



DCS Newsletter



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From the Principal, Mr. Huisman

*“As the mountains
surround Jerusalem, so the
Lord surrounds His
people, both now and
forevermore.”
Psalm 125:2*

Everyday anew we experience the nearness of our Lord and His surrounding love. We are thankful for His blessings and we pray that we make good use of our time and talents that He has given us.

This newsletter contains information for the next two weeks as next week is a short week. **There will be no school on Thursday October 8 and Friday October 9 due to the convention.** As well, there are no classes scheduled for Thanksgiving Monday.

On Wednesday, October 7, there will be a DCS-only early dismissal in order to allow the teachers to drive to Regina for the Teacher's

Convention. That means that the **parents are requested to pick up their children at school that day at 2:00 pm.**

To that end a **school-wide assembly is scheduled for that afternoon.** We invite all parents to attend. **It is scheduled to start at 1:25 and will end at 2:00.**

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Annual Membership Meeting

*of the Canadian Reformed School
Society of Carman, Inc.*

**Wednesday,
October 28th!**

in the Carman West Church

Mark your calendars.....
**Note change of date from
last week's newsletter)**

By-law changes and the agenda will be placed in your mailboxes on Sunday, Oct. 4.

School Pictures

If you would like to order your child's pictures, please send the money in the envelope as instructed back to the school.

Class pictures were sent home yesterday.

If you would like retakes, please let the secretary know, and keep your pkg. until retake day (Wednesday, Oct. 28th).

Otherwise, please return all proof packages to the school, unless you think you might want to order them later yourself.

Stingers Athletics

SOCCER: The season is done and both teams are headed to the playoffs. The boys will be playing a home game against MCI Blues @ 4:30 at the Carman Soccer Complex. The girls will be headed to Altona to play W.C. Miller. I am looking for drivers for Monday's game so if you are able please phone the school. We need enough room to drive 18 people to and from the game. If both teams win they will move onto semi-finals on Wednesday. Zone Finals are Thursday.

VOLLEYBALL EVENING:

A volleyball evening is scheduled for **October 23, 2009** starting at 7:30p.m. *Grade 9 till 99.* The cost is two toonies per

player, with all proceeds going to **league for life**. You can register your own team, or we'll put you on a team.

Register with Tamara Vankammen, Tamara_vk93@hotmail.com or Doug Termeer, dougtermeer17@hotmail.com

Hamburger Day

**High School (Gr. 7-12)
Thursday, Oct. 15**

**Cost: \$3.00 each
Proceeds to Stingers' Athletics.**

(We will alternate these days between Athletics and Mission, so next time will be Mission)

Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, Oct. 5, Gr. 9
Wednesday, Oct. 7, Gr. 7
Thursday, Oct. 8, Gr. 10
Friday, Oct. 9, Gr. 8

Yes, there are regular IA classes at the Collegiate on Thursday and Friday, and DCS students are expected to attend.

From the SSB Committee... (Steak supper)

We would like to thank all those who came out for the steak supper evening. **Thank-you also to Talbot and Theresa for hosting the evening and to all those who donated food for the supper.** We were able to

donate **\$400 to the DCS Band** and **\$1,139.27 to Stingers' Athletics!**

*Thank-you!
Bill & Deb Vanderveen*

Kindergarten

Miss Stad

On **Monday** we will be having our

Teddy Bears Picnic



from 11:45 - 12:45 in the school gym. Parents and younger siblings are invited! If you can't make it you can arrange for someone else to take your place, so that your child has someone to sit with. **Please bring along your teddy bear (or other stuffed animal), a blanket to sit on, and a picnic lunch.** Come prepared to join in some fun activities. Remember to bring your teddy bears!

I will be sending home a blue sheet with some of the handwriting songs that we are learning at school. Please take note

especially, of the crayon song which explains how to hold a crayon correctly. A number of children have awkward pencil grasps and this need to be corrected. Also, note the "Magic C" song and "Mat Man" which we will be working on in the next few weeks.



We will also begin our study of the letters of the alphabet. We will focus on the sound of the letter. We will be doing a

number of activities at school with each letter. It would be great if this was complemented by work at home as well. Please talk about letters and sounds with your child and read with them through the books that will be sent home each week. Have your child point to the words as you read them, and enjoy the books together. This week we will focus on the letter "A". Could you please have your child bring something to school that begins with the letter A. We will have a show and tell time to talk about these objects.



On Wednesday we will be having a Thanksgiving Assembly. **Please check the newsletter on Friday to see what time the assembly will be held.**

Focusing on Thanksgiving, our new **memory work song** will be Psalm 136:1.

Bible stories will be:

- God's Promise
- The Tower of Babel

Have a great weekend.

Grade 1

Mr. VanderHooft Memory Work

The children seem to be quite quick with memory work! For **Friday, October 16,**

- Psalm 100:2 (Book of Praise)
- Psalm 139:14 (text)

These are in the BEAR book as well.

Bible

Oct 5-7: Sodom & Gomorrah; Isaac's Birth & Ishmael's Response; Abraham Tested.
Oct 13-16: Review; A Wife for

Isaac; Jacob & the Birthright;
Jacob & the Blessing.

Language Arts

Oct 5-7:

WWW: letters and sounds Ll,
Mm, Nn.

Word Wall: Review: a; the; it, is;
I, can, see; go, to, we; at, look;
am, are, in; for, they.

Oct 13-16:

WWW: letters and sounds Pp,
Ss, Tt.

Word Wall: New: for, they; on;
you, all, of; and, like.

We will also complete Kid of the
Day.

A number of items are added to
the BEAR book on a regular
basis. Please check it often!
Also, please keep it with the
agenda DAILY, so that we can
use it at school as well.

Show & Tell

This Wednesday we will have
two groups bring Show & Tell.
The Green Circles group
(**Gianna, Joshua, Lianne,
Kameron**) is asked to bring
something that is circle-shaped.
The Orange Rectangles group
(**Jamin, Mercedes, Kendra**) is
asked to bring something that is
rectangular. Parents, in order for
this to be a fun and educational
experience, the children must
prepare at least three things to
say. Please assist your child in
this. Useful information has to
do with the W5 categories (who,
what, where, when, why).

Library

We will not have library this
week. Students were permitted
to take out extra books
yesterday. Next library day is
Oct. 15.

Math

We continue to explore
numbers: counting to 100,
counting ahead and back by

one. We are also learning about
same/more/less and how many
more/less. We are also
practicing the printing of the
digits and number words for 0
(zero) through 9 (nine).

Grade 2

Mrs. Linde

Memory work: Psalm 19:1 for
Friday, Oct. 16.

Bible:

M Solomon

Tu cont'd.

W Review

Tu Review

W Text

Th The Kingdom Divides; 1
Kings 11:26 – 12:24

F Jeroboam Sins; 1 Kings
12:25 – 14:20

**On Wednesday, Oct. 14, we
will have our first Bible test.**

The students will take their Bible
folders home on Wednesday,
Oct. 7. Please look over the
material with your child at home.
We will review at school too, so
intense studying at home is
NOT required. Please return
the Bible folders to school on
Oct. 13th.

WWW: Review all Word Wall
Words:

**children, after, are jump, best,
will, they, was, line, little,
made, said, small, school, two**

These words are up on the word
wall now and the students are
expected to spell them correctly
in all their writing.

New words: first what trip

Math: We'll continue with
numbers 0-100, focusing on
place value (tens and units).

Science: I had planned to learn
about the water cycle this past

week, but we didn't get to it.
We'll review for the next few
days and start with "*Air and
Water in the Environment*" after
Thanksgiving.

Library: Next library day is
Thursday, Oct. 15.

Phys. Ed.: Tuesday, Oct. 6,
Tuesday, Oct. 13, Thursday,
Oct. 15.

Show and Tell: Friday, Oct.
16: Ian and Micah.

Grade 3

Mrs. Veenendaal

Since we will not be having a
newsletter next week, I would
like to wish you all a wonderful
Thanksgiving weekend! It is
good that we can take some
time to reflect on the blessings
and new mercies God bestows
on us each and every day. May
the Lord grant you a safe long
weekend!

****Please remember your
picture forms for October 7th.**
I have already received some
back – Thanks!

Memory Work: 109:13 (Oct 16)
Text: Genesis 12:2, 3 (Oct 16)

Bible: Unit 2: Abraham & Isaac

M Lot's Choice

Tu Hagar & Ishmael

W God's Covenant with
Abraham

Tu The Visitors

W Sodom & Gomorrah

Th Isaac

F Isaac cont'd

ELA:

We have been practicing writing
paragraphs. I think we're
getting quicker at it and really
beginning to understand if
certain sentences belong in the

paragraph based on the topic sentence. Next we will spend some time focusing on complete sentences and really *reading* for understanding.

Word Wall Words:

Review: all September words (an orange "September" review sheet has gone home).

Quiz: Tuesday, October 6, 2009

New Words: community, countries, pretty, laughed, was

Science:

We had a wonderful (cold!) field trip on Wednesday! A big "Thank-You!" to the parents who volunteered to come! We saw what erosion does to the river bank and learned that even a small piece of straw can prevent erosion. It was neat to see how different the soils feel when they are wet. Clay sure is sticky! In our classroom, we also looked at what compost is. We're going to put all our fruit peels and cores into the compost.

After the Thanksgiving weekend, we will be finishing up about soil and moving on to our first Social Studies unit: Connecting with Canadians!

Math:

We are so close to finishing up our centers. The students have been working hard to complete all eight centers. We will begin to look at repeated addition, counting by 2, 5, 10 and making items into groups. It would be good to practice our addition "doubles" (ex. $9+9=18$) and facts that "make ten" (ex. $7+3=10$) at home.

Music: Choir - Tuesdays
Special Me/Show & Tell (Friday, Oct 16): Erin

Next Library Day: **Thursday, October 15.**

****Let's work hard to remember our books EVERY time!****

Phys. Ed: Tuesday, Tuesday & Thursday

Grade 4

Miss Doek

Memory work:

Psalm 22:10 (for October 9)

Bible:

M: The book of Judges

Tu: The book of Ruth

We: Open Bible Test

The week after we will start with Unit 2 : Samuel and King Saul's Reign

M: Using a timeline

Tu: The Birth and Call of Samuel

W: The Capture of the Ark

Th: The Philistines' Defeat at Mizpah

F: The Anointing of Saul

Working with words:

Wednesday will be a spelling test with the words: ***they, want, again, could, excited, favourite, into, really, impossible, musician, richest, unfriendly.***

The new spelling words for October 23 are: **to, too, two, was, beautiful, before, enough, first, expensive, governor, impression, unfinished**

Guided Reading:

The students are busy with a Reader's Theater. Hopefully we can perform this on Wednesday in our own class. After the Reader's Theater we will start with a novel study. We will read: Charlotte's Web

Writing:

We are still practicing paragraph writing. Next week the students will write them independently

and maybe we can put them together as a booklet.

Math:

Instead of worksheets, we had to write the answers in our math booklets. That takes a bit of practice, but they are doing pretty good. We will continue with timetable 5, and hopefully start reviewing timetable 10. We will also start adding of numbers with answers to 10 000.

Science:

Before the long weekend I am planning to give the students a test on what we have done so far. They took home their folder and a paper with what is important to know. Please, go over it with your child. The test will be written on Tuesday. After the long weekend we will focus on human and natural effects on the environment.

Grade 5

Mrs. C. Vandermeulen

Devotions:

M Vince

Tu Laura

W Wesley

Memory work: Hymn 32:2

Bible: Unit 1 is almost finished. We will have a test on Wednesday. Students also have Hebrews 11:1,6 as a memory for the test.

ELA: Novel study

We will be continuing with our study of the Mystery at Cranberry Farm. We are nearing the end of the novel, so students should be keeping up with their character journals.

Math: Unit 2 continued. We will be moving from addition to subtraction this week.

Spelling: Test on Tuesday,

Oct. 13: Unit 4 **“What’s Cooking”**

bacon	stove	beans
wieners	dining	slice
flour	bowl	grain
main	spice	preparing
hungry	bag	kinds
making	stir	

Class words: woodlands, subtraction, cranberry

Vocab: Test on Tuesday on Unit 3 words.

Science: Unit 1 – Weather cont’d.

Social Studies: Unit 1 – First Peoples cont’d.

Grade 6

Mr. Gunnink

Memory Work: From the *Book of Praise*, Psalm 102:11 and a Bible text: Romans 5:12. (Just a note, we don’t review our memory work often enough in Gr. 6 to memorize it. Students will need to review it on their own at home in order to master it.)

Bible: Gen 3, dealing with temptation; Gen 4, God accepts true thankfulness; Gen 6 - 8, God spares the righteous.

Math: Multiplying by multiples of 10 and estimating.

Socials: We’ll study the executive branch of the federal government. Then we’ll begin a recognition exercise of who’s who in the government today.

Science: Classifying living creatures, continued, followed by a study of microorganisms.

Phys. Ed 6: Volleyball on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Lunch Devotions: The following students are responsible for lunch devotions: **Ben, Brad, Erienne, Warren, Kim, and Cody.** Students are asked to choose a Bible passage, two songs and to prepare an appropriate prayer before lunch.

Field Trip Reminder:

Don’t forget that on Monday we plan to see our provincial legislators in action!

Miss Jager

This week has flown by. We are covering so much material and the majority of the students are passing with flying colours. Just a little reminder to all parents and students that a study review is always sent home for upcoming tests. Make sure you **STUDY** and **HAND IN** for **BONUS** marks. This is a great way to get the students to study and they make excellent practice tests.

The math tests were done very well considering the difficult topic of fractions, decimals, mixed numbers and integers. I’m very proud of all the students for their hard work and practice. **GREAT JOB ☺**

On Saturday we are going to find a class pet, thank you in advance to all the drivers and the parental advice and support in this **‘BIG’** decision. The students and I have discussed the responsibilities of a pet and what they all include, the students agreed to help out the teacher by taking on some extra duties, in **THEIR** [meaning lunch or spare] time. However, if the pet becomes a major distraction we will have to remove the pet from the classroom. The next newsletter I will let you know what we have in the classroom; hopefully no snakes!!!

Next week is a short week due to the teacher convention, but there are still a few assignments that need to be done: the rough draft of their E.L.A **Story Plan** is due for Wednesday, **Vocab** and **Spelling Test**- Wednesday, and a **Science Quiz** on Soils. Also, I.A day is Wednesday morning. So please help your child stay organized for the busy day on Wednesday. Students are reminded that there is an assembly at **1:20** on Wednesday and **early dismissal (for DCS students only).**

The week after Thanksgiving will be a busy week. Students will finish art projects [copying Monet’s works with a twist], play flag football, finish their good copy for their story, and start a new chapter in math - it’s very easy compared to the last chapter. Students, please use your agendas to stay organized. Well, that’s all for now. Have a great weekend and a ‘delicious’ Thanksgiving ☺

Mrs. DeWit

Reformed Studies 11G

Your assignment on 1 Corinthians 12, “God’s Plan for Me” is due on Tues. Oct. 6. During the next three classes, we should finish the second unit which includes Paul’s three missionary journeys. The test will be scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 15, at which time we will already have begun the third unit. This is to avoid having the test in the first class when you return after Thanksgiving Day.

English 20F

We are into the novel To Kill a Mockingbird. Students will be required to answer questions on the novel. Reading homework will be assigned every day. For

Monday's class, students need to read to the end of chapter 7, for Tuesday to the end of Ch. 11, for Wednesday to the end of ch. 16 and over the long weekend, to the end of Ch. 21. Meanwhile, we are presenting oral book reports, a few every day in class.

ELA 40S Make sure A Night to Remember assignment and the letter of request are complete.

Lord of the Flies: for Monday, read ch. 7-9 and for Tues. Ch. 10-12. Keep your responses up to date.

1st assignment: Assignment #1 on the question sheet, "Nature and exercise of power" due on Tues., Oct. 6

Mr. Hoogerdijk

Science 10F

True to our plans, we have moved ahead to the topic of DNA and genetics. We've looked at the marvelous structure of DNA that gives rise to all the genetic variation we see around us. We will be moving ahead to focusing on sexual reproduction a little more in the coming days, since we've completed covering asexual reproduction to this point. There will be a quiz this Wednesday and we will be looking ahead to a test at the end of the following week (Oct 16).

AICT 15F We've completed another chapter dealing with word processing – this one on formatting documents. We've covered setting different tabs, aligning text, setting paragraph and line-spacing, setting up headers and footers, etc. The students have been working on practice exercises and will be writing a test next week Tuesday. Wednesday we will begin with looking at other advanced features of word

processors. This information will be reviewed and the topic continued after the teacher's convention.

Desktop Publishing 35S

Well, we've begun using the computers. Some students began fiddling with the software while others were completing their paperwork. Since then we've gone through some of the basic features of the software and students have been on somewhat of a discovery trip as to what these features can do for their design. The students are working on designing a company logo, business card and brochure for their "company". They were also invited to re-design Mr. Huisman's business card, so we've incorporated that in the course as well.

Science 20S Since the last update, we've covered quite a bit of material including the cycling of matter through ecosystems. This topic definitely re-emphasizes the beauty and order of God's creation as we see how complementary processes allow resources to be used, recycled and re-used in ecosystems. It's marvelous to see how everything is designed to work together.

We will have a quiz on Wednesday dealing with a number of topics we've covered lately. We'll be looking ahead to a test when we return from the Thanksgiving break.

Physics 30S After dealing with the basic concepts of waves, we've begun looking at how they interact with each other to form interference patterns. We'll complete some of the general topics on waves and move on to specifically dealing with sound after the

Thanksgiving break. It will be important for students to have comprehensively reviewed the basic concepts of waves in order to make sense of the sound portion of the unit.

Chemistry 30S We are continuing on our unit on physical properties of matter with a special focus lately on the properties of gases. This has led us to dealing with boiling points, what happens when substances boil, and what conditions are necessary for substances to boil. This will link somewhat with our next unit on the properties of gases. We hope to have a quiz next week before the convention and come very close to finishing the unit after the Thanksgiving break.

Just a reminder to students to continue to work on their projects as well. Don't let the due dates sneak up on you and leave you with a mark you'd rather not have.

Mr. Lodder

Grade 8

Reformed Studies

Hopefully you saw the results of our test on the first unit. Some students did very well. Our new unit digs a bit deeper into the Gospels at Jesus' Early Ministry. We have a memory work, Romans 3:21-26 (which is due for the day of our test October 27. Please encourage your child to do a little every night and then it will not seem like such a big task at test time.

Grade 8

Social Studies

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have shared our 'imaginary civilization' projects. We will move on into studying the Mesopotamian civilization beginning with the first chapter of our textbook.

Grade 12 Worldviews

Toward a Reformed Christian Worldview. Students have an assignment that will be due by Tuesday October 13. This assignment has students taking the four questions, six components, and ten disciplines that can be applied to every worldview and looking for a Biblical, confessional, and creedal reference. Also on October 13 students should be able to show me 2-3 artefacts with a critique based on worldview. In the meantime we are watching the video Amazing Grace: The history and theology of Calvinism.

Mrs. Vandenbos

mrsvsclasses.blogspot.com
Science 8 – Magic School Bus type story about the immune system due Monday, Oct 5. We are nearing the end of our cells unit so that means it's test time. The test will be Thursday, Oct 15.

Biology 30S – Test on Homeostasis on Wed Oct 7. Don't forget to work on your family research project which is due Thursday, Oct 15.

PHE 11/12 – Cody, Daniel and Sam must still show their parents the letter of introduction, physical activity planner and safety and risk management forms, and letter of declaration and consent. Have parents give consent and sign the forms and keep the letter and declaration. Students also sign their declaration. **CONSENT FORMS MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED BEFORE STUDENTS BEGIN COUNTING THEIR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HOURS.**

Graduation Portfolio

Grades 9-11

All students had their first portfolio meeting on Monday during the last class. Some things that came out of that meeting were that some students have not been keeping up with their artifacts to show how they have been figuring out their talents, nor have they written a summary essay, or made a collage, etc to summarize what they learned about themselves last year. **Students must be prepared to work on their portfolios outside of the class time they are given, or remember to put in assignments they used for other classes to satisfy the requirements for this portfolio.** Don't be afraid to take the portfolios home.

Students must also have a binder to put all of their artifacts in because at the end of grade 12 they should have a good start on a portfolio they can use as a professional portfolio to show to a potential employer in the years ahead. As they go through any more training, they are encouraged to add evidence of this to the portfolio they have built at DCS. Employers really are asking for portfolios today.

Therefore before the next meeting ALL students are requested to have a binder (with a cover sleeve), and plastic cover pages to put their artifacts in. The next meeting is not set at this time but be prepared for another one shortly.

Career Internship Students

There is a Safe Workers' Day

which all internship students must attend. Therefore, DCS students will be going to Elm Creek, unless you made other arrangements with Mrs. Lepp, on Wed Oct 7. You must find your own ride there or you could contact Mrs C. van Dijk who is willing to drive. It is a full school day from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

Library Overdues

Library Days:

Grades 1-6 picked out extra books for their 2 days off next week. Enjoy your books!!

They should be returned next Library Day (Thurs.Oct.15) *Don't forget your library books!* October is *Library Month* and to celebrate and promote good books habits the library is having a *book return contest* from Oct. – Dec.

Library Days

Wednesdays: **Kindergarten**

Thursdays: **Gr. 1 - Gr. 6**

Library Overdues:

K – 3

Tessa Barendregt-Arthur's Honey Bear / Jillian Jiggs and the Secret Surprise

Kelvin Hamming-The Ant and the Elephant / Huge Harold

Magdelene Lomeling – Fanny /Angela's Airplane

Cassie Voogt-Little House in Brookfield

4 – 6

Brittney deRuiter-The Capture of the Golden Stallion

Cody Borst-Flying Aces of World War 1

7 – 12

This is a reminder that the following books are due on Mon. Oct. 5/09. If you would like books renewed or if books are needed for projects just let the librarian know. If a book is signed out on the sheet, write "project" or if

you would like to renew, write "renew" beside the book title.

Melissa Hamming – The Usborne Children's Book of Baking / Best of Kids' Cooking

Tamara VanKammen-Pioneer Crafts

Linnette deRuiter-Chop Shop

Lori Leyenhorst-First the Dead

Mikaela Richardson-Scout: The Secret of the Swamp

This is a reminder that the following books are overdue. If you need a book renewed please talk to the librarian.

Rachel Bauer-Rebecca / The Covenant

Derrick Borst-The Drummer Boy's Battle / Quest for the Lost Prince

Andrew Borstlap-Wind Chill #14 / Sequoia Scout

Louise Klaassen-They Called her Mrs. Doc / Maverick Mania

Peter Koster-Abandoned on the Wild Frontier

Cassandra Riepema-Mrs. Pepperpot's Year / Soun Tetoken

Carlin Schulenberg-Canyon Echoes #8

Taylor Veldman-The Treasure of Rodensteyn Castle

Annual Life Hike

October 3, 2009



Registration @ 9:30 AM

Walk starts at 10:00 AM

King's Park Pavilion

Rain location: Carman East church

Come join us in support of life!

Birthday wishes go out to

Mrs. Vandenbos for

today (Friday, Oct. 2!)

and to

Mrs. Carolyn van Dijk

for Wednesday, Oct. 7th!

