



# DCS Newsletter



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## From the Principal, Mr. Huisman

**“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, and not men.”**

*Colossians 3:23*

## Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raap.

This past Wednesday they were blessed with the birth of their third child, *Nolen Richard*. All is well and we look forward to having Nolen visit school sometimes soon.

**Congratulations also to Mr. Hoogerdijk.** This Saturday he celebrates his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. (Honk if you drive by his house ☺)

## This week was the kick-off to Reading month.

The elementary staff has prepared an incredible month of reading activities for the students. The theme is “Rocket into Reading” and they have taken this quite seriously, as is evidenced in the transformation of the school library. The entire room is decorated to reflect a space theme, complete with twinkling lights for stars and a rocket ship ready to blast off into space. We invite you all to stop by and take a look.

**Today we also welcomed our student teacher, Miss Jessica Bartels, to DCS.** I am sure that she will soon fit in as she picks up her task in the elementary division.

**On Monday, the report cards**


**for Senior 1 – 4 will be sent home.** These reports will reflect the course work from the first semester. If you have any questions, please contact your child’s teacher.

**One last item, the elementary staff decided that Mr. Huisman should be the astronaut ‘lost in space’.** The only hope I have for returning to earth is if the students read enough to earn me travel miles to return home. Currently I am hovering somewhere between Pluto and Uranus. If you wish to track my progress, stop by the front hall of the school (or check out the website).

Have a blessed Sunday.


We’ve made bookmarks and listened to guest readers. Thank-you **Mrs. Stege** and **Constable Gear** for reading to us. We’ve done lots of reading and counted up lots of minutes **10,778** so far! Remember we need **130,000** minutes of reading to bring Mr. Astronaut home! Next week we look forward to **“Dress in White Day” (Monday)** and more guest readers!

## Elementary Student Council

We all enjoyed a warm **Summer Day.....Picnic in the gym, ice-cream bars, sunglasses, sunscreen, shorts, to-shirts!** 

Way to go!  
Thank-you for your continued Mission support for Dickie. Small pocket change goes a long way!

## Microsoft Office 2007 Course

that was going to be offered through the Midland Adult Learning Centre scheduled to be taught at DCS on Wednesday evenings has been **CANCELLED** due to low enrolment. 

# Rocket into Reading

Our lost astronaut (who remarkably resembles Mr. Huisman!) is zooming toward earth!



We’ve had a busy and exciting first week

**“I Love to Read”** month

Dufferin Christian School's

## 3rd Annual Family Skate Night



Friday, February 12, 2010  
Beginning at 6:00 pm

- Skating
- Fellowship
- Bonfire
- BBQ Hotdogs (\$1.00 each)
- Coffee/Hot Chocolate

**Come join in the fun and fellowship!**

Donations will be gratefully accepted for  
CDIA – Haiti Relief

**Everyone Welcome!**

*The Promotion Committee*

## Bike Helmet Program for Students and Families!



As in the previous couple of years, the Government of MB is offering helmets at very

reasonable prices to our families.

Order forms were attached to last week's newsletter. (If you need an order form, contact the secretary). The deadline to return your order (with payment by cheque) is **February 19, 2010!** Please make cheques out to the MDA. Orders will be delivered to the schools by the end of April 2010, in time for the new cycling season.

## Yearbooks are coming soon.....

The 2008-2009 yearbooks (last year) will be **\$12.00 each** and we hope to have them out in the early spring.



Please get your order in by Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> (cheques payable to DCS Yearbook / or cash) Thanks!

*Kimberly Grant for the Yearbook Committee*

## Book Collection and Donation for Children of the Light

Reading month also brings to mind those who do not have the privileges of books and libraries that we enjoy. In the past years we have collected books for the school attended by most of our COL children in West Timor, Indonesia. This has resulted in the formation of a library at their school. Just as we enjoy receiving new books, new books are also a cause for celebration there. We would like to give you the opportunity once again to donate a book, fiction or non-fiction religion, science or

history type books. These books must be OK for a Christian school in language and content, they must be in good shape, and they must be paper-back because of shipping costs. They may be either used or new. Any age or grade level is OK. We would like you to donate \$2. For a skinny book or \$2.50 for a thick book to cover shipping costs.

These books will be collected in the DCS library on Tuesday, Feb. 23. We hope to receive a "big" collection.

## Robotics Session

I'd like to extend a thank-you to the students who attended our robotics workshop. It was very fascinating to watch them work through the robotics design, take apart creations, modify them again and again, struggle through the programming, tweak things continually, and sometimes scrap the whole idea to start all over. A lot of really good work was done. It was also marvellous to see how the participants poured themselves into the activity – the focus was intense, as reflected in the general silence as you walked in the room where they were working.

There was also a fantastic atmosphere of cooperation in terms of asking for help with certain design aspects as well as light-heartedly challenging other participants in their designs.

I will be sifting through pictures and videos to see what can be placed on the school website for those interested to view. If you wish to have a picture or two for yourself, let me know and I'll see what I can work out in that regard.

I'd also like to extend a thank-you to the students who inspected the robotics designs, but left it at that.

Comments and questions were stated and asked about the designs in a positive, appreciative way. It was great to see other students encouraging and building up those who had worked on the designs.

## Under 13 Boys' Soccer Team:

Invitations are still extended for any boys who wish to play on an Under 13 boy's team this year (season games during May and June, playoffs during September). The team has been filling up nicely so far - we have 11 signed up to compete for any of the 18 possible spots.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 745-6973. I will try to clarify any details. Just a reminder that Under 13 means boys who are 13 or younger as of December 31, 2010.

## Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, Feb. 8, Gr. 7  
Tuesday, Feb. 9, Gr. 12 p.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 10, Gr. 8  
Thursday, Feb. 11, gr. 11 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 12, Gr. 9

## Kindergarten

### Miss Stad

Next week is a two day school (Monday & Wednesday).

### Volunteers:

Mrs. Carole Vanderveen,  
Mrs. Esther Gunnink

### Memory work: John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life".

**New song:** Jesus Loves Me (all 3 stanzas).

We continue to read many books this month. We look forward to the guest readers: **Mr. Gear** and **Mrs. DeWit**.

Please keep track of home reading time on the sheet provided and send the total of the reading time to school every Friday.

## On Monday it will be a "Dress-up Day".

The color will be white. Please try to dress up in as much white as possible. The kindergarten students



would like to be astronauts on that day. I have white garbage bags which they can wear over their clothes. They will need a helmet or 'space hat' of some kind. My idea was to take a bicycle helmet or any other kind of hat and cover it with white plastic or aluminum foil to create a "spacey" hat. Another way of doing it could be to use an ice-cream pail. Have fun getting ready to be astronauts for Monday!

On **Monday** we will learn about the letter **J**, with Jenny Jaguar, and learn how to draw and label a jar.

On **Wednesday** we will learn about the letter **K** with Kimmy Kangaroo, and learn how to draw and label a mask.

Have fun reading!

## Grade 1

### Mr. VanderHooft



## The 100th Day of School!

Did you realize that **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** will be the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school!!!? The grade ones know! On "100 day" we will be doing some

extra-special fun activities to celebrate. Each student has been encouraged to bring a "Collection of 100 things" for Wednesday. We have read a story in preparation that gives lots of ideas, but if you aim to bring something unique, that would be great! Of course small(er) items are ideal.

### Memory Work

Wow. It is amazing how young minds can memorize!

- Psalm 87:4 (Book of Praise)
- Isaiah 55:6,7 (text)

### Bible

We have completed our unit on Ruth. Now we will move on to our study of *The Early Monarchy* first addressing the chapters 1-10 of 1 Samuel (the birth and call of Samuel, the capture of the ark by the Philistines, victory at Mizpah, a King for Israel).

### Language Arts

WWW: Our study of the r-controlled vowels <ar> and <or> has gone well. This week we will review together <er>, <ir>, and <ur>.

Sight Word review: a; the; it, is; I, can, see; go, to, we; at, look; am, are, in; for, they; on; you, all, of; and, like; he, said, no, she; this, big, that, not; his, her, will, come; me, him; up, down; was, with, my; do, play, yes; some, have, one, two; what, out, there, your; God; be, but; had, as, blue, black, white, red, yellow, green, orange, purple; each, get, find, from, them, many, where, help, these, or, those, more, make

Sight Word new: how, when, than

### Math

We have been working on early

addition. We began with a pre-test, to see what students knew about adding numbers under 10. Now we are slowly moving through the Facts 0-5. Primarily we are stressing the "counting up" strategy; not so much the memorization of facts yet.

### ***Kid of the Week***

Our first Kid of the Week was Gianna. We learned a lot about her and her family. She did a great job demonstrating what is expected for this project. The next person is Jessica for Friday, February 12. All instructions and supplies have been sent home in the Kid of the Week Bag. Parents, your involvement is appreciated!!

### ***Library & Mission Money***

Each Thursday. Student Council advises that a minimum \$0.25 per student (K-6) each week is necessary in order to support our sponsor child. Thanks for your support!

### ***Family Skate Night – Friday, February 12***

See announcement elsewhere in this newsletter!

#### ***Skating***

It was good to see everyone with their skates yesterday! We will continue to skate for gym class each Thursday. PLEASE remember your skates! Also, grade one can skate at lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays.

### ***Reading Month***

We have been reading a lot. On Wednesday we read with partners from grade 5 and yesterday we enjoyed listening to a guest reader (Ruth Stege). There are lots more fun activities coming up. I look forward to seeing how many *at-home* reading minutes are being collected too!

## **Grade 2**

***Mrs. Linde***

***Miss Bartels arrived today!***

**Memory work:** Psalm 106:1

#### **Bible:**

M Jesus' Temptations  
Tu Jesus Calls His Disciples  
W Sermon on the Mount;  
Loving Enemies;  
Matthew 5:17-26  
Th Acts of Righteousness;  
Matthew 6:1-24  
F Do Not Worry; Matthew  
6:25-34; 7:7-11

**Math:** We'll continue adding and subtracting and reviewing other concepts with cross number puzzles. Fun!

#### **WWW:**

before into joke sale them

**Science:** We finished our unit about Solids, Liquids, and Gases.

**Library:** Thursday

**Phys. Ed.:** Tuesday and Thursday – Skating

**Show and Tell – Friday**

Logan and Brett

## **Grade 3**

***Mrs. Veenendaal***

**Memory Work:**

Psalm 119:4

Text: Exodus 20:1-17

**Bible:** Unit 5: In the Wilderness

M Giving of the Law  
T Giving of the Law  
W 1<sup>st</sup> 4 commandments  
Th Love God Above All  
F Commandments 5-10

#### **ELA:**

It looks like our stories may take a bit longer than expected, so we will continue with those. Our next unit will be Poetry.

#### **Word Wall Words:**

Review: what, friendly, know/no, knew/new

**New Words:** especially, probably, usually, really

#### **Science:**

We are still finishing up our structures; they are taking us a bit! We will begin our Social Studies: Exploring our World unit next week, where we will take some time looking at the globe and do mapping! This is a fun unit where we learn the cardinal directions and compass rose as we work with what a map all involves.

#### **Math:**

We have been seeing improvement in the Quiet 5s – Thank-you for the extra practice! We will be practicing 2,5,9,10x again next week and begin to work with and memorize multiplying by 4. Do you see a connection with the 2x facts?

Library Day: **Thursday**

**Phys. Ed:** Tuesday & Thursday

## **Grade 4**

***Miss Doek***

A big thank-you to Mrs. Bergsma who taught the Grade 4's when I was in Holland! Thank-you also to the grade 4 students who gave her an enjoyable time.

**Memory work:** Psalm 103:1

#### **Bible:**

M: Judah versus Israel  
Tu: Good King Asa  
W: King Jehoshaphat  
Th: King Jehoram  
F: Ahaziah, Athaliah and Joash

#### **Working with words:**

Spelling words: one, won, another, its, it's, threw, through,

very, with, forgotten, unpleasant, valuable. The spelling test is on Friday February 12.

### **Guided Reading:**

In connection with the Reading Month theme, the students will read different booklets about the planets.

### **Grammar:**

We will continue with the verbs. For quite a few students it is hard to understand.

### **Math:**

We will continue with telling time to the minute.

We will also start with the timetable 7, and review 1-6.

### **Science:**

At the end of the week we didn't do a lot of Science because of different activities related to reading Month. Next week Tuesday we hope to finish the unit Light by writing a test.

### **Social Studies:**

Next week I hope to introduce the unit Manitoba!

### **PE:**

Please take your skates to school for PE on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **Mission Money:**

This week was a good week, after 2 weeks of only \$0.25. This week the grade 4's made up for it: \$9.66!!! Way to go!

## **Grade 5**

**Mrs. C. Vandermeulen**

**Memory work:** Hymn 26:2 (for Friday)

### **Devotions:**

M Cindy  
Tu Miriam  
W Vince  
Th Laura  
F Wesley

### **Bible:**

- The Gospel of Matthew
- Old Testament Prophecies Fulfilled in Matthew
- The Beatitudes
- Christians as Light and Salt.

**ELA:** Stories: getting ideas, choosing a setting, creating characters and plot development. This week's focus is settings and characters.

### **Socials:** *The Fur Trade*

This week will be the beginning of our study of the Fur Trade, so we will start with an introduction and overview.

- Next scrapbook is due Monday, February 22, 2010.

**Science:** *The Heart and Circulatory System*

**Math:** New unit! We will put division away for awhile and focus on decimals.

**Vocab:** Test on Tuesday on the "Education" words (principal, principle, comprehension, philosophy, thesaurus, tuition, faculty, curriculum, illiterate, scholar).

**Spelling:** Unit 20 – Number words (Test on Fridays).

gentle	kilogram	average
fifty	begun	quarter
fifth	moment	damage
group	bulldozer	rang
quiet	counted	between
freezing		

## **Grade 6**

**Mr. Gunnink**

**Memory Work:** From the *Book of Praise*, Psalm 36:2 and from the *Bible*, Ecclesiastes 2:24, 25.

**Bible:** Ex 7-10, Egypt and Israel meet a mighty God; Ex

11, one last plague; Ex 12, the Passover lamb points to Jesus.

**Math:** Graphing data from a chart.

**ELA:** Grammar: Using capital letters (Yes! this continues to need review).

**Science:** Our solar system: The Earth's seasons, then a quiz on material covered so far. After that we'll focus on the planet Mars as part of Reading Month.

(Social Studies has been suspended while we get our minds around the complexities of our solar system. This subject will likely resume in mid-February.)

**Phys. Ed 6:** We'll be in the gym on Wednesday, working on lacrosse skills. Friday, we plan to be on the ice for hockey.

**Lunch Devotions:** The following students are responsible for lunch devotions: **Lucas, Nathan, Emiel, Dominique, and Natasha.**

## **Miss Jager**

**Grade 7:**

I can't believe February is already upon us. This week has been crazy. We are starting to build our new 'cities/ farms' and the students are busy planning and organizing. We are studying structures in Science and thought it would be neat to incorporate this into art class as well. [If you have any extra 'junk', recycling that is NOT glass, please drop it off at school or send it along with your child. THANKS]

Today we had a Math Test, Monday we have I.A. and a Science Quiz, and Friday we

have a Spelling and Vocab Test. Please remember to study.

Next week the students will be busy building and exploring new angles in Science class. The students have just finished up their 'pot-heads' and now we are waiting for their hair to grow. That's all for now, Have a good weekend ☺

## **Mrs. DeWit**

**Reformed Studies 21G** Our first unit of study is an exploration of Bible study from a historical redemptive approach and an exploration of the various genre of the Bible.

Assignment #1 We, God's Children - due on Wednesday, Feb. 10

**ELA 10F** Our first section of study is fiction – short story. In the next few days, we will be modelling and practicing our answering of questions related to a story, describing character and action, and learning how to write an organized personal response. Following this, we will look at journalism, information articles, and the writing of notes in a simple, organized way. This will be followed by the novel THE CONTENDER which the students must supply. The secretary will have an adequate number of novels for students who have indicated that they need to buy them. Meanwhile, we are looking at sentence structure and the function of words in a sentence using a diagramming model. Parents may remember doing this; it's sort of fun and a knowledge of sentence structure is necessary. Fiction Book Report due Wednesday, February 17

**Reformed Studies 31G** Most of our Bible unit is the covenant

history of the Old Testament. So far, we have looked at an overview of OT Bible history from a historical redemptive perspective. Students have done an assignment relating to this. We now move to Joshua as a type of Christ and follow OT history through Joshua, Judges, and Kings.

Assignment #2: Joshua as a type of Christ becomes a Mediator of the Covenant. Due Thurs. Feb. 11.

**Art 10G** Our present unit of art focuses on advertising. Students will also be doing calligraphy in this unit.

**Books that need to be returned from first semester courses.**

**Grade 12:** Philip Bergsma Hamlet #13, Allan Vanderpol Hamlet #35, Doug Termeer Hamlet #4

Dianna Leyenhorst Hamlet # 1, Chrissy Huisman Hamlet #6, Daniel Pol Hamlet # 30, Alaric Schulenberg Hamlet # 7

## **Mr. Hoogerdijk**

### **Chemistry 40S**

Students have been given more paper in the past week than they probably wished to have in the first month. And considering most of the paper contains at least 50 questions per sheet, which means they are already faced with the prospect of 750 or more questions – in just two days! This is all done in an effort to very quickly remind and reinforce some basic Grade 11 concepts that need to be understood as a basis for this entire course. We will not be able to review these concepts continually as we move on so we're making an effort to be on the same page right now. We are working through naming compounds, balancing equations, identifying reactions

and predicting products. So far, things have been moving fairly smoothly. We will see if that is also reflected in the upcoming quizzes.

This review will last for another couple of days and then we'll have a short test before moving on to the first main topic – Kinetics.

### **Pre-Calculus 40S**

We got off to a somewhat brisk start this week. I've made a number of changes from previous years in an effort to improve student understanding. Students have been provided with a 3" binder of extra notes and study resources as part of their course material. This binder also contains 50 exercises worth of questions we'll be doing throughout the course. These exercises may, of course, be supplemented by questions from the text. This means students will have their notes, the textbook, and the additional notes/resources available in an effort to reinforce understanding.

In addition to that, students will be writing a short quiz almost every day. They should always be prepared for a quiz. This will give us instant feedback and will allow us to deal with difficulties as soon as they arise.

I've also switched the topics of the course around to deal with some of the more difficult topics early while students still have that initial energy and enthusiasm, and to allow for more time working with this material before the exam.

Finally, all tests will be cumulative in nature which means no topic can be left behind for review around exam time, but students must continue reviewing those topics throughout the course for test purposes, if for nothing else.

I would encourage students to

stay on top of the assigned work as well as possible otherwise difficulties will build exponentially. Also, please come for help or ask about difficulties as soon as they arise.

### Science 20S

We are moving on with our motion unit by introducing vectors. Right now we're writing vectors and adding them by using scale vector diagrams. Soon we'll be doing calculations with vectors like displacement, velocity and acceleration. Students will find there are subtle differences between mathematical calculations with vectors as compared to with scalars. These differences will be magnified once we start working with vectors and graphs. This graph work will be introduced toward the end of next week. There will be a quiz on Wednesday.

### Physics 30S

We are wrapping up one last look at graphical analysis of motion by working through the tangent method of analyzing distance-time and displacement-time graphs. It seems that the end of last class saw some light shining on the faces of a few students as an understanding clicked in. That same light will take a fair bit longer to shine on the faces of some students who chose to misuse the time they were given in class to do their work.

In the coming week, we'll be doing extensive work with kinematics equations as we apply these to a wide variety of motion problems. There will be a quiz on Tuesday.

### Chemistry 30S

We are currently working on a review of Grade 10 Science in preparation for a unit on Chemical Reactions. While this

can be a very enjoyable unit for some, it can take others a fair bit of time to master some of the concepts. We'll be working through the review for the next couple of classes yet before we move on to the actual Grade 11 Chemistry material.

There will be quizzes on some of this review material throughout the next week.

### Mr. Lodder

#### Grade 8 Reformed Studies/Social Studies

Students began to present their research findings on Rome this week. We will continue with that until everyone has had opportunity to do this. There are a few more lessons to cover on the Roman period of history before we move on. I don't see that happening until after the next newsletter. In the meantime we are also looking at the early church as it developed during this period in the few years after Jesus ascended into heaven.

#### Grade 9 Social Studies

*Canada in the Global Context:* Students have been formed into groups who are studying different aspects of this topic. It seems to take a few days for the students to realize that they are studying these concepts in a group and that they will be required to give a presentation at the end of their study and research.

#### Grade 12 Reformed Studies: Bible History

We have had a quick look at how we might study the Bible. As soon as we have had a little practice at that, we will be moving on to study a bit on the time between the Old and New

Testament before launching into a study of the Gospel according to Matthew.

## From the Library

### Library Days:

Our Space Themed Library has certainly attracted a lot of attention.

Come and take a Peek sometime. Students were able take out a 3<sup>rd</sup>

book related to Space for Reading Month.

Wow!! No overdues in Gr. 2

### Library Days

Wednesdays: Kindergarten

Thursdays: Gr. 1 - Gr. 6

Keep up the good work!

### Library Overdues:

K – 3

Jennifer Breukelman-Mrs.

Toggle's Zipper

Seth Vandenbos-Pumas: Lone Hunters

Joline Lok-Prilla's Prize

Braden Hamming-The Caboose Who Got Loose/Curious George's First Day of School

Michael Riedstra-John Deere Big Book of Tractors

4 – 6

Cheyenne Gansekoele-I Spy: A Book of Picture Riddles/The Berenstain Bears Go to the Doctor

Brandon Vanderwoude-The Blue Lotus/The Grim Reaper

Silas Bauer-Draw 50 Dogs

Brittney deRuiter-Microlife That Lives in Soil/Rattlers and Other Snakes

Dylan Hamming-Come Back, Amelia Bedelia

7 – 12

This is a reminder that the following books are due on Mon. Feb.8/10. 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.

**Rachel Bauer**-Winter Hawk Star  
**Andrew Borstlap**-Short Cuts  
**Autumn Gansekoele**-Maria Takes a Stand  
**Mikaela Richardson**-Plain & Fancy  
**Carlin Schulenberg**-The Drummer Boy's Battle  
**Rica Van Kammen**-Jennifer's Secret #3/Journey to Nowhere #4  
**Keisha deLeeuw**-Cigars of the Pharaoh  
**Melissa Hamming**-The Usborne Healthy Cookbook/Adventures in the Middle Ages  
**Wendy Termeer**- Traitors/Above all Earthly Powers  
**Tamara VanKammen**-The Parting

**If the following books are not returned or renewed they are presumed to be lost and a bill will be sent home.**

**Wesley Riedstra**-Alcohol  
**Derrick Borst**-Iron Thunder  
**Keisha deLeeuw**-The Fields of Glory  
**Maria deLeeuw**-Again Calls the Owl  
**Louise Klaassen**-Titan Clash  
**Cassandra Riepema**-Escape to Murray River  
**Carlin Schulenberg**-Hammy the Wonder Hamster

## Birthday wishes to:

**Mr. Hoogerdijk**

(for Saturday, Feb. 6) and to:

**Mr. Martin DeWit**

(for Thursday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>)

*We hope you both enjoy celebrating with your family and friends and the Lord's blessing in the years ahead!*



