



DCS Newsletter



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From the Principal, Mr. Huisman

"The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon. It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter."

Psalm 74:16, 17

As we come to the end of another week we are reminded that creation is governed by God. Although the weather has been exceptionally beautiful for November, the days are starting to get cooler. I would like to remind parents to ensure that their children go to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

This coming Monday report cards will be sent home for all grades. There is still an opportunity to book an interview time for either Thursday evening or Friday morning. (there is no school on Friday due to the interviews).

Have a blessed week-end.

Apple Pies

Wednesday, Nov. 25th!

Cost: \$5.50 per pie. Cheques payable to "DCS Band".
Please pick up your pies between 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thursday, Nov. 26th

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Friday, November 27th

9:00 – 12:00 noon

Please call the secretary at 745-2278 or email at dufferin@mts.net a.s.a.p. to schedule your interviews

Mom's Pantry Orders...

Delivery date:

Thursday, Nov. 26

Please pick up your orders between 2:30 & 4:00 p.m.

Thank-you for your support!

Gr. 8 Campout

Book Fair



Thursday, Nov. 26
(evening) &
Friday, Nov. 27th

(morning)

during parent/teacher interviews.

(Books from Nancy VanderVelde)

Stingers Athletics:

Basketball Practices

Monday:

JV Boys 3:30 – 5

Varsity Boys 7:30 – 10

Tuesday:

Varsity Boys 8:00 – 8:40

Wednesday:

Varsity Girls 7:00 – 8:15

Friday:

Varsity Girls 7:30 – 9

Operation Christmas Child

Just a reminder you still have time to get your box in Monday morning!

Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, Nov. 23, Gr. 12 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 24, Gr. 7

Wednesday, Nov. 25, Gr. 10

Thursday, Nov. 26, Gr. 8

Elementary Student Council

Attention Council Members!

Please attend our upcoming meeting on Monday, Nov. 23 at 12:20 p.m. in the library. We hope to brainstorm for future events, so bring your thinking caps. Thank-you!

Kindergarten

Miss Stad

This week we will have school on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. On Monday students will be bringing home their report cards. This will include an inventory page of where your child is at on the continuum of some of the reading / writing / drawing skills worked on in Kindergarten. I look forward to meeting you at the Parent/Teacher Conferences to discuss your child's progress.

We will continue to work on the "Franklin and Me" books. Thank you for putting time into these books with your children. They were very excited when they brought them to school. I am sending the books home today, to give you some time to work on it again. We hope to finish them next week.

The letter and sound we will be learning about is the letter **H**. Please bring something to school which begins with that sound.

Looking ahead, On **Friday, Dec. 11** we will be making **gingerbread houses** in the morning. I'm looking for three or four people who would like to help us with this. If you are interested, please let me know. Thanks.

Bible stories will be:

- The Silver Cup
- The Baby Moses

Have a great weekend!

Grade 1

Mr. VanderHooft

Memory Work

For **Thursday, November 26**:

- Psalm 24:1 (Book of Praise)
- Exodus 15:2 (text)

Bible

The Passover; Crossing the Red Sea; Food and Drink in the Desert; The First Battle

Language Arts

WWW: Continuing study of short <i> and associated word families.

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.

Sight Word new: **up, down, was, with, my**

* Everyone should have received a sight word assessment earlier this week. If you have any questions, please ask.

Show & Tell

Wow. Our series of collections is already over. It was really neat to see such a variety of things.

Library & Mission Money

Thursdays. Student Council advises that a minimum \$0.25 per student each week is necessary in order to support our sponsor child.

Math

We will begin our exploration of patterning.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Please be advised that I will be unavailable for conferences on Thursday evening. If you are unable to make it Friday and would still like to meet, please let Elaine know and I will contact you to make other arrangements.

Grade 2

Mrs. Linde

We had a wonderful day on Wednesday (my birthday). Thank-you to the grade 2 students (and parents) for the cards, gifts and best wishes. A special thanks to Mrs. Shannon Bergsma for the beautiful cake!

Memory work: Hymn 50:1

Text: 1 John 3:10

Bible:

M Jonah; Jonah 1-3:2
Tu Jonah and the Worm;
Jonah 3:3-4:11
W The End of the Kingdom
of Israel; 2 Kings 17
Th Uzziah of Judah; 2
Chron. 26

WWW: our nice city with

Math: We will continue practicing our adding and subtracting skills.

Science: I'm hoping to finish "Air and Water in our Environment" by Thursday.

Library: Thursday

Phys. Ed.: Tuesday and Thursday

No Show and tell this week.

Grade 3

Mrs. Veenendaal

Memory Work: Psalm 13:3

Bible: Unit 3: Jacob & Joseph
This week we will be spending time looking at the Egyptian

culture during the time of Joseph. This will help the students to better understand and make connections to Joseph and the Israelites' life and slavery in Egypt.

ELA:

In our novel, Mat and Jonna have found a burial mound with an inscription about the "last straw". Does this have anything to do with the first clue?! The students will be working to describe characters and continue to make predictions.

Word Wall Words:

Review: beautiful, when, went, discover

New Words: they're, there, their, hopeless, first

Please begin to review all November+ words (sheet sent home). We will be having a **Quiz on Friday Dec 4.**

Science:

We have begun our unit on Structures! This is a fun unit where we look at different structures around us and attempt to make stable structures! We know that a structure is something that has been made by man or animals with more than one part, designed and built to fulfill a purpose! Look around and look for as many structures as you can!

Math:

I cannot stress enough the importance of practicing the multiplication facts (and all the basic facts) at home! These foundational blocks will *only help* your child as they move into more difficult math concepts. The students have a lot of difficulty adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers, when they have an extra or not enough "10s". The strategies they are taught at school have

been sent home so that we can keep consistency. Thank-you very much for your extra assistance at home! ☺

Special Me/Show & Tell
(Friday): Braden

Music: Choir - Tuesdays

Library Day: Thursday

Phys. Ed: Tuesday & Thursday

Grade 4

Miss Doek

Memory work:

Ps. 76:1 (For Thursday)

Bible:

We will start a new unit: King David and King Solomon

M: David Becomes King

Tu: David Begins His Reign

W: God's Covenant with David

Th: David's Conquests

Working with words:

Spelling words for Friday December 4: **about, everybody, everything, everyone, are, our, right, write, beautiful, community, communities, classify**

Guided Reading:

Charlotte's Web: We will start reading the chapters 11-14

Writing:

The writings about an endangered animal are finished! I will publish them in the next Beacon. Next week we will have a 'grammar week'.

Math:

Wednesday the students wrote a math test about adding and subtracting. Mental Math and estimating sums and differences were also included. Some areas went well, some need more practice. I will come back to these different concepts during this year. Please take a look at

your child's test.

Next week we will start with the unit Pattern – it fits really good with the timetables ☺! Don't forget to keep practicing the timetables. They are so important for math in your child's school career.

Social Studies:

The project about the provinces is (almost) finished. Have a look at them when you come for the Parent/Teacher interviews.

Next week:

Public and private property
Government

The students also should study the Rivers of Canada for Thursday! **Please don't throw the study papers out !**

Art:

The Remembrance Day posters are gone! Thanks for all the work that is put in!

Penmanship:

F and review

Mission Money:

We had only \$1.00 this week ☺. Thanks to the students who thought about bringing mission money ☺.

Parent/Teacher interviews:

I am looking forward to talking to you on Thursday night or Friday morning about the progress of your child. Please call the school if you haven't booked a time yet.

Grade 5

Mrs. C. Vandermeulen

Memory work: Psalm 91:1

Bible: We are continuing our study of the Prophetic writings. We will be looking at Amos and Isaiah this week.

Devotions:

M Kent

Tu Brittney

W Josh H.
Th Josh K.

ELA: We are continuing our "Friendship" unit. Stories are due on Monday. Next week we will be working through a story called "Joaby".

Math: We will be working on unit review and having a test on Wednesday.

Spelling: Unit 10: Showtime!
Test on Thursday.

magician	announcer
band	trap
actor	actress
presented	writer
cards	agent
action	winner
surprise	player
uniforms	movie
laugh	

Classwords: Vineland, Isaiah, forecast

Vocab: Test on Tuesday (Unit 7 words – Recreation)

Science: We will review for a short test on Thursday.

Socials: European explorers cont'd. Scrapbooks are due on Monday (extended from Friday).

Thank-you!

The grade 5 class put a lot of work and time into organizing my Birthday Party! The decorations, cards, and gifts were awesome! We all enjoyed a great afternoon with games, craft-making, and food. Thank-you grade 5!

Grade 6

Mr. Gunnink

Memory Work: From the *Book of Praise*, Psalm 144:6 and a Bible text: John 3:16.

Bible: We'll pause with our study of the patriarchs. Monday and Tuesday will be review classes, followed by a test on Wednesday.

Math: Our focus next week will be on deciphering number patterns.

ELA: Island of the Blue Dolphins, continued. As we read students are collecting information that will be used in a future writing exercise. Students are also practicing various grammar concepts as they read.

Socials: Putting Canada Together, mini-unit wrap up will include a study of Macdonald's vision for Canada and a review. Quiz on Thursday.

Phys. Ed 6: Your students have taken to basketball with gusto! This should be a fun unit.

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

Miss Jager

Another busy week has come and gone.

Report cards are going home on Monday but all the students have seen and discussed their report cards with their teacher. Overall, many students are doing a great job! Keep up the excellent work.

Students just finished writing their Science Tests, Bible Tests, and Math Quizzes; another job well done. Next week students will not be having as many tests and will be starting a new unit in Bible and continuing in Math and Science.

Those of you who have not handed ANY book reports in, please do so by the end of next week... or you know what will happen!

Have a great week!

Ps. [The class party has been postponed till sometime in December]

Mrs. DeWit

Reformed Studies 11G

The last book in our first unit of church history is Revelation. The assignment relating to the letters to the churches has been postponed to Nov. 24. The test will be on Wed. Dec. 2 since this is the first possible date after we finish the unit. That will mean a bit of overlap between units.

ELA 20F

We are working with Julius Caesar at the moment. It is being read as reader's theatre in school. At the same time, we are looking at key speeches and developments of plot and character as well as noting where the author speaks words of wisdom directly to the audience.

Assignment: study and assignment questions # 5,6,7 due for Tuesday, Nov. 24

ELA 40S

Research essay dates: Peer editing of the rough draft on Tues. Nov. 24

Final copy of the essay is due on Monday, Nov. 30. All steps must be handed in with the essay.

Reminder: Hand in your completed movie assignment for Hamlet.

A Bird in the House: Hand in your personal writer's history by Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Catch up on **scrapbook entries.** The second entry for

the final set should be completed.

Coming week: Beginning Nov. 25, we are going to look at the requirements and tips for the provincial exam. This will be followed by doing and marking a practice exam according to published standards. All grade 12 students will take part in this.

Note that the provincial exam dates are January 5-8 and all students must write it.

Mr. Lodder

Grade 8 Reformed Studies

Well, we're in the last few days of this unit. Students should begin thinking about test time and make sure to finish up their memorization of John 1.

Grade 8 Social Studies

We have begun our study of Ancient Greece.

Grade 9 Social Studies

Sorry, I messed up on the date for the test on Chapters 3 and 4. We will have this test on Monday. We move on to the way Canada is governed.

Grade 12 Worldviews

Students seem to think that they are getting close to having their projects ready. I'm looking forward to the finished product. Our next module is Module 4 Naturalism: Worldviews without god(s), Naturalism and Materialism; Darwinism

Mr. Raap

Applied Math 11:

Unit 4 Test: Monday
Midterm: Wednesday

Applied Math 10:

Survey Project is due on Thursday

Mrs. Vandebos

mrsvsclasses.blogspot.com
Science 8 – we continue working on the Water Systems Unit. Please remember to check my blogspot for the daily homework assignments.

Biology 30S – Monday I will go over any questions students may have from their review questions and the test for this unit is Wed Nov 25. The major assignments are due on that date as well.

PHE grade 11 – The portfolios are NOW due. At this point only 8 students have yet to complete their portfolio. Class time will now be spent working on their activity part, ON THEIR OWN. Please remember that this is a semester course so all course work, including physical activities, must be done by exam week at the end of January. Students do have access to the gym and/or gym equipment during their scheduled PHE class period, but they must treat it with respect.

PHE Grade 12 – Students have been given the book, *The Peacemaker, student edition*, which they must read, answer the study questions for each chapter, at the end of the book, and participate in a discussion on each section once a week. Last week students did not do their reading therefore we took Tuesday's class to read and Thursday to discuss. If students have not read the next section, pages 47-88 and done the study questions for Mon Nov 23 then we will again use Monday for reading and Tuesday for discussion. After the discussion, students must write a 1-2 page summary/ reflection (preferably typed, double

spaced) about each of the four sections: G1 Glorify God, G2 Get the Log out of your Eye, G3 Gently Restore, and G4 Go and be Reconciled. These summary/reflections must be added to their portfolios. Duotangs will not be accepted this year, the portfolio must be in a 3-ring binder.

Assiniboine Community College

Visit from Graham Street

Graham Street will be coming to our school to talk to students about various programs offered at ACC. Any students interested in the following career areas are invited to come to the computer lab on Monday, Dec. 7th, 11:45. Below please find links to the various ACC programs.

Media Production -

<http://public.assiniboine.net/Default.aspx?tabID=84&prgID=186>

Media Production –

Communications Specialty

<http://public.assiniboine.net/Default.aspx?prgID=187&tabID=84>

Web Design -

<http://public.assiniboine.net/Default.aspx?tabID=84&prgID=1>

Library Overdues

Library Days:

Don't forget about the Book Fair coming up **Thurs. Nov. 26 evening** and **Fri. Nov. 27 a.m.** during Parent/Teacher interviews. We welcome Nancy

VanderVelde with many new selections. Great for gift giving!

Library Days

Wednesdays: **Kindergarten**

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

Library Overdues:

K – 3

Kelvin Hamming-Asterix and Obelix all at Sea

Lianne Riedstra-Amanda Pig, First Grader

Mercedes Wanders-The Mitten / Eency Weency Spider

Magdelene Lomeling-Detective Arthur on the Scent

Vincent Klaassen-Timberwolf Chase

Braden Hamming – Angela's Airplane

4 – 6

Brittney deRuiter-Angus and Sadie/The Finders Keepers Mystery

Daphne Linde-The Dog-Gone Mystery/Sadie Rose and the Impossible Birthday Wish #9

Silas Bauer-Triss

Dominique Linde-Mysterious Signal

Natasha Lok-Iron Thunder/The Usborne Children's Book of Baking

Isaac Lomeling-Slam Dunk

7 – 12

This is a reminder that the following books are due on Mon. Nov. 23/09. If you would like books renewed or if books are needed for projects just let the librarian know. If a book is signed out on the sheet, write "project" or if you would like to renew, write "renew" beside the book title.

Maria deLeeuw-Take your Best Shot

Rica VanKammen-Valiant Bride

Keisha deLeeuw-Ekaterina

Melissa Hamming-The Ancient Egyptians

Wendy Termeer-Crown of Fire/Face Value

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

Carlin Schulenberg-Windy City Danger #11 /Escaping Darkness #10

Taylor Lee Veldman-Scout the Sailing Sleuths

Wesley Riedstra-Xenophobia

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

Cody van Dijk-Flying Ace

Jared Vanderveen-Bleak House

Derrick Borst-Asterix and the Big Fight

Wesley Riedstra-Alcohol

Lori Leyenhorst-Chop Shop

Other Community News...

Ladies Aid Tea Crafts, Sewing, & Bake Sale Saturday, Nov. 28th

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
in the Canadian
Reformed Church,
Carman West.

We look forward to
seeing you there!

Christmas Open House

Caronnels Craft and

Consignment

(in St. Claude)

AND

Annette's Garden

Cottage

(Hwy. 2)

Friday, Nov. 27

9:00 am – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 28

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

