



# DCS Newsletter



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## From the Principal, Mr. Huisman

*“God is our refuge  
and strength, an  
ever-present help in  
trouble.”*

*Psalm 46:1*

It was with great sadness that we heard this past week about the devastation in Haiti. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who are affected by this devastating event. As a school, our thoughts also turned to the Coram Deo School, which was totally destroyed. If you would like read more in detail about the school, please follow the links found on [www.cdiancanada.com](http://www.cdiancanada.com). Let us always keep in mind the words of the psalmist in Psalm 46 and draw comfort from the fact that He is our refuge and strength.

At this time, I would also to remind all HS students to prepare for their final exams in a timely fashion. **The exam schedule is posted on the website.** This coming week the Grade 12's will write their Provincial A-Math exam on Monday/Tuesday

while the Grade 12 C-Math students will write their exam on Wednesday/Thursday.

There are also a few upcoming learning opportunities available to our students and parents. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see information for the *Robotics – Lego Mindstorm* sessions for our students and for *Introduction to Computers/Microsoft Office* for the broader community. I would encourage all those interested to take part in these endeavours. Have a blessed weekend.

## STINGERS Athletics

### We have 4 home games this week.

The Varsity girls are also heading to a tournament in Treherne this Friday and Saturday.

**Monday:** JV boys vs. GVC 9's 6:00 pm

**Wednesday:** JV boys vs. W.C. Miller 6:00 pm

**Thursday:** Varsity Girls vs. Rosenort 6:00 pm

Varsity Boys vs. Rosenort 7:30 pm

### This week's scores were:

JV Boys:

DCS 80 Westpark 28

DCS 42 Carman 73

#### Varsity Girls

DCS 99 RVS 12

DCS 71 Westpark 21

#### Varsity Boys

DCS 98 RVS 34

The boys were also in a tournament last weekend in St. Laurent and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Garrett Hillmer was also voted as a tournament all star. Congrats Boys.

DCS 61 St. Laurent 60

DCS 76 Ashern 30

DCS 35 Warren 60

## Beef for Sale

Proceeds to support  
Children of the Light in  
West Timor



Our beef will be ready somewhere between the **20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of January** – next week **Wednesday to Friday.** Once again we have ground meat, lean, and packaged and frozen in 2 pound packages. The price of these will

be \$2.35 per pound or \$4.70 per package. In order to move this meat quickly, we would like you to clip the following order form and return it to the school. We will phone you when we have the final pick up time.

As well, we have a small amount of marinating steak – ribeye, tenderloin, and striploin. This will not be ready for several weeks yet, but we would ask you to include it on your order if you are interested. We propose to sell this for \$4.25 per pound. Again, we will let you know via telephone when it is available. This will be on a first order basis.

**Please return forms (at end of this newsletter) to Mrs. DeWit.**

## Elementary Student Council

“**Way to Go**” to all who “Lugged a Mug” to school on Soup Day! There was an abundance of delicious soup, and even the high school students could enjoy a mug!

**We made \$54.75 (for mission!).** Thank-you to all the ladies who brought a pot! A special thanks to those who helped serve and clean up.

**Council Members...**There will be a meeting this coming **Monday, January 18, 2010 at 12:20 p.m.** in the library. See you there!

## Midland Adult Education Centre

is hosting a course at our school on Microsoft Office 2007. The course will deal with Windows basics, a general introduction to Office, file management, Word

(basic and advanced features), Excel (basic and advanced features) and the integration of Word and Excel.

The course will run for 6 weeks beginning on **Monday, February 1 and will end on Monday, March 8. Classes run each Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Space is limited so call the Midland Adult Education Centre to register as soon as possible.

*Thanks....William Hoogerdijk*

## Book Collection and Donation for Children of the Light

With the month of February approaching, we are beginning to think about *book month*. As in the last few years, we would like to use this opportunity to collect books again for our Children of the Light library in the school in West Timor. What we were thinking is, that, so far, the books sent have been, almost all, story books. We were wondering if it might be possible to focus on information books this year. Books must be paperback and must be in good condition. They need not be new. Anyone who donates a book is asked to write his or her own name and a short note in the front of the book. As well, a donation of \$2. Per book is requested to cover postage costs. We will be doing the gathering of these books at the end of February. This is just an advance notice, since I know,

from experience, that it takes a bit of looking and sorting to find something suitable sometimes.

## Robotics Session:

A number of robotics sessions will be hosted at school for various grades.



Durin these sessions, we'll have a brief introduction to some robotics applications, an introduction to the kits we're using, a simple robotics build, and then a “free-for all” where students can design their own robots.

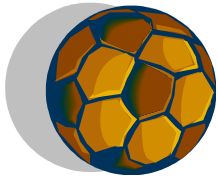
**Grade 10** students will have an opportunity to work with robotics kits on January 28 starting at 1:00 pm (after the last exam). We may end up starting this session earlier in the morning if things work out – I will keep you posted.

**Grades 7-9** will be able to work with the robotics kits at two sessions: January 29 and February 6, both starting at 9:00 am and running all day.

If students are interested in attending any of the sessions, they should contact Mr. Hoogerdijk to ensure there is room for them at these sessions. Room is limited due to the number of kits available for use.

## Under 13 Boys' Soccer Team:

Although soccer would seem to be a long way off yet, plans for soccer are being prepared during the winter months. Plans are in the works to put together an under 13 boys soccer team to play in the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association's league. Before plans can proceed too far, I need to know if there is sufficient interest to continue. If your child(ren) is/are interested in playing on a team like this, please contact Mr. Hoogerdijk at 745-6973. The team would play during May and June with playoffs in September.



- Saul Hunts for David
- Elijah the Prophet

This will be a **three day school week!**

Our theme for the next two weeks will be "**community helpers**".

We will talk about our parents and their work.



We will look especially at the work of the *Fireman* and the *Police man*. We will be reading many books about different jobs.

On Monday we will learn about the letter **D** with *Daisy Dragon*. On Wednesday we will draw and label "A Dad". On Friday we will learn about the letter **T** with *Timmy Tiger*, as well as draw and label a top.

For math we have been working with the calendar since school started. Students will be taking home a calendar today. They should try to X a box for each day as it goes by. This will help them to see how a calendar works. A sheet of discussion questions will be sent home as well.

Have a great weekend!

## Grade 1

### Mr. VanderHooft

#### Memory Work

Wow! Memory work was well-done this week! Keep it up! Due for this Friday, Jan 22 are:

- Psalm 79:5 (Book of Praise)
- No text this week.

#### Bible

We have begun our unit on the Judges, already learning about the stories Othniel, Ehud, and

Deborah & Barak. We will complete this unit as we learn about Gideon (Mon-Tues) and Samson (Wed-Fri).

#### Language Arts

WWW: Finishing with long e as in 'need' and long e as in 'read.' Then on to long o as in 'coat' and the sounds made by oi (oil) and oy (toy).

Generally, sight-word quizzes were well done! I will send home results this week. But do continue to practice – quiz or not! These words are of extreme importance, because they are either very high-frequency or very irregular, following few to no rules.

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

Sight Word new: No new words this week.

#### Show & Tell

The theme is "something important to your family." For Wednesday *Jessica, Gianna, Kameron, Mercedes* should have something ready.

\*Please try to stick to the theme as you send something with your child and help your child to prepare at least three *related* things to say.

#### Library & Mission Money

Each Thursday. Student Council advises that a minimum \$0.25 per student each week is necessary in order to support

## Grade 4 Hepatitis B. Inoculations (2<sup>nd</sup> round)

Thursday, January 28, 2010

### Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, Jan. 18, Gr. 9

Tuesday, Jan 19, Gr. 12 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 20, Gr. 7

Thursday, Jan. 21, Gr. 11 pm

Friday, Jan. 22, Gr. 8

## Could you help us out?

Kindergarten is in need of about 17 of the 'long' paper rolls (eg. from paper towel, saran wrap, aluminum wrap, etc.) We would appreciate it if you could send some to school. Thanks!

Jane Stad

## Kindergarten

Miss Stad

Memory work: Psalm 116:1

Bible Stories:

- David runs Away

our sponsor child. Thanks for your support!

### *Skating*

Well we did not skate much this past week. The weather was warm enough that we would risk damaging the ice if we went on it. But we do still plan to skate for gym this coming Thursday. Also, grade one can skate at lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays.

## **Grade 2**

**Mrs. Linde**

**Memory work:** Psalm 65:2

**Bible:** We'll be focusing on the book of Esther this week.

### **WWW:**

every where skate thing how

**Math:** We'll finish our review of adding and subtracting to 10 and move on to 18. We'll be working with story problems this week.

**Science:** Gases "What are Gases?"

We'll also look at water as a liquid, solid, and gas.

**Library:** Thursday

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

Our skating plans were kyboshed by warm weather! We'll try again next week. Grade 2's have an opportunity to skate every day except Monday (weather permitting).

**Show and Tell:** Friday

**Carson** and **Jenna**

## **Grade 3**

**Mrs. Veenendaal**

**Memory Work:** Psalm 80:1

**Bible: Unit 4: The Exodus**

M The Exodus

Tu Israel's Celebration

W Review - Written

Th Review - Oral

F Unit 4 Test

### **ELA:**

This week we will brainstorm adverbs and touch on adjectives. We will practice writing interesting sentences with these descriptive words!

### **Word Wall Words:**

Review: wouldn't, don't, won't, can't, trouble & December words. A list has gone home today for continued practice for a test on Wed, Jan 17, 2010.

**New Words:** anyone, everything, everybody, are, our

### **Science:**

The letter outlining a structures project where the students will be designing and building their OWN structure has gone home at the beginning of the week.

**The supplies for this project are asked to be at the school by Monday!!**

### **Math:**

We are still working on those 2, 5, 10x! I have explained to the class that they should know the answers within 2 claps. So, I would say 2x10, and if they can answer the fact by the time I am done clapping 2x, then they're doing alright. If it takes them longer... keep memorizing! We will spend ALL our time on these this week to increase our speed of recall in Quiet 5s. The students will see if they can complete 64 questions in 5 mins. or less! Each time they will try to improve on completed questions or on their time.

Special Me/Show & Tell (**Friday**): Rylan

Library Day: **Thursday**

**Phys. Ed:** Tuesday & Thursday – hopefully we'll be skating!

## **Grade 4**

**Miss Doek**

**Memory work:** Psalm 95:1

### **Bible:**

M: Ahaziah

Tu: Elijah to Elisha

W: Elisha

Th: cont'd

F: Jehu

### **Working with words:**

New Spelling words: by, buy, didn't, doesn't, especially, something, sometimes, who, continuous, nonliving, swimming, conversation. The spelling test will be on **Thursday** January 28.

### **Guided Reading:**

We have finished the novel!! We hope to watch the movie sometime next week.

For guided reading we will read different booklets for the coming weeks.

### **Grammar:** Nouns

### **Math:**

Please, practice the timetables. The students also brought home the flashcards with timetable 6. Go over it with them, but don't forget to do the other timetables too. They seem to forget timetable 3 and 4 already ☹️ Next week we will do a review week: numbers till 10000, < , > expanded form, adding and subtracting.

### **Science:**

We will review what we have learned so far. A midunit test will be written on Tuesday. After that we will continue with the unit light about: refracting light, convex, concave.

### **Art:**

Do you have any egg cartons? If you do could you please send them to school, as we can use

them for paint! (Especially the cartons for 12 eggs)

**PE:**

Weather permitting we will skate for gym

## **Grade 5**

**Mrs. C. Vandermeulen**

**Memory work:** Psalm 135:2

**Devotions:**

M Silas  
Tu Kent  
W Brittney  
Th Josh H.  
F Josh K

**Bible:** We will finish our unit on the life of Jesus with a study of His First Miracle (The Wedding in Cana). We will review on Tuesday and have a test on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

**ELA:** We are still studying poetry. We have been writing some of our own poems and hope to compile them all into a Grade 5 poetry book.

**Socials:** We are done our study of the French in North America and the New France settlement, so now we will study the British in North America.

**Science:** We have wrapped up nutrition now, and will keep looking at the digestive system before we study the respiratory system.

**Math:** Division cont'd.

**Vocabulary:** No test this week because of the back-up test. We will be starting a new unit (Personality).

**Spelling: Unit 17: The Land of Dreams (test on Friday).**

steal western  
taken decide  
southern level  
stood past

distance rounded  
common straight  
substance path  
eastern chance  
northern

**Classwords:**

Britain disciples personality

## **Grade 6**

**Mr. Gunnink**

**Memory Work:** From the *Book of Praise*, Hymn 44:1 and from the *Bible*, Ephesians 2:1,4,5.

**Bible:** Gen 41:41ff, Joseph becomes second in command; Gen 42, God fulfills Joseph's dreams; Gen 43-45, God shows his purposes in Joseph's life.

**Math:** Tests will be returned early next week. Topics this week: working with very large numbers; finding missing values.

**ELA:** Grammar: Using capital letters; using a dictionary efficiently.

**Science:** Our solar system: We'll consider whether Pluto is a planet and we'll get into some activities to begin to appreciate the expanse of our solar system.

**Phys. Ed 6:** Hockey, weather permitting. It's a good idea for students to keep a set of gym clothes in their locker.

**Lunch Devotions:** The following students are responsible for lunch devotions: **Isaac, Aaron, Myron, Ben, and Brad.**

## **Miss Jager**

### **Grade 7:**

I can't believe this is the end of the second week. Even the

students agreed that this week flew by. We were very busy working on our research projects, writing a Math and Reformed Studies Test, and building new creations out of real clay and modeling clay. Ask your students!

We are currently working on a sculpting and moulding unit for the month of January which, so far, is a hit.

Next week Research Projects are due and students have been working hard on them. We will also be starting new Math and R.S units.

Turbo (our hamster!) is doing well. It seems he went on a bit of a diet on the Christmas holidays and tends to use his running wheel a lot more. So this is a good sign; he seemed to be gaining a lot in the month of December.

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

## **Mrs. DeWit**

**ELA 40S** English portfolios are to be handed in by Jan. 22/10, this coming Friday. All term work must be completed by Monday, Jan. 25. Many assignments remain uncompleted.

**ELA 20F** The last assignment was due today, Jan. 15. Next week students will sort and assemble their English portfolios and write the required reflections. These are due by Friday, Jan. 22. The sight literature for the exam will be handed out at the end of the week.

**Ref. St. 11G** On Monday, we will continue with presentations of mission fields. The test for

this third unit will be on Tuesday, Jan. 19. The final days of the week will be used for review for the exam. This exam covers only the church history portion of the course, the last three units we took.

### **Mr. Hoogerdijk**

#### **Science 10F**

We are finishing off the last unit in the course on Chemistry. Students should begin reviewing for the final exam on their own. We will be doing some review in class this coming week, splitting time each class between completing the unit and reviewing material. There will be a review outline, hints regarding questions on the exam, and review quizzes to help students prepare.

#### **AICT 15F**

We have finished all the material for the course with a test today. We are looking at a few optional topics to wrap up the course. There is no exam in this course.

#### **Web Design 35S**

Students are completing their web pages in order to have them submitted by Wednesday. This allows time for any final clean-up in the code and fine-tuning of pages before the end of the semester. There is no exam in this course.

#### **Science 20S**

We have finished the first half of the motion unit and will be reviewing for the midterm exam this coming week. We will have a test on the motion unit on Wednesday and will complete the course review on Thursday.

#### **Physics 30S**

We have worked through the first part of our mechanics unit and will have a test on Tuesday.

The rest of the week will be spent reviewing for the midterm exam.

#### **Chemistry 30S**

We are currently working on review for the midterm exam. Students are looking through past tests, making sure all assignments are in, and then working through some review questions. We will be talking about the midterm exam, types of questions, main topics, key concepts, etc. this coming week in order to help students prepare.

### **Mr. Lodder**

#### **Grade 8**

##### **Reformed Studies**

Christ's Resurrection and Ascension: Test this Tuesday. Text for this unit is 1 Corinthians 15:3-8; 19-22. We've had a number of practice runs. May the Psalmists words be true of us also, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (119:11). Our next unit takes us to look at the early Christian Church. This will link our Ref. Studies and Social Studies.

#### **Grade 8**

##### **Social Studies**

Ancient Rome: Students are also working through a Research Project. Most of this project will be able to be done in class time if that time is used wisely.

#### **Grade 9**

##### **Social Studies**

We will use much of this week to review for the upcoming midterm.

#### **Grade 12**

##### **Worldviews**

We still have to finish up our last module and then review the material for the exam.

### **Mrs. Vandebos**

DCS website, faculty,  
Mrs. Vandebos website

**Science 8** – This is the last week for Optics and there is a lot of work to do. We will take up the review questions on Thursday and the test will be Monday Jan 18. It would be a good idea for students to start working on their review questions now.

**Biology 30S** – This week students will work on their visual and research project as well as review for the transport/respiration unit. The test will be Wed Jan 20, with the Thursday working on their Biology Portfolio and study for the upcoming midterm exam.

**PHE gr. 11** – Last week for completing the course. Be sure you have your signoff sheets signed by your parents or coach.

**PHE Grade 12** – The Health Portfolio is now PAST DUE. I realize students are busy trying to finish off assignments for other semester 1 courses, but you cannot forget about the PHE portfolio.

### **Career Symposium**

The date this year is **Thursday, April 8**, but all grade 9 & 10 students must **pay \$2** to Mrs. Vandebos. The following people have not yet paid their money: **Jenien Riedstra, Scott Veldman, Brett Richardson, Phillip Rook, Braden Schulenberg,**

## Library Overdues

The Library now has  
Creation Magazine as our  
newest addition.  
Come and check it out!

### Library Days

Wednesdays: Kindergarten  
Thursdays: Gr. 1 - Gr. 6  
Wow! There were no  
overdues in Gr. 2 this past  
week.

### Library Overdues:

K – 3

Nadia Linde-The Berenstain  
Bears-The Week at  
Grandma's/Farmyard Tales  
Children's Cookbook

Jessica Bauer-The Mystery of the  
Wild Ponies/The Secret Garden

Lianne Riedstra-The Boxcar  
Children/The Mystery in the Snow

Jesse Borst-Where's Waldo? #4

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

4 – 6

Noah Holtvluwer-Huge Harold  
Silas Bauer-Draw 50 Dogs

Brittney deRuiter-A Little  
House of Their Own/By the  
Shores of Silver Lake

Emiel Klaassen-How Obelix  
Fell into the Magic Potion/Once  
Upon Ice and Other Frozen  
Poems

7 – 12

***This is a reminder that the  
following books are due on  
Mon. Jan.18/10. 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.***

Autumn Gansekoele-No

Friends for Hannah

Louise Klaassen-Titan Clash

Mikaela Richardson-The  
Breadwinner

Cassandra Riepema-Escape to  
Murray River

Carlin Schulenberg-Hammy  
the Wonder Hamster

Melissa Hamming-The Crab  
With the Golden Claws

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

Derrick Borst-Surrounded by  
the Cross Fire/Iron Thunder

Carlin Schulenberg-Beware,  
Pirates #1

Keisha deLeeuw-The Fields of  
Glory

Maria deLeeuw-Again Calls the  
Owl

***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

Tianna Wanders-Return

## FYSH

Hello everyone! We are  
planning on heading out to  
Winnipeg **tomorrow,**  
**Saturday Jan. 16** to go to the  
**Museum of Man and  
Nature.** There is a robot show  
going on and we will also be  
able to check out the museums  
regular exhibits. **There is an  
opportunity to build your  
own jitterbug robot to take  
home but if you would like  
to do this, please bring  
along an extra \$5. We will  
be meeting at Carman East  
at 12:00pm and be back at  
4:45pm. Please take along  
your own snacks as there**

**will not be any provided.**  
Anyone who has not yet paid  
their \$25 dues, please bring  
this along. Hope to see you  
there!

Thanks! Nicole van Dijk

**Birthday wishes go out to  
Mrs. Kathy Vandersluis,  
whose birthday is Sunday,  
Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>!**

**We wish you the Lord's  
blessing in the years ahead!**

## Beef order Children of the Light

I would like to order

pounds of hamburger  
@ 2.35 a pound.

I am also interested in  
marinating steak

(kind, if possible)  
at \$4.25 per pound.  
(subject to first order, first serve)

Name:

Telephone contact  
number

