



DCS Newsletter



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From the Principal, Mr. Huisman

“Let us love one another, for love comes from God.”
1 John 4:7

As we enter into the last week of Reading Month, I would like to congratulate all of the readers in our school who are working hard to get me back to Earth. It is amazing to see just how much you have read towards the goal. *(thank you parents for all of the encouragement and time at home as well)* This coming week there are some pretty exciting activities planned as a wrap-up to Reading Month. We extend a special thank you to all of the guest readers who have given of their time to share a story or two with the students.

This week we also say good-bye to Miss Jessica Bartels. She was a student teacher in the Grade Two class. We will miss her and wish her well in her future teaching career.

As always, this newsletter is available online at www.dufferinchristian.ca and

check out the website for updated pictures of reading month.
Enjoy the week-end.

Fun Day Friday, Feb. 26th

Parents, grandparents, friends, siblings, all are welcome to join us on Friday, Feb. 26 for stories and activities organized by grade 11's!

(Assembly at 9:00)
Bring your “launch” and stay for the whole day (9:00 – 2:30) or part of the day.

Stingers Athletics:

JV BOYS: The JV boys are hosting Morden for the quarter-finals game. The boys ended up finishing fourth in the season. Congrats boys and good luck on Monday. **(GAME TIME: 6:00 @ DCS)**

If the boys win they will be heading to first place Sanford on Wednesday.

Varsity TEAMS: The varsity teams have also both finished their season play and await playoffs, there are

more zone games this coming week and as a result we will wait to see who we play in playoffs. Both teams will likely be hosting another team on March 1. Game times will be 6:00 and 7:30.

7/8 Girls:

The 7/8 Girls basketball teams will be hosting the team from ICS this coming Wednesday at 4:00, come out and cheer on the girls.

Rocket into Reading

Will we be able to read Mr. Huisman out of space and back to earth by Friday?? Yes, that's right! There's only one week left.

We'll have to pick up the pace this week, both at home and school and read **42,037 more minutes**. Can we do



it?

Yes, we can! We'll start off on Monday with a "read in the dark" session. **Bring a flashlight on MONDAY** and have fun reading in the dark, dark, gym.

Thank-you to our guest readers this week...Mr. M. DeWitt, Mr. J. Voogt and Mrs. S. Bergsma. We're looking forward to more guest readers next week and we'll finish off with a Fun Day on Friday. Parents, grandparents, friends, siblings, all are welcome to join us on Friday, Feb. 26 for stories and activities organized by grade 11's!

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From The Promotion Committee

Thanks to **EVERYONE** who helped make this year's *Family Skate Evening* another great event!! Thanks to the generosity of D & M Fine Foods (who gave us all our supplies at their cost!) we were able to donate \$216.18 to CDIA. See you next year.....

Elementary Student Council

February's "Soup Day" success! Thank-you to all who helped out.

Council members, we hope to meet on Monday, Feb. 22, 2010 @ 12:20 p.m. in the library. Plans for our next fun day are under way!

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

Monday, Feb. 22, Gr. 11 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 23, Gr. 9
Wednesday, Feb. 24, Gr. 12 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 25, Gr. 7
Friday, Feb. 26, Gr. 10

Kindergarten

Miss Stad

This is a three day school week!

Volunteers: Mrs. Alison Versteeg, Mrs. Danelle Gear

New Memory work:

We Welcome Glad Easter (song should be in agenda bags)

Bible stories:

- Jesus in the Temple
- Jesus Heals a Nobleman's Son

We are in our last week of *I love To Read* month. Please remember to send your reading times to school in your child's agenda. On Friday we will have a special reading fun day. We will be in groups with the grades K-6 and will be going around the school doing reading activities which the grade eleven students have prepared for us. You are welcome to visit us at the school and check out what is happening.

On Monday we will have a special reading event: **Reading in the dark!** We will be reading in the gym. Please send flashlights to school with you child. We will also be learning about the letter **B with Baby Barnaby who bends and bows**. If you have an object that begins with the B sound please send it to school. On Wednesday we will be drawing and labeling a bus.

Looking ahead to the beginning of March... We hope to begin a bombardment of **Phonemic Awareness Activities**. We will have fun playing with the sounds (phonemes) of the English Language. Eight Wednesdays of special language activities. See next weeks' newsletter for more details.

Have a great, restful weekend!

Grade 1

Mr. VanderHooff

Memory Work

Repeat text. Song is new.

- Psalm 93:1 (Book of Praise)

- 1Samuel 16:7b (text)

Bible

David and Goliath (1Sam 17), David at Saul's Court (1Sam 18-19), David and Jonathon (1Sam 20), David the Hunted (1Sam 23, 24)

Language Arts

WWW: new sounds & rules: <ow> and <ou>; new folder (long u families and 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, where, help, these, or, those, more, make, how, when, than, too, little, so

Sight Word new: no new words this week

Math

Continuing with early addition.

Kid of the Week

The next person is Nathan dR for THURSDay, February 25th. 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!

Skating

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

We will wrap up activities this week.

Science

We will begin on our 5 senses unit.

Grade 2

Mrs. Linde

Memory work:

He Rose Triumphantly (for the concert). See agenda.

WWW: didn't don't that's

Remember to bring a book and \$2.00 for COL on Tuesday. No show and tell this week.

From Miss Bartels....

Bible:

M	A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman
Tu	Lord of the Sabbath
W	Jesus Rejected at Nazareth
Th	Feeding the Five Thousand

Math: We are moving on to picture graphs and labeling.

Writing: The students are currently writing their very own stories! We hope to finish this by the end of the week so I can read them all before I go home.

Science: We will begin the making of our own DCS model cars. If you have any items that the students could use, please send them to school (hint...we are going to need some more wheels and axles for our cars!).

- **Remember to bring a flashlight on Monday.**

Grade 3

Mrs. Veenendaal

A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Tori** who is celebrating her 9th birthday today!

Also, please bring your COL book and \$2 on Tuesday!!

Memory Work: Our God Reigns (vs 2); Exodus 20:1-17

Bible: Unit 5: God's Law

M	The Covenant Confirmed
Tu	The Golden Calf
W	Our Golden Calves
Th	God Forgives

M	Review
Tu	Review
W	Unit 5: Test (<i>know Exodus 20:1-17!</i>)

ELA:

We have discussed similes and metaphors and the difference between these very similar language terms. Next week we will be writing our first poem called, "My Cherished Item". (We hope you're enjoying our book that is still circulating!)

Word Wall Words:

Start preparing for a quiz coming up: **January WWW – Wednesday, February 24, 2010.** Words sent home yesterday (green paper)!

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. We started off our unit putting together a 6'x 4' map of the world puzzle! We will be using this in our classroom for the next several weeks as we look at different places in the world.

Math:

Quiet 5s this week will continue to focus on multiplying by 2,4,5,9,10! I've had quite a few people taking me up on the offer to send practice sheets home – Great! ☺ If you would like some online games that help to practice math facts while using 'computer time', I also have a few of those. We will begin to look at the 3x facts soon. Practice counting by 3!

Library Day: **Thursday**

Phys. Ed: Tuesday & Thursday

Grade 4

Miss Doek

Memory work: Psalm 112:1

Bible:

M+ Tu Jotham and Ahaz

W The ministry of Isaiah and Micah

Th Hezekiah

F+ M Review

Tu Test

Working with words:

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:

Next week we will start with a novel study again. The novel is: Little House in the Big Woods. First we will read about the author Laura Ingalls and look at vocabulary words.

Math:

Keep practicing timetable 7. We also will review timetable 4. Currently we are busy with area. Next week we will focus on square units, cm². Please keep practicing all the timetables.

Social Studies:

Test on Thursday: Towns,

cities, and parks of Manitoba!

Next week we will learn more about Manitoba. The students will use the road map to find places, look at population. We also hope to learn about the natural resources (renewable and non-renewable)

Vocabulary: Vegetation, community, landform, population, natural resources

Art:

We hope to finish our planets made of paper mache.

Grade 5

Mrs. C. Vandermeulen

Memory work: Hymn 48:1

Devotions:

M Josh K.

Tu Cindy

W Miriam

Th Vince

F Laura

Bible:

Gospel writings continued

ELA:

Stories...Stories...Stories... continued!

Socials: The Fur Trade cont'd. Next scrapbook due Monday, Feb. 22, 2010.

Science: The role of the kidneys

Math: We are almost finished with our decimals unit. There will be a test coming up early next week.

Vocab: Test on Tuesday

(French words)

Protégé, poignant, bouillon, grandeur, chic, ricochet, reverie, menagerie, cliché, tableau.

Spelling: Unit 22 (**Test on Thursday**). *Mighty Machines*

digging	crowd	shovel
repair	fix	tractor
followed	motor	robot
bicycle	borrow	simple
airplane	machine	narrow
job	refrigerator	

Classwords: protégé, cliché, ricochet

- **Please return your reading minutes sheet from last week!**

Grade 6

Mr. Gunnink

Memory Work: From the *Book of Praise*, Psalm 78:7. No Bible text this week.

Bible: Ex 15:22-17:7, grace for grumblers. Review and then a test on Thursday.

Math: Exploring angles and triangles. Math tests should be returned by early next week. Be sure to ask for them!

ELA: Grammar – paragraph construction.

Science: Our solar system: Quizzes were returned on Wednesday and were done very well.

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

Phys. Ed 6: We'll be in the gym on Wednesday, working on lacrosse skills.

Lunch Devotions: The following students are responsible for lunch devotions: **Brad, Warren, Kim, and Cody.**

Miss Jager

Grade 7:

Good afternoon. This week flew by and we have finished our cities. They are on display in the hallway if you wish to visit them.

Next week students have a Spelling and Vocab Test, and a Science Quiz.

Turbo update: He bit my finger and was flung through the air and landed on his back. He is ok, but tends to bite a lot.

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

Mrs. DeWit

Reformed Studies 21G – This week we begin our second unit, an exploration of the Pentateuch. Once again, there will be many exercises and assignments. It is absolutely necessary for students to keep up. This week we will review the history from Adam to Moses.

Reformed Studies 31G We are now into the kings. This week, we will look at David and Solomon as kings after the order of God set out in Deut. 17. We then study the split between Judah and Israel and the kings of the first 50 years in both nations. The week will conclude with Ahab and Elijah, the first of the prophets we will study.

ELA 10F We will continue reading The Contender and will work on various questions and assignments. At the conclusion of the novel, we will read several essays pertaining to the same general themes, talk about them, and write in response to them.

Art 10G In our present unit, we will look at various art styles and the philosophies behind them. We will also learn to use some

of the techniques developed in the more modern art styles.

TEXTBOOK RETURNS; THE COPIES OF HAMLET LENT BY THE SCHOOL TO THE GRADE 12 STUDENTS IN THEIR ENGLISH COURSE ARE NOT BEING RETURNED. **PHILIP, ALLAN, DIANNA, CHRISSY, DANIEL, AND ALARIC NEED TO RETURN THESE BOOKS.**

Mr. Hoogerdijk

Chemistry 40S

The students have been working through a lengthy lab this past week and will be completing it by writing up their results in a report. This report is due on Tuesday. This coming week, we will continue working through the main concepts of the kinetics unit. We will use the lab results to consider factors affecting rates of reaction. We will also consider how the reaction rates change as we alter these factors. There will be a quiz on this information on Wednesday.

Looking ahead, we will have another lab coming up that introduces work with reaction rates – calculating rates of reaction and representing them graphically.

Pre-Calculus 40S

The students are preparing for their first test on Monday. So far the daily quizzes have been a little up and down. Some of this is due to the difficulty of the material. Some of it is definitely due to the students' work (or lack thereof) in the course. I have emphasized to the students how important it is to work through the assigned exercises that night to reinforce the material we have introduced before we move on to new material. If students refuse to do this, they **will** fall behind.

We will be moving on to a new unit on Tuesday – Transformations. As the course is being presented in a cumulative fashion, we will not be forgetting what we have just covered in the Trigonometry unit, but will be using that extensively as we transform graphs of function.

Science 20S

We have nearly completed our Motion unit. We have a few last concepts to introduce before we are at that point. Students have been working through problems dealing with velocity and displacement. This involves a slightly different approach than working with speed and distance since we now have to consider the direction of motion as well. That also makes graphing the motion a lot more interesting also.

We will be moving on to acceleration calculations this week. These will also involve considering direction. As we work through some problems, we will also draw graphs to represent the concepts. Finally, we will develop some equations to deal with slightly more advanced problems.

Our unit will be completed by the end of the first week in March. We will wrap it up with a test and will then move on to the much-anticipated Chemistry unit.

Physics 30S

Students are continuing to work with kinematics equations on various problems. We will have a quiz on these equations on Monday. The problems are due on Tuesday. From there we will be introducing a few other concepts before we attempt to close off the unit.

Chemistry 30S

We are still working through our

review of Grade 10 Science. We have moved on to balancing equations and classifying reactions according to type. Once we have these things settled, we'll move on to the mathematics of chemical equations.

There will be a quiz on balancing chemical reactions on Tuesday and on classifying reactions on Wednesday.

Mr. Lodder

Grade 8 Reformed Studies

We will be moving on to a new Unit: Expanding the Church

Grade 8 Social Studies

We begin a study of the Middle Ages.

Grade 9 Social Studies

Canada in the Global Context: We are more than half way to completing our projects.

Grade 12 Reformed Studies-BH

Beginning on Monday the students will be working on an exegesis of a segment of the Gospel according to Matthew. Most of this assignment should be able to be done during class time.

However, students should be working on a research project as well. February 25th (sorry for the mistake last week when it said 'March', although no one indicated that they noticed) (that's this Thursday) 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.

Mrs. J. Lodder

C-Math 20S Chapter 2 test Wednesday, Feb. 24. Project due Thursday, Feb. 25.

Mr. Raap

MATH 9:

The students have a test on Monday on unit 1: Exponents. The students are busy working on a review for this test; please make sure that your son/daughter has completed this work.

GEOGRAPHY 10:

Geological history and Landforms, catastrophic plate tectonics, and the Flood.

PE 10: Videos are due on Wednesday.

Mrs. Vandebos

DCS website, faculty, Mrs. Vandebos website

Math 8 – Operations with rational numbers is all about working with fractions. This is a very important unit because it is the basis for many other math concepts. Therefore, the students really need to know their rules of fractions. Don't forget to do your corrections. Test for this unit is Tuesday, Mar 2.

PreCalculus 20S – We will be finishing number patterns this week. The test for this unit is Friday Feb 26. Don't forget to do your corrections and your homework. The last test was not done very well so you need to work at this one a little harder.

PreCalculus 30S – Linear inequalities ends with a test on Friday Feb 26.

Biology – This week students will be doing the unit visual and research project.

PHE Grade 12 – The Health Portfolio is now PAST DUE.

Please get the PHE portfolio done on your own otherwise we may have to institute the PE classes Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons again. Then you can concentrate on the fulfilling your activity hours, which are not due till June.

From the Library

Library Days:

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

Come and take a Peek sometime.

I'd like to extend a **big thank-you** to those who have donated new books or books in new condition to the library over the past school year. We all appreciate it very much!

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

Wow!! No overdues in Kindergarten this week!
Library Days

Wednesdays: **Kindergarten**

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

Keep up the good work!

Library Overdues:

K – 3

Mercedes Wanders-Chicka

Chicka Boom Boom/The

Crunching Munching

Caterpillar/Out in Space

Magdalene Lomeling-Angela's

Airplane

Michael Riedstra-The Red Sea

Sharks

4 – 6

Brandon Vanderwoude-The

Blue Lotus/The Grim Reaper

Silas Bauer-Titan

Clash/Oxygen Level Zero

Kent Boeve-Dingoes at

Dinnertime #20

Cody Borst-The Kid Who Only

Hit Homers/Hey Cop!
Natasha Lok-Underneath Are
The Everlasting
Arms/Underground to Canada
Dylan Hamming-Come Back
Amelia Bedelia
Nathan Kamminga-Huddle up
Football
7 – 12

This is a reminder that the
following books are due on
Mon. Feb.22/10. 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.

Derrick Borst-Hunted Along the
Rhine #6/Hot Pursuit on the
High Seas #5/Iron Thunder
Autumn Gansekoele-Maria
Takes a Stand
Peter Koster-Yikes, Vikings #4
Tiffany VanderVelde-Rise of
the Dibor
Rachel Martens-Dog
Facts/Dogs/Dog/Big Dogs, Little
Dogs
The following books are
overdue. Please have them
renewed or returned.

Mikaela Richardson-A Sister's
Secret
Mackenzie Schulenberg-Arms
& Armor
Jenien Riedstra-Simple Gifts/A
Gentle Calling
Jessica Riepema-The Wizzle
War

Lori Leyenhorst-The Guardian
Alison Brouwer-Every Now
and Then
Tamara VanKammen-The
Runaway's Revenge

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/Cigars of the Pharaoh
Rachel Bauer-Winter Hawk
Star

