



DCS Newsletter



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From the Principal, Mr. Huisman

“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made His light shine in our hearts...”
2 Corinthians 4:6

Congratulations to Evelyn Weidenhammer and Siert Prins who were married today. We wish them the Lord’s blessings in their life together. We look forward to your return to school, Mrs. Prins.

The OMF students have now been at DCS for the past week and are becoming acclimatized to life in Canada. They are all hoping for a really big snow storm while they are here. Isn’t it amazing how different perspectives are!

This coming Wednesday there is a scheduled early dismissal. Elm Creek Bus leaves at 1:55 while the regular bus leaves at 2:05.

Have a blessed weekend!

Annual
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
of the Canadian Reformed School Society of Carman, Inc.

**Wednesday,
October 28th**
Time: 8:00 p.m.
in the Carman West Church

*Please plan to attend.
See you there!*

**Early Dismissal
Wednesday, Oct. 28**

**Picture Retakes
Wednesday, Oct. 28,**
Please bring your picture package with you if you plan to get retakes.

The Yearbook needs pictures!
If you have any pictures from the 2008-09 school year (last year!) we would like to use them. We would appreciate all pictures, but

there are a few we especially need:

- Grade 8 campout
- Fine Arts Gala
- High school fun days (tie day, spirit week, formal dinner, scavenger hunt, etc.

If you have any pictures, please feel free to bring them to school on a flash drive / cd and give them to *Kim* or *Anita*. Thank-you!

Elementary Student Council

The elections are over and the results are in!

Our new student council members are:

- **Grade 3**
Mary Smith
Justin deRuitter
- **Grade 4**
Brandon Vanderwoude
Justine Hamming
- **Grade 5**
Wesley Wanders
Cindy Koster
- **Grade 6**
Dylan Hamming
Ben VanLaar

Congratulations!
We plan to have our first student council meeting this coming Monday, Oct. 26/09. From there

we will let you know when we will have a fun day, food day, etc.

Please remember your mission money!!

If each student gives \$0.25 per week that would be wonderful!

Grade 7 – 12 Hamburger Day

Thursday, Nov. 5,

Cost: \$3.00

Proceeds to Mission.

Campbell Labels

(and V8, Prego, Goldfish, Pace)

Yes, we are again (or still) collecting them to build up some points again since we spent all we had on the camcorder. Please store them flat and send them to school, or deposit them in the Carman Co-op collecting bin regularly.



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Once again, we are looking for students to enter the Remembrance Day poster and literary contests. The possibilities include a coloured poster, a black and white poster, a poem of not more than 32 lines or an essay or story of up to 800 words for grade 10-12 or up to 500 words for grades 7-9.

Students in all grades can enter in these contests.

Check with your teacher for the specific rules for your age group.

Any student may enter only one item per category, but may, for instance enter a black and white and a coloured poster, a poem and a story. Specific rules for the final labelling are available at the school.

Remember.....for the purpose, not only of entering a contest, but more yet, to show our gratitude to God for the means, in this case the Canadian army, that He used to give us the freedom we enjoy today. Our deadline is Friday, Nov. 20. Mrs. DeWit

Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, Oct. 26, Gr. 12
Tuesday, Oct. 27, Gr. 7
Wednesday, Oct. 28, Gr. 10
Thursday, Oct. 29, Gr. 8
Friday, Oct. 30, Gr. 5

Kindergarten

Miss Stad

Kindergarten days for next week are **Monday, Oct. 26 & Wednesday, Oct. 28th.**

This week we saw many signs of fall! Thank-you to all who participated in bringing fall stuff to school. We have pumpkins of various sizes, different types of corn, squash and many seeds and leaves. Next week we hope to do some activities with pumpkins.

Our sound and letter will be the letter "d". Please bring something to school that begins with the "d" sound.

Bible stories will be:

- Twin Brothers
- The Special Blessing

We are learning Psalm 136:1,2

Grade 1

Mr. VanderHooft

Memory Work

For Friday, October 23,

- Psalm 100:4 (Book of Praise)
- No text this week, but you could try out the "Jacob's Sons" song.

These are in the BEAR book as well.

Bible

Our review took a little longer than anticipated. So, for this coming week, we will learn about *Jacob Escapes from Laban; Jacobs's Homecoming; Joseph's Dreams; Joseph is Sold; Joseph the Slave*

Language Arts

WWW: letters and sounds li, Cc, Ff, Gg, Rr, Ww

Word Wall: 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

New: his, her, will, come; me, him

An additional sheet of recently taught word wall words was sent home today for use with your memory game set. I have heard positive comments that this has been helpful.

Show & Tell

We are ready for a new series of show and tell. We have new table groups as well. So for this coming Wednesday the Green Circles (Devon, Michael, Lianne, Mercedes) are asked to bring something that is some type of collection. Aim to bring something unique. We have already seen a feather, bead, and hockey card collections.

Library

Thursday

Math

We are moving on to focused attention of the 'teens.' When discussing this with your child, pay close attention to the fact that 11 and 12 are also 'teens' though they do not sound like they are by their titles.

Thank-you to those who helped with driving/supervising when we attended the wedding. It certainly made things work out smoothly.

Grade 2

Mrs. Linde

Memory work: Hymn 41:2

Bible:

- M Review
- Tu Ahab and the Garden; 1 Kings 21
- W Elijah Goes to Heaven; 2 Kings 2:1-18
- Th Elisha: Miracles
- F Cont'd.

WWW: house, people, not, stop, went

Math: We're getting a little faster and more confident about adding and subtracting to 10, but we still need lots of practice (especially subtracting).

Science: We'll learn about the water cycle this week. We'll be learning a song about it. By Thursday or Friday they should be able to sing it for you at home.

Library: Thursday

Phys. Ed.: Tuesday and Thursday

Show and Tell: Friday, Oct. 30
Henry and Noah

Grade 3

Mrs. Veenendaal

Memory Work: Psalm 25:1 (& Review Hymn 41:4)

Text: Psalm 44:4,5

Bible: Unit 2: Abraham & Isaac

- M Review

- Tu Unit 2 Test
- Unit 3: Jacob & Joseph
- W The Birthright
- Th The Blessing
- F Reformation Day

ELA:

We are looking forward to beginning our first novel study of the year: *The Ghost Ships That Didn't Belong!* We will look at the characters and setting as we begin this novel.

Special Me: Nathanael

Word Wall Words:

New Words: **to, too, two, getting**

Review: prettier, prettiest, schools, city, exciting (& all September and October words!)

QUIZ: Tues., Nov. 3 – 20 words from the October word list – sent home today!

Science:

This week was a Canada week. We continued to explore the symbols of Canada, and began to learn a new song about Canada. We took a peak at some of the national holidays Canada has and explored Remembrance Day a bit more. Next week we will continue with Remembrance Day and look at the provinces and territories of Canada a research project!

Math:

We will continue to look at "groups of" and begin to see the relationship between doubles and '2 groups of _' or '_ groups of 2'. We will look at fractions a little bit closer this week as well. Any counting by 5 and 3 at home will be of benefit!

Special Me/Show & Tell (Friday):

Music: Choir - Tuesdays

Library Day: Thursday

Phys. Ed: Tuesday & Thursday

Grade 4

Miss Doek

Memory work:

Psalm 54:3

Text: 1 Samuel 15:22

Bible:

- M: Anointing a new king
- Tu: Review
- W: Bible test
- Th: Reformation Day-Martin Luther
- F: Reformation Day-Martin Luther

A Bible Review was sent home today. Please bring the Bible folder back on Monday and Tuesday

Working with words:

We will review all **36** words! A paper with the words (Word Wall Words **and** Nifty Thrifty Fifty Words) will be brought home to practice. A test is scheduled for **November 6.**

Guided Reading:

We have made a start in *Charlotte's Web*. The first 3 chapters are read and we are looking forward to reading more. The students have a study guide with it, where they have to answer questions after every chapter.

Writing:

This week we practiced writing notes. The students work in pairs to research an endangered animal. They are not allowed to copy sentences from books or internet, but gather only the information they need. Next week we will try to use the notes for paragraphs to write.

Math:

We did a lot of adding big numbers. We started at the left side! First adding the thousands then the hundreds, tens and at the end the units. Ask your child

how it works.

Next week we will look at adding from right to left with regrouping (the traditional way?). Timetable 10 is an easy one. Next week we will start with timetable 3!

Science:

The Habitat Unit is finished!

Social Studies:

Next week we will make a start with our Social Studies unit. Instead of Science we will have Social Studies for the next 5-7 weeks.

The first 2 units of Social Studies are: *Geography of Canada*, and *Living in Canada*. We will start with the provinces and their capitals. The students will get some homework to learn these. Check the newsletter and agenda for what they need to do and what they need to know.

Art:

We will soon start with the Remembrance Day Posters. Please think about some ideas.

Computer Lab;

The grade 4 students have their own username and password to use the computers in school. We practiced logging in and off a couple of times. In connection with Science we found the Town of Carman website and looked at their waste program.

Soon I will start teaching them keyboarding skills.

Grade 5

Mrs. C. Vandermeulen

Memory work: Psalm 32:1

Bible:

We are working on Unit 2: Biblical Poetry. This week we will be paying attention to Psalms of Lament, Psalms of Penitence, and Psalms of Trust.

Devotions:

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

ELA: We will be wrapping up our unit on research skills and moving on to stories and poems with the theme "friendship".

Math: Unit 2: Adding and Subtracting

Tests were generally well done. Most of the errors that were made were 'sloppy' mistakes that students realized if they had added or subtracted more carefully, the mistake could have been avoided. 😊 We are now moving on to our unit on Multiplication. Please make sure you review multiplication facts with your child a little bit everyday!

Vocab: We will be having a 'back-up' unit of all 50 words learned so far, following Tuesday's test on Unit 5 words.

Socials: Unit 1

First Peoples has finished and the posters projects for this unit look great! We are now moving on to Unit 2: *Early European Colonization*. We will look first at the arrival of the first Europeans in North America and the explorers.

Science: Weather continued. We will be looking at Storms this week.

Spelling: This week is our spelling back-up week. This means there will be a test on all words learned so far. A list of words will be sent home on Monday.

Invitation...

Family members of the Grade 5 class are invited to come and

hear the Grade 5's first speeches! **Speeches will take place on Friday afternoon (Oct. 30).** Exact times will be written in agendas next week.

Grade 6

Mr. Gunnink

Memory Work: From the *Book of Praise*, Psalm 4:2 and a Bible text: 1 John 1:7.

Bible: Genesis 11, mercy and judgement at Babel; review and test on Thursday.

Math: Tests will be returned next week Monday. Please check with your kids to see how it went! Our next topics include determining multiples and factors of numbers less than one hundred.

ELA: Writing: Students are busy polishing a piece of writing of their choice next week.

Novel Study: We'll embark on our first novel of the year, Island of the Blue Dolphins.

Science: We'll try again to meet microorganisms next week. Then I'd like to do a review followed by a test on Friday.

Phys. Ed 6: Volleyball on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

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

Miss Jager

Dear Grade Seven Parents,

This week was a busy week finishing our stories and studying for our tests. We did a lot of review in class so hopefully there will be a positive outcome.

We accomplished a lot. We made our own maps, had our first S.A.L.T meeting, and learned about the artist Joan Miro and how WWI and WW II affected his work. We have the goal of completing something appropriate in memory of Remembrance Day. We analyzed Miro's works and tried to figure out what we saw in the paintings that connected to the wars. We learned very interesting aspects of life, war, and art.

I am gone today, with Mr. Raap, to a basketball seminar, as we are both coaching the Basketball teams.

The students and I decided that we would like to have a class party at school, on Friday, November 6, from 3:30 till 8 pm. We were hoping to play games, eat some pizza and possibly watch a movie [this is not written in stone yet]. The students all seem very interested and I am willing to conduct this operation. I will send a letter home, next week, with the permission forms and all the nitty-gritty details.

Have a great weekend!

Ps. Turbo is being very well taken care of ☺

Mrs. DeWit

Reformed Studies 11G

Assignment on the prison letters is due on Monday, October 26.

Assignment on Peter is due on Oct. 30.

Projected test date: Friday, Oct. 30 for the third and last unit in our Bible section.

Exam: in class on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5 and 6

ELA 40S

First of all, a reminder to keep all homework up to date, including scrapbook items.

Research essay: It is time to pick a topic for a persuasive research

essay and begin to collect resources for that topic. The easiest topics to deal with are the ones that have printed material available for both sides of the argument.

The Importance of Being Earnest: The assignment and evaluation for this section will be questions 13,14, and 15 from the question sheet. Please have these in on Monday, Oct. 26.

Next week we will begin on Hamlet. Various questions will be assigned for discussion or as a handin assignment as we proceed.

ELA 20F

During the first days of the week, I hope to view the video for To Kill a Mockingbird (provided I can borrow it from Boyne Library – it can't be reserved). This will be followed by a movie assignment and a test. Essay #2 will be due on Friday, Oct. 30.

The test will be on Friday, Oct. 30

Our next unit will be The Miracle Worker which is supplied by the school.

Mr. Lodder

Grade 8

Reformed Studies

Test on Tuesday, October 27, includes the memory work, Romans 3:21-26. Our next unit is entitled, 'Who is this Jesus?' and consists of approximately 22 lessons. We will try to figure out very closely the date for our next test. The new memory work text will be **John 1:1-5; 10-14**. Again, by starting early and doing a little portion each day this memory work will not seem so long as compared to trying to learn it all in the last couple of days. I will make an effort to help by giving practice sheets along the way (much the same as we did it this time).

Grade 8

Social Studies

I asked the students to hand in their notes for the first chapter on Friday (today) because very many of them are not being careful in their work. I expect the students to be responsible for their work. Studying and being prepared for class is difficult if one's work is messy and their binder is disorganized. Students are very aware of how they should be doing the work. I hope to hand it back to them on Tuesday. Parents may be interested in seeing the work that was done. Students will be taking it home because we will be having a test on this chapter on Friday, September 30.

Grade 9

Social Studies

First of all, my apologies to the students of this course and to their parents that I have completely neglected to put something in the newsletter about this course. We are studying *Canada in the contemporary world*. We will be targeting very early November for a test. This will cover all the material covered so far including the political and geographical maps and the first two chapters of our textbook.

Grade 12

Worldviews

This week had us reading and discussing a book, What is the Christian Worldview? by Philip Graham Ryken. This book is a mere 45 pages and fairly easy reading. By its own admission, "the purpose of this booklet is to help people think Christianly about daily life by tracing the broad contours of the Christian worldview and sketching a few of its practical implications'. We will then finish the video (Amazing Grace) to see how the Reformed faith promotes evangelism and

mission work. Students should expect a test by the end of this week reviewing all the materials covered thus far.

Mrs. Vandebos

mrsvsclasses.blogspot.com

Science 8 – In the fluids unit the students have a lab which must be finished for Mon. Oct 26. Please continue to check that the homework is done.

Biology 30S – In our digestion unit we will be testing various foods to see if they have carbohydrates or protein in them. See the blogspot for the food you must bring in to test.

PHE grade 11 – finish up all portfolio items for modules A-D, and work on final substance use and abuse assignment. 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 gym and/or gym equipment during their scheduled PHE class period, but they must treat it with respect.

Grade 12 – This week we have started module C: Nutrition so all students must have their module B assignments done and in their portfolio.

Library Overdues

Library Days:

Don't forget your library books! October is Library Month and to celebrate and promote good books habits the library is having a **book return contest from Oct. – Dec.**

Library Days

Wednesdays: **Kindergarten**

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

Library Overdues:

K – 3

Brooklyn Kamminga-Red / Pink Kiera Barendregt-Rupert: The Daily Express Annual (1984)
Devon Vanderwoude-Pirates / 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Trenton Beichter-Bulldozers / Tractor
Justin deRuiter-Long Shot
Braden Hamming – Little Critter's The Trip / Something Good / Chester, the Worldly Pig

4 – 6

Justine Hamming – More Christmas Ornaments Kids can Make / Crafts for Kids / Paper
Daphne Linde-The Mystery of the Haunted Boxcar
Julian deLeeuw-Slam Dunk Basketball

7 – 12

This is a reminder that the following books are due on Mon. Oct. 26/09. 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.

Leon Bosma-Mud City
Joseph Hoogerdijk-Big Ben / Rakkety Tam
Cody vanDijk-Freedom of Belief / Human Rights

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

Rica VanKammen-Free Indeed: African
Keisha deLeeuw-The Truth Seeker
Martin Doornbos-The Last Days: A Novel

Dylan Vanderveen – False Witness

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

Melissa Hamming – The Usborne Children's Book of Baking / Best of Kids' Cooking
Rachel Bauer-Rebecca / The Covenant
Andrew Borstlap-Wind Chill #14 / Sequoia Scout

Other news.....

FYSH

Reminder.....

Tonight, Friday, October 23 from 7:30-9:30.

We will be at **Vanderveens Greenhouses Plant #3**. Please wear old clothes as we will be making tie-dye t-shirts!! :D Also **bring along your registration sheet if you have not already handed it in as well as the \$25.00 yearly fee. Don't forget your Bible and Psalm book.** See you all there!

Ladies Aid Talent

Auction evening coming up **Friday, Oct. 30 at DCS.** Hotdogs/hamburgers at 6:00 pm and talent auction at 7:00 pm. Proceeds go towards play ground equipment for the school.

Lost and Found

1 green men's jacket left at Bill and Hilly Vandersluis' on Bill's birthday. **If it belongs to you, please give them a call @ 745-3100.**

