



DCS Newsletter



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From the Principal, Mr. Huisman

“For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord, I sing for joy at the works of your hands.”

Psalm 92:4

Another week has flown by and numerous exciting things have happened at DCS. We were able to welcome a student teacher, Miss Jessica Bartels to DCS. She will be working in the Grade Two class for the next several weeks. There have been a number of guest readers for the Reading Month (see website for update and pictures). The Grade One class celebrated “Day 100” this past week. And tonight we hope to see many out for the 3rd Annual Family skate night. All in all, DCS is a very active place.

Just a reminder that if your newsletter is ever misplaced, you can always find it online at the school’s website. Enjoy the weekend!

Monday, Feb. 15th

Louis Riel Day Holiday!

Wednesday, February 17th

Early Dismissal

Dufferin Christian School’s

3rd Annual Family Skate Night



**Friday, February 12, 2010
(TONIGHT!)**

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

Rocket into Reading

We’ve already come to the end of our second week of “I Love to Read” month.

Mr. Huisman continues to careen through space! He’s passed Uranus and is heading for Neptune, having traveled **48,865 minutes** so far.

Rumor has it that he’s feeling a little home-sick. Just two more weeks



Mr. Huisman. Hang in there! Can we read him home in just 2 more weeks?? We need 81,135 more reading minutes!

Remember to record your home reading minutes on the Home Reading Sheet and bring it back to school on Friday.

Thank-you to our guest readers this week:

Rev. VanRietschoten, Mrs. Holtvluwer, and Mr. Huisman. Much appreciated!

We're looking forward to "Build a Rocket" day on Friday, February 18.



Students are encouraged to bring building materials from home (lego, cardboard tubes, tin cans, etc.) Be creative and have fun. The students will have some class time (teacher's discretion) to work on rockets. Students may bring a partially assembled rocket and finish it up at school. They may work alone or with a partner/group. The finished products will be displayed in the library.

"Fun Day"

Remember the on **Friday, Feb. 26!** Thank-you to those who volunteered their help. We still need a few more, so please consider helping us out for the full day (9:00 – 2:30) or part of the day. You can let us know via a phone call or a note in your child's agenda.

Elementary Student Council

Our 3rd Soup Day is on the way! On **Wednesday Feb. 17th**



"Lug your Mug" and join in the fun

for \$0.50 a mug.

A friendly reminder for those bringing soup:

Evelyn Hoogerdiijk, Gaylene Kamminga, Tjarda Koster, Pauline Lok, Kathy Martens, Inge Pol, Evelyn Prins, Jerri-Ann Toews, Mary Vanderpol, Marry van Dijk. Thank-you!

Stingers Athletics

Grade 7/8 Girls Basketball:

We do have a game next week Thursday at ICS. We will be leaving the school at 2:45 with the game starting at 4:00. **We do need parent volunteers to drive to and from the game and also to cheer on our girls.** For some girls this will be their first ever basketball game!

JV BOYS:

The boys have 1 game next week against GVC JV boys. The game is scheduled for a 4:30 game time at Centennial Elementary School in Winkler. Drivers for this game are: Agnes VV (5), Sylvia B (4), and Betty B. (3) we are leaving at 3:40 from the school.

Varsity BOYS and GIRLS

Congrats to the boys who finished 3rd in last week's tournament at the Carman Collegiate. We have one home game this week and 1 away game. We are visiting Rosenort on Thursday (4:45) and the drivers are, A. Leyenhorst (7) D. Vanderveen (6) K/C Vanderveen(4) L/A Vanderveen (6) and J. Lodder (3) We are hosting VITA on Wednesday with game times 6:00 girls and 7:30 boys.

BADMINTON:

I went around to the classes to see if anyone was interested in playing badminton this year, if you have not talked to me yet please do so ASAP, that way coaches know the numbers as well as we know what tournaments we can attend.

Bike Helmet Program

for Students and Families!



The deadline to return your order (with payment by cheque) is **February 19, 2010!** Please make

cheques out to the MDA. If you need an order form contact the secretary. Orders will be delivered to the schools by the end of April 2010, in time for the new cycling season.

Yearbooks

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. 16th

(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 **paperback** books for the school attended by most of our COL children in West Timor, Indonesia. This has resulted in the formation of a school library in that school. Just as we enjoy receiving new books, they also celebrate the arrival of new books. **On Tuesday, Feb. 23,** we are once again giving you the opportunity to

donate a used or new, good condition, Christian school appropriate and culture appropriate book, fiction or non-fiction. Religious study books and science type books would be very welcome. Any age or grade level is OK. To help pay the postage for these books, we are asking you to donate \$2.00 or \$2.50, depending on the thickness and weight of the book.

Home Ec. / IA Classes

Tuesday, Feb. 16, Gr. 12 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17, Gr. 7
Thursday, Feb. 18, Gr. 10
Friday, Feb. 19, Gr. 8

Kindergarten

Miss Stad

This will be a two day school week (Wednesday and Friday).

Volunteers:

Mrs. Sandra Vandenbos

Memory work:

- John 3:16
- Jesus Love Me

Bible:

- Jesus Calls His Disciples
- Jesus at a Wedding

On Wednesday we will be focusing on the song *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*. We will have peer-reading, library and an early dismissal.

On Friday we will learn about the letter **F** with **Farley Fox** and learn to draw and label a fox. On



Friday it will also be Rocket Day. If you have any rockets or pictures of one please bring it to school. We will be using our names to build rockets for our craft.

Have a good long weekend. Spend lots of time reading so that we can help bring Mr. Astronaut back home to earth!

Grade 1

Mr. VanderHooft

100th Day of School!!

We had a LOT of fun on 100 day! Everybody brought a collection! There were so many interesting things to see. We did some art with 100 fruitloops each and built some 100-piece puzzles. We wrote our own 100-day-wish book. We learned about all the groupings that make 100 and had our 100-day party. Did you know that 20 cupcakes with 5 chocolate chips each make 100 chocolate chips altogether?!

Memory Work

Repeat text. Song is new.

- Psalm 92:1 (Book of Praise)
- Isaiah 55:6,7 (text)

Bible

A King for Israel (1Sam 8-10); A Great Victory (1Sam 11); Saul's Disobedience (1Sam 13-15); A New King (1Sam 16)

Language Arts

WWW: new sounds & rules: <aw>, <au>, and <al>

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; how; when; than

Sight Word new: too, little, so

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

The next person is **Joshua** for **Friday, February 19th**. 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...Hope to see you there TONIGHT!

Skating

It was good to see everyone with their skates yesterday! But the windchill factor kept us from going outside. We will continue to hope that we can skate for gym class each Thursday. PLEASE remember your skates! Also, grade one can skate at lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Reading Month

Great work with the home-reading minutes. We have done a lot of reading!

Grade 2

Mrs. Linde

We've had a great week with *Miss Bartels*. We're looking forward to the next 2 weeks when she will more or less "take over".

Memory work: Our God Reigns vs. 1 (for the concert). See agenda.

WWW: into before eating

Show and Tell (Friday)
Dawson and *Elliott*

From Miss Bartels . . .

Wow, time sure flies! Only two weeks left with so much to do!

Math: We have started a new unit on graphing. This week we hope to make our very own graphs.

Science: We are learning about useful machines. If you have any small boxes, jars or lids, that are useful for building a car, please bring them to school.

Bible:

Tu Finish Sermon on the Mount

W A Soldier's Faith

Th Calming the Storm

F Casting out the Demons

Grade 3

Mrs. Veenendaal

Enjoy the lovely long weekend! Please think about your COL book and \$2...

Memory Work:

Psalms 117

Exodus 20:1-17 (next week!)

Bible: Unit 5: In the Wilderness

T Love your Neighbour

W Other Commandments

Th Other Commandments cont'd

F The Covenant Confirmed

ELA:

We have started our Poetry Unit as well as working on our stories. Did you know poems don't have to rhyme? Did you know they can be about ANYTHING at all?

We are going to work on making poems by starting with very structured settings and move toward more freedom!

Word Wall Words:

Review: especially, probably, usually, really

New Words: about, myself, then, except

Start preparing for a quiz coming up: **January WWW – Wednesday, February 24, 2010.**

Social Studies

We have begun 'Exploring our World!' We will be making our own world map and discussing what a hemisphere is and the location of continents and oceans.

Math:

Quiet 5s this week will focus on multiplying by 2,4,5,9,10!! Remember the songs Grade 3! If you are looking for some help with memorizing/practicing the multiplication facts, write me a note and I'll get some extra work together ☺. We will begin to look at the 3x facts. Practice counting by 3!

Library Day: **Thursday**

Phys. Ed: Tuesday & Thursday

Grade 4

Miss Doek

Memory work: Psalm 107:1

Bible:

Tu+W: Ahaziah, Athaliah, and Joash

Th: The Prophet Joel

F: Amaziah and Uzziah

Working with words:

New Spelling words: I'm, let's, that's, almost, also, always, wouldn't, probably, dishonest, illegal, misunderstood, performance. Test will be on Thursday February 25.

Guided Reading:

The students are divided in 3 reading groups. Every group read a different booklet about the solar system.

Math:

We stop with the unit time. The students are pretty good at telling time to the minute. There are some difficulties with elapsed time.

Next week we hope to start with area. As you all probably know, **timetables are very important to figure out area. Please keep practicing the timetables.** We are learning the 7 timetable and reviewing the 5 timetable and soon also the 4 timetable.

Science:

The science unit Light is finished. This time there were some hard concepts for the students to understand.

Social Studies:

Next week we will start with Social Studies. First there will be an introduction to Manitoba - looking at maps, finding some places etc.

Grade 5

Mrs. C. Vandermeulen

Memory work: Psalm 51:1 (for Friday)

Devotions:

Tu Silas

W Kent

Th Brittney

F Josh H.

Bible: Unit 5: Gospel Writings

Christians as Light and Salt
Treasures in Heaven
Obeying from the Heart.

ELA:

Stories...stories...stories cont'd.

Students will continue to work on developing their stories. They

are working on plot and settings.

Socials: The Fur Trade cont'd. Our first look will be at the French and the fur trade.

Science: The heart and circulatory system cont'd.

Math: Decimals cont'd.

Vocab: Test on Wednesday on the "Faraway Places" words (Kilimanjaro, Himalayas, Thames River, Pyrenees, Yucatan Peninsula, Indochina, Persian Gulf, Strait of Gibraltar, Rhine River, Scandinavian).

Spelling: Unit 21: A Day on the Slopes (Test on Friday).

grabbed, stuck, break, hold, yelled, windy, stretch, sharpen, skiing, stock, threw, shootings, packed, hurry, slipped, sliding, falling

Classwords: Kilimanjaro, Himalayas, Yucatan Peninsula.

Grade 6

Mr. Gunnink

Memory Work: From the *Book of Praise*, Psalm 67:1 and from the *Bible*, Hebrews 11:1.

Bible: Ex. 13 – 14:31, God Delivers Israel; Ex 15, A Song of Praise; Ex 15:22-17:7, Grace for Grumblers.

Math: Review Tuesday and Wednesday. Test on Thursday.

ELA: Grammar – paragraph construction.

Science: Our solar system: We'll try again to become Mars experts. On Friday we will spend some time building rockets. Students will be required to provide their own materials. I am planning to have them work in pairs to minimize the amount of materials required.

(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: **Isaac, Aaron, Myron, and Ben.**

Miss Jager

Dear parents of Gr.7,
As I'm sure you have heard already, I have decided to stay and teach for another year. I'm pretty excited about this and I hope and pray God will guide me through the year, once again. I have let all my students know and they helped me with the decision, so now I have the burden of deciding lifted off my shoulders, at least for another year ☺

The students are back on track and are working hard in their studies. We are studying a Novel and they have to do a lot more reading on their own for this book, 'The Bronze Bow'. Please ask them every night if they have done their reading, so they do not fall behind and become overwhelmed. Thanks.

This week was a busy one with a few Quizzes and Tests. Next week there will be no school on Monday- due to an apparent holiday- Louise Riel... interesting, but hey, I'm not complaining☺. Students also have I.A. on Wednesday morning, along with early dismissal, on Thursday students have Fitness Testing in Phys. Ed, and Friday Students will be presenting some role plays for

the Novel study. And in Math we are starting a new unit on 'Patterns', if your child needs any extra help with this, please write a note in their agenda.

That's all for now,
Have a great weekend ☺

Mrs. DeWit

Outstanding books from semester 1

The following students are asked to please return the copies of **Hamlet** lent to them.
Philip Bergsma #13
Allan Vanderpol #35
Dianna Leyenhorst #1
Chrissy Huisman #6
Daniel Pol #30
Alaric Schulenberg #7

ELA 10F

Book Report is due on Wednesday, Feb. 17
This week Tuesday or Wednesday, we will begin with the novel The Contender. Students are asked to have their copies at school on Tuesday. Those who still need to purchase a copy may do so from the secretary.

Reformed Studies 21G

During this week we will continue with our exploration of various genre of the Bible. Students continue to do various exercises using a historical-redemptive understanding of the Bible. The last one, the exploration of two themes from a historical-redemptive perspective will be due on Friday. A test for Unit 1 will be held on Friday, February 19.

Reformed Studies 31G

Feb. 12 Presentation of the judges
This will be followed by Ruth and the study of the book of Samuel. Tentative test date Feb. 19 for unit 1 up to the end of King Saul.

Mr. Hoogerdijk

Chemistry 40S We have finished the Grade 11 Chemistry review and have moved on to the Kinetics unit. We will be moving into this rather quickly and then will slow down for a somewhat lengthy lab. There are some seemingly trivial concepts that will be extremely important to remember for the rest of the course, so I would advise students to pay rapt attention as we begin this unit.

We will have a few quizzes as we work through the unit. Assignments will also be given regularly. Students need to keep on top of these as the course progresses.

Pre-Calculus 40S

We have progressed through the first part of the unit fairly well. Students were introduced to the infamous Unit Circle. Some took a little too long to catch on to it or take it as seriously as they needed to. They have since found out how crucial it is to working through this unit.

We have now begun working through graphs of the trigonometric functions. We are introducing them at this point and studying the properties of each of them. We will deal with transforming these graphs as we move into the next unit.

Science 20S We have taken a little turn in our motion unit by introducing vectors. This adds a twist to working with formulas and graphs. So far most students seem to have a feel for the topic and its concepts.

One difficulty that will prevent complete understanding is the fact that a large number of students have recently taken time off from completing assigned work. This means they have not practiced the concepts we have taken, have not fully

developed their understanding of these concepts, and do not have a full foundation for moving on. We still move on as we must, which means these students will end up falling behind, perhaps to the point where they cannot catch up anymore.

Physics 30S

We have moved on to working with formulas called kinematics equations. We will spend a bit of time applying these formulas to problem situations before moving on in the unit. It was good to see a number of the students struggling through some of the problems in an effort to promote understanding.

Chemistry 30S

We are completing our review of Grade 10 Science in preparation for our unit on Chemical Reactions. So far we have covered naming and writing compounds of various types. From there we will move on to looking at types of chemical reactions, predicting the products of reactions, and balancing these chemical reactions.

That will bring us up to the next unit on the mathematics of chemical reactions – called stoichiometry. There will, of course, be a fair bit of mathematics in this unit. We will cover the basics carefully in preparation for some of the more advanced topics.

Mr. Lodder

Grade 8 Reformed Studies /Social Studies

Research projects have been presented. On the whole they were well done. Presenting is not easy. Sometimes we have good information but we have a hard time passing that on to our peers. We will finish up our study of Rome this week with a Test on Friday.

Grade 9 Social Studies

Canada in the Global Context: Students have been formed into groups who are studying different aspects of this topic. They will be required to give a presentation at the end of their study and research. It seems that we are making progress.

Grade 12 Reformed Studies-BH

We will have a test on the first two modules. This will happen on Wednesday. On Tuesday we plan to already move into our study of Matthew. Students should be working on a research project as well. March 25 is the first due date for the research assignment when students should be able to indicate exactly what their thesis will be and how they intend to argue the point. The final product is due on March 10.

Mr. Raap

MATH 9: We will be having a test next week Friday on our first unit of exponents.

PE 9: Basketball: Please make sure you bring non-scuffing shoes as well as gym clothes (shorts and a t-shirt)

Geography 10: We will also be having a test on Unit 1 Geographic Literacy this coming Friday.

Mrs. Vandebos

DCS website, faculty, Mrs. Vandebos website

Math 8 – We have just finished a very hard unit, hopefully the next ones will be not as bad. Remember to improve your mark by finishing all your homework and then correcting your

assignments. Next week we start chapter 2: Operations with radical numbers.

PreCalculus 20S – First chapter all done, now we move on to number patterns. Things move quickly since the next test will be Friday Feb 26.

PreCalculus 30S – Our next chapter is on solving linear inequalities

Biology – We have begun our next unit: Excretion and Waste Management, including a dissection of a pig's kidneys. We will soon be doing the unit visual and research project.

PHE Grade 12 – The Health Portfolio is now PAST DUE. Semester 1 courses are now complete, so please get the PHE portfolio done and then you can concentrate on the fulfilling your activity hours, which are not due till June.

Library Overdues

Our Space Themed Library has certainly attracted alot of attention.

Come and take a Peek sometime.

Students were able take out a 3rd book related to Space for Reading Month.

Wow!! No overdues in Gr. 1 this week!

Library Days

Wednesdays: **Kindergarten**

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

Keep up the good work!

Library Overdues:

K – 3

Joel deRuiter-Tonka Big Book of Trucks/The Best Book of Pirates

Rachel Gunnink-The Berenstain

Bears and The Messy Room/Best of Kids' Cooking

Jayden Lok-Earth Movers

Ian Barendregt-Armstrong Lands on The Moon/Survival:Could You Be a Deer/Could You Be a Squirrel

Jenna Boeve-Sixteen and Away From Home

Elliot Holtvluwer-Asterix and The Golden Sickle/Galaxies/Asterix and The Class Act

Vincent Klaassen-I Wonder Why Stars Twinkle

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

Michael Riedstra-John Deere Big Book of Tractors/The Red Sea Sharks

4 – 6

Brandon Vanderwoude-The Blue Lotus/The Grim Reaper

Silas Bauer-Titan Clash/Oxygen Level Zero

Cody Borst-The Kid Who Only Hit Homers

Nathan Kamminga-Huddle-up Football

Dylan Hamming-Come Back, Amelia Bedelia

7 – 12

This is a reminder that the following books are due on Tues. Feb.16/10. 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.

Mikaela Richardson-A Sister's Secret

Mackenzie Schulenberg-Arms & Armor

Dwier Termeer-Ancient Romans/Roman Army

Jenien Riedstra-Simple Gifts/A Gentle Calling

Jessica Riepema-The Wizzle War

Lori Leyenhorst-The Guardian

Alison Brouwer-Every Now and Then

The following books are overdue. Please have them renewed or returned.

Rachel Bauer-Winter Hawk Star

Andrew Borstlap-Short Cuts
Keisha deLeeuw-Cigars of the Pharaoh

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

Keisha deLeeuw-The Fields of Glory

