.

## GR. 7 / 8– MISS AGNEW

One more week to go! It is going to be a busy one. Here's what's happening. .

**Math Gr 8 :** We will be finishing up our unit on Data Management with a test on Thursday.

- For our memory work this week, students will be assigned portions of Luke chapter 2.
- No spelling list this week.
- We have a short science quiz on Wednesday.
- We will enjoy a class Christmas party on Friday Afternoon. Students are asked to bring in a treat or dessert to share with the class.

- CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REMINDER: Keep rehearsing those lines! Don't forget to be at school by 6:30 sharp! (6:15 if you have a speaking part)..

## FRENCH – Mme. VEREECKE

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas. May you experience the best present of all: the Lord Jesus!

**Grade 1's** are learning Christmas words.

**Grade 2's** are learning Christmas words.

**Grade 3's** are presenting the villages they have created.

**Grade 4/5's** will be using much French time to practise for the Christmas presentation.

**Grade 6's** are sentence writing in preparation for their upcoming composition.

**Grade 7/8's** are reading about more interesting tropical animals.

# Joyeux Noël!

