



DCS Newsletter



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From the Principal, Mr. Huisman

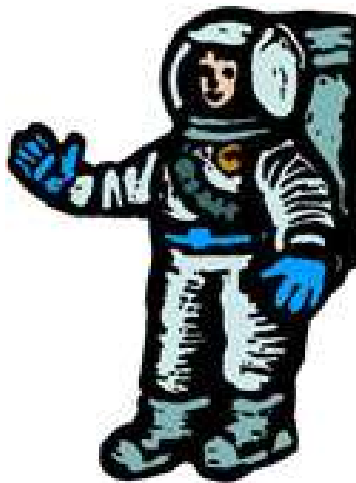
***“In the beginning, O Lord,
You laid the foundations
of the earth, and the
heavens are the work of
Your hand.”***

Hebrews 1:10

Wow! Here we are at the end of February. It has been a month full of activity, especially in combination with “I Love to Read” month. The theme – *Rocket into Reading* – had students also learning about many aspects of God’s awesome universe. I would like to congratulate everybody with the success of this past month. The K-6 students managed to reach their reading target of 130,000 minutes (and successfully return me back to earth). That thank you extends to the entire staff, to the parents who encouraged extra reading, to the volunteers who came to school as guest readers, and to the grade 11’s who organized the final day of fun for the students! Thank you!

Just one more note, the Beacon will be published for next Sunday (March 7). Enjoy your weekend!

Rocket into Reading



Thank-you to our guest readers this week: *Mrs. Merkus, Mrs. Wilma Bergsma, Mrs. Celia DeWit, and Mrs. Michelle Bergsma.* You helped us read Mr. Huisman home! **Yes, together we did it....130,000 minutes of reading.** Great job!

Thank-you to ALL who joined us today. It surely was a FUN DAY. A huge thank-you to the grade 11’s for such an entertaining day. The stories, games and activities you organized were enjoyed by all. Thank-you to the volunteer group leaders for

your part in making this a successful day. There were MANY people involved in making “Rocket into Reading” an amazing event! Thank-you one and all!

Stingers Athletics

Basketball season is winding down; **this week is playoffs for the varsity girls and boys.** Both teams will be hosting teams here on Monday. Game time is 6:00 and 7:30. If both teams win they will play on Thursday with both teams to be determined.

JV boys have finished their season and made it to the semi-finals only to lose to #1 ranked Sanford. In their quarter final game they played Morden and played a great game with the boys winning that game 68 to 51. The boys finished in 4th in regular season play.

A big thank-you to Larry Hillmer for coaching the JV boys this year, it is a huge time commitment and for that we say **“Thank You!”** I would also like to thank all the parents who drove to the

games and supported the boys.

The 7/8 girls basketball team hosted ICS for an exhibition game this past Wednesday, the girls played well but came away with a loss.

Elementary Student Council

March is almost here! That means so is our last Soup Day! We hope to “**Lug our Mugs**” one more time on **March 17th**. This will also be **Wacky Hair Day!** For more information, please keep watch for the hallway posters. Thank-you for your regular contributions to our Mission Money “Fund.”

COL Book Collection

Thank-you very much to all those people who again donated books for our Indonesian sponsored children in West Timor. They will doubtless be very happy to receive more books for their library. We know, for sure, that they will be very much used.

Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, March 1, Gr. 8
Tuesday, March 2, Gr. 11 p.m.
Wed., March 3, Gr. 9
Thursday, March 4, Gr. 12 p.m.
Friday, March 5, Gr. 7

Kindergarten

Miss Stad

Volunteers:

Mrs. Adrianna Vandersluis, Mrs. Esther Gunnink, Mrs. Sandra Vandenbos

Reminder....Next week is a **3 day** week again!

Memory work: Please keep practicing “*We Welcome Glad Easter*”. There is a new song “*Christ Arose*” on a blue sheet in the agenda bags. We are learning these songs for the March 19th Easter Concert.

Bible stories:

- Jesus Helps Four Fishermen
- A leper
- A Roman Soldier's Servant

Phonological Awareness Groups: We will beginning a series of eight Wednesdays of phonological awareness centres this week. I am thankful to Mrs. VanKammen, Mrs. Kathy Vandersluis, Chrissy and Alison for their help with leading these centres. We will be focusing on words, syllables and sounds. A letter with more information will be coming home on Monday.

In the next two weeks we will also be doing various assessment activities to be used for the writing of the second term report cards. I am pleased to see the progress that the students have made!

On Friday we will learn about the letter **G** with Gilda Goose



who glides. We will also learn to draw and label the word gum. Have a great weekend!

Grade 1

Mr. VanderHoof

Well, I hope that we can get back into the swing of things

next week. We had a *lot* of students missing due to illness. Together with all the “extra” reading activities, this created a very unusual week – certainly not as productive as anticipated. Not to worry, grade one students are resilient; I’m sure we will catch up!

Memory Work

Concert material as in BEAR book...

- Alleluia, Alleluia (vs. 1)
- Matthew 28:1-6 (select portions)

Bible

Saul’s Final Battle; King at Last; Jerusalem and the Ark; Promises; David & Bathsheba

Language Arts

WWW: new sounds & rules: <wh> <z> and <oo>; 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, an, could, because

Sight Word new: no new words this week – there WILL BE ORAL & WRITTEN ASSESSMENT (QUIZ) THIS WEEK on ALL words done so far. Practice, practice!

Math

Continuing with early addition.

Kid of the Week

The next person is Nathan dR for FRIday, March 5th. 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. We had a number of students without skates this week. **PLEASE remember your skates!** Also, grade one can skate at lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Science

With so many students away this past week, we did not start on our 5 Senses unit... we will begin this week instead. Lots of fun activities are planned!

Grade 2

Mrs. Linde

We had a wonderful time with **Miss Bartels**. And now the time has come to say good-bye (already!). We will certainly miss you. **Thank-you for all you did with us.** We wish you the Lord's blessings as you finish your studies and prepare for your teaching position in Chatham.

Memory work: Concert songs

Bible:

M Walking on Water;
Matthew 14:22-34
Tu Peter's Confession;
Matthew 16:13-28
W The Transfiguration;
Matthew 17:1-20
Th Friend of Children;
Matthew 18:1-6; 19:13-15
F Review

WWW: We'll continue with contractions:

didn't can't it's won't they're

Math: adding and subtracting to 18

Social Studies: We'll learn about Canada. We'll learn the names of the provinces and territories. We'll also answer the questions: When is Canada's birthday? And How old is Canada?

Library: Thursday

Phys. Ed.: Tuesday and Thursday (Remember your skates!).

Show and Tell: Friday
Ian and Lauren

Grade 3

Mrs. Veenendaal

Memory Work: Psalm 139:13

Bible: Unit 5: God's Law

M Review
T Review
W Unit 5: Test (*know Exodus 20:1-17!*)
Unit 6: 40 Years in the Wilderness
Th The Tent of God
F The Ark of the Covenant

ELA:

We have written our first poem about our cherished item! They turned out very well. The next poems that we will be focusing on will be a chain of events poem and a diamante poem! The students are realizing that their poems do not all have to rhyme to be a good poem.

Word Wall Words:

WWW quiz went fairly well!
Keep practicing Grade 3 ☺.

New Words: something, sometimes, governor, buy, by

Social Studies

In addition to making a puzzle map, each student is working on completing their own world map with the labeled continents and oceans! This week we will be looking at cardinal directions and the compass rose.

Math:

Quiet 5s this week will continue to focus on multiplying by 2,4,5,9,10! Let's see if we can each beat our best score. To do that, we will have to practice our facts A LOT! The offer still stands for extra practice/online games. Please begin to memorize the 3x!

Library Day: **Thursday**

Phys. Ed: Tuesday & Thursday

Grade 4

Miss Doek

Memory work:

Song for the concert: "He Lives".
(see paper)

Bible:

Mo: Isaiah and Micah cont'd
Tu: Hezekiah
W: Review
Th: Unit Test
F: Mannaseh and Amon

Working with words:

New Spelling words for March 12: we're, wear, where, your, you're, anyone, getting, rearrange, replacement, irresponsible, different, employee.

Guided Reading:

We read about Laura Ingalls and were surprised how many times her family moved. Next week, we will start reading the book.

Writing:

We did a lot of reading in February and haven't done a lot

of writing. The coming weeks I hope to spend more time with Grammar and writing stories.

Math:

We continue with the unit area. Next week we'll learn about m2. Most students understand this concept pretty good!

Please, keep practicing the 7 timetable. I'd like to move on and start with timetable 8.

Social Studies:

Thursday there will be a test about the lakes, and rivers of Manitoba. The test about the cities, town and parks, went very well!!!!!!

We will learn about natural resources (renewable and non-renewable). We hope also to make a start with the cultural communities in Manitoba. (First nation, Francophone, etc.)

PE:

Please bring your skates for PE.

Grade 5

Mrs. C. Vandermeulen

Memory work: Psalm 108:1 (for Friday)

Devotions:

M Laura
Tu Wesley
W Silas
JTh Kent
F Brittney

Bible: We will be starting an introduction to the gospel of John by looking at the different "I am" statements. We will also look at Nicodemus, and then start an introduction to the gospel of Luke by studying the *Parable of the Sower*.

ELA: We are just about finished with our mini-unit "Stories...Stories...Stories..."

Students will continue with writing their first drafts of their stories.

Socials: *The Fur Trade*. We will be finishing with the French and the Fur Trade and moving onto the English and the Fur Trade.

Science: The Kidneys and the Excretory System.

Math: Test on decimals on Tuesday, March 2. The next unit is Measurement.

Vocab: Test on Unit 15 words (Other Borrowed Words) on Tuesday.

monsoon	maestro
mnemonic	plaza
technology	pistachio
vice-versa	strudel
maxim	sputnik

Spelling: Unit 23 "Problem Solving" – Test on Friday

station	problem
reduce	addition
biggest	least
solve	divide
final	equal
plus	quite
decimal	correct
question	holiday
answer	

Classwords:

mnemonic maestro
bonus

Phys. Ed.: Please make sure your child brings **appropriate outdoor clothing and skates** on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Especially make sure **snow pants** are brought on the cold days.

Grade 6

Mr. Gunnink

Memory Work: From the *Book of Praise*, Hymn 7:1,9 and from the Bible, John 15:5.

Bible: Tests written on Thursday will be returned early next week. Our next unit follows

the Israelites through the desert on their way to Canaan. The first lessons will focus on their time at the foot of Mount Sinai.

Math: Practice making specified triangles and angles. Making equivalent fractions and putting fractions in their simplest forms.

ELA: Grammar – Pluralizing singular nouns and working with synonyms.

Science: Our focus turns from the solar system itself to man's exploration of it. Students will begin research on topics such as the International Space Station, Hubble, the space shuttle program and the like.

Social Studies: We'll pick up where we left off. After Manitoba becomes a province the west begins to open up more and more. We'll focus first on the Great March West.

Phys. Ed 6: We'll be in the gym on Wednesday, working on lacrosse skills. It's great to see how different sports showcase different abilities. Friday's activity will depend on how the ice rink fares next week.

Lunch Devotions: The following students are responsible for lunch devotions: **Julian, Dylan, Lucas, Nathan, and Emiel.**

Miss Jager

Grade 7:

Dear parents,
This week we started building bridges for Science class. The students are working in pairs and are creating very unique bridges. Keep up the good work ☺. The students also had another science quiz which was done quite well. There was a

fitness test in Phys. Ed and the students did exceedingly well.

Next week students have a Math Test on Tuesday and they have I.A. on Friday. Students are reminded to take their clay heads home.

Turbo update:

He's doing well, gaining weight, and still continues to bite.



*****Reminder: Do not forget to study for tests and quizzes; give it your all.*****

Mrs. DeWit

Outstanding textbooks: Still owing the school a copy of Hamlet are Allan, Dianna, Chrissy and Daniel.

Reformed Studies 21G

We are moving along in the Pentateuch with daily readings and exercises, maps and questions. I am hoping to be able to do the test for this unit on Friday, March 5.

ELA 10F

Today we finished reading The Contender. A number of questions were due today; some will be due on Monday. In the next two days we will deal with some thematic essays and write an essay based on the contender theme as we find it in literature and in the newspapers. The test for the novel and associated essays and stories will be on Thursday, March 4.

Thematic essay for The Contender due, with outline and bibliography on Friday, March 5. This is to be **4 to 5 pages (1000 to 1250 words)** in length. Students need to choose a

research topic (an issue) and begin to collect resources if they have not already done so. Dates will be assigned this week.

Reformed Studies 31G

Assignment for Elijah and Elisha is due on Tuesday, March 2.

Visual for Amos Wed. March 3
Time chart of the kings and prophets due on Friday, March 5.

Test #2 on Wed. March 10

Mr. Hoogerdijk

Chemistry 40S

This last past week has seen us complete one lab with the submission of (most) reports on Tuesday. The students also worked through another lab recently which we will use in our discussion on calculating rates of reaction and representing them graphically.

We will spend the next few days dealing with the topic of rates of reaction. This will involve working through a number of problems to determine equations for the rates of reaction and then calculating the actual rate for various temperatures. For some this might seem like slightly complex mathematical calculations. We will try to build up to this a little slowly to keep everyone on board.

There will not be any labs in this upcoming week, but there will be a couple of quizzes – one on factors affecting rates of reaction and the other on calculating rates of reaction.

Pre-Calculus 40S

We've completed the first test of the year with somewhat mixed results. It is a bit of a gut-check time for some students. Some students probably didn't do as well as they had hoped and will need to carefully consider why

that may have happened. For some it may be an actual lack of understanding, in which case I would encourage them to come for some extra help. For some it is a lack of committed work in the course. This will handicap them further if it is not remedied soon.

We have begun a new unit on Transformations and are actually nearing its completion. We have a couple of topics to cover yet, which will be taken care of on Monday. We will have a review on Tuesday with a test on Wednesday.

Science 20S

We are done our Motion unit. We will be reviewing next week Tuesday for a test on Thursday. From there we will move on to our Chemistry unit.

The Chemistry unit will pick up from where we left off in Grade 9 by delving more deeply into bonding, forming molecules, writing and naming these formulas, writing chemical equations, identifying types of equations, and then looking briefly at factors that speed up or slow down reactions.

Physics 30S

We had a quiz on kinematics problems this past week with somewhat mixed results. Some students are beginning to grasp these types of problems fairly well. Others are continuing to struggle. For those continuing to struggle, there are a number of cases where the work ethic in class is inconsistent at best. One might say they are reaping their reward. I would encourage those with the inconsistent work ethic to use this as a learning experience moving forward. Others truly have difficulty with the concepts. Arrangements can easily be made for extra assistance for these students. We will be completing the

mechanics unit soon and will then move on to a unit on Fields.

Chemistry 30S

We are at the end of our review of Grade 10 Science. Some students have not yet made it to the end of the review. These students continue to have difficulty with some of the basic concepts and that is hindering them from moving forward with the rest of the material. It is very important that they master those basic concepts since they are, as indicated, also going to be basic to the rest of the unit and to other units moving forward.

We will have a quiz on balancing chemical reactions on Tuesday and on classifying reactions on Wednesday.

Mr. Lodder

Grade 8

Reformed Studies

Freedom in Christ (con't): a study of Paul's letter to the Galatians

The Jerusalem Council: Acts 15

The Gentile Mission Continues: Acts 15:36-16:40

The Spirit Leads On: Acts 17-18:22

Friday: Quiz on the first half of this Unit

Social Studies

We continue a study of the Middle Ages.

Grade 9 Social Studies

Canada in the Global Context: Completing our projects and making sure we are ready for our presentations.

Grade 12

Reformed Studies-BH

Students will present the exegesis of a segment of the Gospel according to Matthew which they did over the past 5

days. After that we begin a study of Paul's work among the Gentiles with a study of his missionary journeys and his writings (esp. 1 Corinthians, Galatians, and 1 Timothy). The students heading overseas should expect a package explaining their homework due upon their return.

Research assignment is due on March 10 (no extensions possible, you hand in what you have on that date).

Mrs. Vandebos

DCS website, faculty, Mrs. Vandebos website

Math 8 – Test for this unit is Tuesday, Mar 2. The next unit is all on proportions, which are shown in different ways but all use the same strategies. I will be gone from Wednesday to Friday of next week so parents, please help your students as much as possible to stay on top of things. Progress reports were given to the students on Thursday Feb 24, so please ask your child about it.

PreCalculus 20S – The next chapter is all about polynomials which the students have learned a lot about last year. I will be gone from Wednesday to Friday of next week so parents, please help your students as much as possible to stay on top of things. This will be the last chapter before the midterm exam. Progress reports were given to the students on Thursday Feb 24, so please ask your child about it.

PreCalculus 30S – Quadratic Functions is the topic of our next chapter. I will be gone from Wed to Friday of next week so parents, please help your students as much as possible to stay on top of things.

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.

Library Update

Our Space Themed Library has certainly attracted a lot



of attention and became a galaxy of activity today!

What fun!
Come and take a Peek sometime.

Students (young and older) have learned a lot about the universe and how God controls it all and love to tell you what they know. It's exciting to hear their enthusiasm.

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! A **big thank-you** to all who have helped out in the Library this year. It has certainly become a very busy place and it is wonderful to have it that way.

Students were able take out a 3rd book related to

Space for Reading Month.
Wow!! No overdues in Gr 4
this week!

Library Days

Wednesdays: **Kindergarten**

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

Keep up the good work!

Library Overdues:

K – 3

Nadia Linde-Monsters Don't
Eat Broccoli/The Berenstain
Bears and the Missing Honey

Lianne Riedstra-The Fire
Station/David's Father

Magdalene Lomeling-Angela's
Airplane

Justin deRuiter-The Broken
Ear/Eulalia

Logan Termeer-Mars/A Year at
a Farm/Seaplanes and Naval
Aviation

Michael Riedstra-The Red Sea
Sharks/Fire Trucks

4 – 6

Brandon Vanderwoude-The
Blue Lotus/The Grim Reaper

Silas Bauer-Titan
Clash/Oxygen Level Zero

Dylan Hamming-Come Back,
Amelia Bedelia

Natasha Lok-Underneath Are
the Everlasting Arms

Cody Borst-The Kid Who Only
Hit Homers

7 – 12

**This is a reminder that the
following books are due on
Mon. Mar.1/10. 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.**

Andrew Borstlap-Trapped in
Pharaoh's Tomb #2 / Ambushed
in Africa #1

Leon Bosma-Pirates/Mystery
History of a Pirate
Galleon/Pirate/Days of the
Knights

Cassandra Riepema-Mandie
and the Fiery Rescue

Melissa Hamming-Asterix and
the Class Act/Wild

Animals/Wolves/Usborne

Healthy Cookbook/

Adventures in the Middle Ages

Michael Borst-Artemis Fowl

Janique Klaassen-Nobody/The
Hope Before Us

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

Derrick Borst-Hunted Along the
Rhine #6/Hot Pursuit on the

High Seas #5/Iron Thunder

Peter Koster-Yikes, Vikings #4

Rachel Martens-Dog
Facts/Dogs/Dog/Big Dogs, Little
Dogs

**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

Rachel Bauer-Winter Hawk
Star

Mikaela Richardson-A Sister's
Secret

Jenien Riedstra-Simple Gifts/A
Gentle Calling

Lori Leyenhorst-The Guardian
Alison Brouwer-Every Now
and Then

Tamara VanKammen-The
Runaway's Revenge

FYSH

Our next meeting is
scheduled for **tomorrow,**
SATURDAY, Feb 27 DV.

We are planning to have our
Bible Study at the
Carman West church

beginning at 1:00 p.m.

From there on we will be
heading to Mr. and Mrs. Len
and Theresa Bergsma's for
an afternoon of skating,
tobogganing and fun in the
snow, so dress warm and
bring your skates and sleds!
We will be there until 4 p.m.
and everyone can be picked
up from the Bergsma's!

