



# DCS Newsletter



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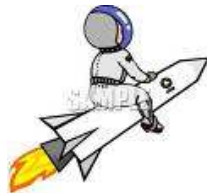
**Friday, January 29**  
**No Classes – Administration Day**

## Rocket into Reading



Have you heard?? There's an astronaut lost in space and we have to "read" him home! Each minute of

reading by K-6 students during February will bring him closer to earth. These minutes can be gathered at school, at home, on the bus, anywhere! Will we be able to "read" him all the way back to earth, or will he be lost in space forever?



A kick-off assembly for **"I Love to Read"** month is planned for **Monday, Feb. 1 at 10:45 a.m.** Please join us as Mr. Lodder gets things going with a story. Mrs. Veenendaal has prepared a power point presentation to inform us about some of the activities planned for the month.

I Love to Read month will bring exciting reading and learning for the students as well as anyone else who wishes to be involved. We invite people to come and read to the students. You could read to K-3 or 4-6 or both. If you are interested or have any questions about being a guest reader, please contact Mrs. Courtney Vandermeulen. We'd love to hear from you!

As a wrap-up to **"I Love to Read"** month, we're inviting you to **join us for a fun day of "spacey" activities on Friday, February 26, 2010.** A huge thank-you to the grade elevens who are preparing to entertain us with stories and other activities.

Parents, grandparents, siblings, special friends.....Please bring your lunch and come for the day, or part of the day. **We'll start with an assembly at 9:00 a.m. and the activities will run until 2:30 p.m.** We'll need 5 or 6 volunteers in order for this day to be a success. The volunteers will be required to assist in taking a group from one activity to the next. **Can you help on Friday, Feb. 26 from 9:00 – 2:30?** Please let either Jane, Mirjam or Alice know via the student's agenda, or a phone call. *Thank-you! Alice Linde*

Mark your Calendars!

Dufferin Christian School's

## 3rd Annual Family Skate Night



**Friday, February 12, 2010**  
Beginning at 6:00 pm

- Skating
- Fellowship
- Bonfire
- BBQ Hotdogs (\$1.00 each)
- Coffee/Hot Chocolate

**Come join in the fun and fellowship!**

Donations will be gratefully accepted for  
CDIA – Haiti Relief

**Everyone Welcome!**

*The Promotion Committee*

## Midland Adult Education Centre

is hosting a course at our school on Microsoft Office 2007. The course

will deal with Windows basics, a general introductio



n 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 **WEDNESDAY, February 3** and will end on **WEDNESDAY, March 10**. 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 @ 745-2095.

*Thanks....William Hoogerdijk*

## Elementary Student Council

Student Council has decided to send all proceeds from Soup Days to relief efforts in Haiti.



Plans are also being made for another Fun Day.

Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> will be a "Summer Day". Dress up for a warm day, lather yourself in sunscreen, pack a special beach lunch, and enjoy a "cool" summer surprise! Mark the date in your agenda.

## 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.

## Guitar Recital

Friday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 p.m.

*in the*

**Carman WEST Church.**

**Everyone welcome!**

*Angela Durand  
(Guitar Teacher)*



## Bike Helmet Program

### for Students and Families!

As in the previous couple of years, the Government of MB is offering helmets at very reasonable prices to our families.



Order forms are attached to this newsletter. The deadline to return your order (**with payment by cheque**) is **February 19, 2010!** **Please make cheques out to the MDA.** Orders will be delivered to the schools by the end of April 2010, in time for the new cycling season.

## Stingers Athletics:

**JV Boys:** We have a few games this coming week. We are playing WC Miller on Monday at 6:00. This is a home game, come and cheer on the boys, they have a 2-1 record so far this year. The JV boys are also heading out to Morden on Wednesday, Drivers for this game are. K/A Veldman, B/W Vandermeulen and T/T Koster. We are leaving the school at 6:00; game time is 7:30.

**Varsity Teams:** The girls have 2 games this week and they are both away games, the boys will be going with the girls on

Monday to RVS, **WE NEED MORE DRIVERS FOR THIS GAME**, and the girls are also leaving for Westpark on Thursday. Monday's game we are leaving at 4:00 and Thursday's game the girls are leaving at 4:45.

Monday's drivers: D. Vanderveen (6), J. Lodder (6)  
 We Need room for 25 people, once again **WE NEED MORE DRIVERS.**

Thursday's drivers: D. Vanderveen (6) VanKammen (4) Grant (3)

## Yearbooks are coming soon.....

We are on the verge of completion, and as we are wrapping things up we will need to know how many yearbooks need to be printed. The 2008-2009 yearbooks (last year) will be **\$12.00 each** and we hope to have them out in the early spring.



Order forms were attached to the last newsletter. If you would like to order yearbooks and do not have an order form, **please write your name, and how many yearbooks you would like on a piece of paper, along with payment (cheque payable to DCS Yearbook or cash) and send it to school by February 16, 2010.** Thank-you!

Kimberly Grant for the Yearbook Committee

# Beef for Sale

**Proceeds to support Children of the Light in West Timor**



With recent events in Haiti, attention of the world has shifted to the need there. While we acknowledge and do support the work there, we also need to maintain the work to which we have committed, among people who also rely on our support for daily food, schooling and very basic needs.

We once again have beef for sale from an animal donated for this express purpose. We have **ground meat**, lean, packaged and frozen in two pound packages. For this we are charging **\$2.00 per pound.**

A small amount of marinating steak is also available at **\$4.00 per pound. (ribeye, tenderloin, and striploin)** The steak will not be ready for about another two weeks.

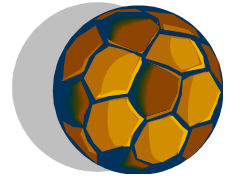
Thank-you to those who have already placed orders. Those of you who have not, please return the attached form, at the end of the newsletter, to the school immediately We will call those who have ordered to confirm when you should pick it up.

**Cheques may be made out to DCS Student Fund** when you pick up the meat.

Please return the order form to the school and give it to the secretary or Mrs. DeWit.

## 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 (13 or younger as of Dec 31, 2010) 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.

### Home Ec. / IA Classes

Monday, Feb. 1, Gr. 10  
 Tuesday, Feb. 2, Gr. 8  
 Wed., Feb. 3, Gr. 11 p.m.  
 Thursday, Feb. 4, Gr. 9  
 Friday, Feb. 5, Gr. 12 p.m.

### Kindergarten

#### Miss Stad

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

**Memory work:** Psalm 74: 10

#### Bible stories:

- King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
- God Saves in the Fire
- Daniel in the Lion's Den

This month we will be talking about space and astronauts. This will be part of the **I Love to Read school** theme. We hope to be reading lots of books both at home and at school.

Keep up the review of language sounds, pictures and words. It is really exciting to see how the children are learning the sounds and trying to read and write words! They have an amazing memory!

On Monday we will learn about the **letter R and Rosie**



**Raccoon**, and we will draw and label a rat. On Wednesday we will learn

about the **letter H with Hippy Hippo**, and draw and label a rat in a hat.



On Friday we will learn about the **letter sound AR with Arnie Aardvark**, and draw and label a star.



Thank-you to all those who donated animals for our collection of animal characters. I am still looking for the following animals: fox, goose, newt, quail, vulture, walrus, ox, chipmunk, crow, turtle, woodchuck, camel and rhino. If you happen to see or have one of these animals we would love to have them!

We also will be needing 17 cereal boxes in the next two weeks. If you have an empty cereal box please send it to the Kindergarten room. Thankyou.

Have a good weekend, and enjoy the snow!

## Grade 1

**Mr. VanderHooft**

*Memory Work*

The text we will repeat due to the short week, but the song is new.

Due for this FRIDAY, Feb 5 are:

- Hymn 8:1 (Book of Praise)
- Ruth 1:16

### *Bible*

Due to the shortened week, we did our review of the Judges but did not get started on Ruth. We will do that this week.

### *Language Arts*

WWW: We will be studying the 'r-controlled' vowels, beginning with <ar> as in cart and <or> as in fort. We are also continuing with long vowel rules.

Now that you have seen the results of both the oral written sight word (word wall) assessments, you can more easily practice any words that are still difficult (in addition to the new ones coming up)...

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

Sight Word new: these, or, those, more, make

*Show & Tell*  
Finished!

### *Kid of the Week*

Instead of Show & Tell, we will now move on to what we call "Kid of the Week." The first person will be Gianna! All instructions and supplies will be sent home in the Kid of the Week Bag. Parents, your involvement is appreciated. We are looking forward to this new activity.

### *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 do still plan to skate for gym each Thursday. PLEASE remember your skates! Also, grade one can skate at lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays.

### *Reading Month*

Please keep your eyes open to the newsletter for activities you can help with and/or attend.

## Grade 2

**Mrs. Linde**

**Exciting News!** On Friday, Feb. 5 and for the three week's following, we will welcome **Miss Jessica Bartels** in our class as a student teacher! Jessica is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of studies at the Teachers' College. We hope you enjoy your time with us Miss Bartels.

**Memory work:** Psalm 47:1

### **Bible:**

M Test  
Tu Jesus' Early Ministry;  
John the Baptist;  
Matthew 3:1-12  
W The Baptism of Jesus;  
Matthew 3:13-17  
Th Jesus' Temptations;  
Matthew 4:1-11  
F Jesus Calls His  
Disciples; Matthew 4:12-  
22.

**Math:** We're getting pretty quick and confident with adding doubles and making 10. Now we'll move on to adding and subtracting to 18.

**WWW:** We'll continue with our

review. No new words this week. A word list was sent home last week. Please practice at home too. We'll have a test of all the words on Thursday and Friday.

**Library:** Thursday

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

**Show and Tell** – Friday  
Magdelene and Alanna

## Grade 3

**Mrs. Veenendaal**

**Memory Work:** Psalm 119:1

God's Law: Exodus 20:1-17 (We will be taking this whole unit to learn and review this text.)

**Bible:** Unit 5: In the Wilderness

M	Grumbling Israelites
T	The Amalekites
W	Moses and Jethro
Th	You Be the Judge
F	Review

**ELA:**

I guess we will continue with making short descriptive stories☺. Maybe these will begin circulating in another class book! Keep your eye open for our class book called: "Now that was an EXCELLENT day!". It is being circulated for your reading pleasure as we speak! We will begin our Poetry Unit near the end of the week or the beginning of next week.

Word Wall Words:

**New words: what, friendly, know/no, knew/new**

**Science:**

We will begin our Social Studies: *Exploring our World* unit, where we will take some time looking at the globe and do mapping! This is a fun unit where we learn the cardinal directions and compass rose as we work with what a map all involves.

**Math:**

We are continuing to spend A LOT of time on multiplication – PLEASE please(!) practice at home too! We are reviewing 2,5,10x and memorizing 9x. Our Quiet 5s next week will reflect these. Check out for improvement throughout the week.

Library Day: **Thursday**

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

## Grade 4

**Mrs. Bergsma (substituting for Miss Doek!)**

**Memory work:** Psalm 98:1

**Bible:**

M	Review for Test
Tu	Bible test
W /Th	Kings of Judah project
F	Rehoboam

**Working with words:**

New spelling words: one, won, another, its, it's, threw, through, very, with, forgotten, unpleasant, valuable.  
The **spelling test is on Friday, February 12.**

**Guided Reading:** In the coming weeks we will be reading different booklets about outer space.

**Grammar:** Verbs: Present and past tense.

**Math:** We will keep working on time: telling time to 5 minutes and to the minute. Students are doing very well with telling time! Keep practicing at home too!

**Science:** We hope to finish the Science unit with a test on Thursday or Friday.

**Social Studies:** Soon we will

start again with Social Studies. This time we will learn about Manitoba!

**Phys. Ed.:** Skating

*Enjoy your "long" weekend after a "short" week!*

## Grade 5

**Mrs. C. Vandermeulen**

**Memory work:**

Hymn 39:1 (for Monday);  
Hymn 26:1 (for Friday)

**Devotions:**

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

**Bible:**

We have started our new unit on Jesus' Ministry with a look at the 4 accounts of Jesus Feeds the 5000. Now we are going to look in detail at the Gospel of Mark.

**ELA:** We are just finished our unit on Poetry. Students have written some excellent poetry, which you will get to read once we are done making a book of our poems. Our next unit will be a short unit on writing short stories.

**Socials:** The British in North America. We have looked at the 13 colonies and will be wrapping up the chapter with a study of The War Between Britain and France, the Founding of Halifax (1749), the Expulsion of the Acadians, and The 7 Years War.

- Next Scrapbook is due on Monday, Feb. 8, 2010.

**Science:** We are almost done with the respiratory system and our next focus will be the heart and the circulatory system.

**Math:** Because of the snow days, our division test was not this week. Instead it will be on **Tuesday**. The next unit is Decimals.

**Vocab:** Again, because of the snow days, our test was not on Tuesday. We wrote the test today, so there will not be a test this Tuesday. We will get new words on Tuesday and the test will be the following Tuesday.

**Spelling:** Unit 18 Back-up test is postponed to Monday. Unit 19 (Money Madness) Test is on Friday.

bank	reward	object
lay	charge	started
dollar	hasn't	roll
million	here's	double
received	there's	silver
you're	share	

**Class words:**  
circulatory, decimal, Halifax

## **Grade 6**

**Mr. Gunnink**

**Memory Work:** From the *Book of Praise*, Hymn 22 and from the *Bible*, Ephesians 2:8-10. (Yes, I've added a verse to last week's memory work!)

**Bible:** Exodus 1-2:10, God's nation grows; Ex 2:11-25, Moses is prepared for leadership; Ex 3:11-4:17, Moses argues against leadership; Ex 7-10, Egypt and Israel meet a mighty God.

**Math:** Solving for missing variables; problem solving – what to do when you don't know what to do!

**ELA:** Grammar: Using a dictionary efficiently – guide words.

**Science:** Our solar system: differences in gravitational pull from planet to planet; how do we use satellites?

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

**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: **Warren, Kim, Cody, Julian, and Dylan.**

## **Miss Jager**

**Grade 7:**  
Next week we are starting a few new units. Please help your child stay organized and focused.

There will be no tests next week, but I do ask the students to work on their factors if they need to. Also, for art and science we are studying structures and their stability. I ask any parents who have extra toilet paper rolls, jugs, cans, pop bottles, small scrap wood, etc, to please bring these items to the Gr. 7 classroom so we can start to build our 'city'. Thanks in advance.

Have a great long weekend ☺

## **Mr. Lodder**

**Grade 8 Reformed Studies / Social Studies**

We took as much advantage as we could of having the computer lab during exam week to complete our projects on Ancient Rome. Unfortunately consecutive snow days didn't really help. We will take some

time this coming week in sharing what we put together. In the meantime we also look at how the church grew at this time and how God used the time and circumstance to build His church, spreading the gospel far and wide.

## **Grade 9 Social Studies**

**Mid-term exam Monday February 1 at 9:00.** After that we will begin a study of Canada in the Global Context.

## **Grade 12 Worldviews**

**Final exam Monday, February 1/10 at 9:00.** We then switch to a Reformed Studies Course. This course is split into two parts, Bible and Church History. We begin by looking at exegesis and then practice this on Matthew, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, 1 Timothy (experience says that we don't get through it all, we'll see). We write a two part exam during class time on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> DV and then move on into the Church History portion dealing with Church Polity, Current Developments in the Can. Ref. Churches (we'll follow the General Synod which begins on May 11; should coincide nicely), and Ecumenical Movements. The exam for this section is slated for the week of June 14.

## **Mrs. Vandebos**

DCS website, faculty, Mrs. Vandebos website

**Math 8** – We have begun the first unit: Number Connections. The daily homework will be posted on my website, which is linked through the DCS website. Marks for this course are based on daily 10 minute, open book quizzes – 30%, assignments – 30%, and tests – 40%. Assignments will be lessons handed in for marking.

Students will be given a mark but will then be allowed to re-do the assignments, up to the date of the test for that unit, until they have a mark which they find acceptable IF the assignment was completed to the best of their ability the first time. This means NO blank questions, but at least writing what the student knows. Remember if you get stuck you can always phone me before 10:00pm at 828-3476.

**PreCalculus 20S and 30S** – Students will need a scientific calculator, sharp pencils, notebook for taking notes and quadruled paper/notebook for doing homework.

**Biology 30S – Midterm Exam Monday Feb 1 in the afternoon at 12:30.** Biology Portfolio is due on Monday as well. Wednesday we will begin our next unit: Excretion and Waste Management

**PHE gr. 11** – Due to the 2 snow days, Monday Feb 1 is the last day I will accept the PHE portfolios for completing the course. Be sure you have your signoff sheets signed by your parents or coach, including the number of hours for the activity they are signing off on.

**PHE Grade 12** – The Health Portfolio is now PAST DUE. Semester 1 courses are now complete, so please get the PHE portfolio done and then you can concentrate on the fulfilling your activity hours, which are not due till June.

## ***Library Overdues***

**Remember to bring your books back.**

## **From CDIA 2010 Mission Trip**

### **Team:**

We are still planning a

## **Volleyball Tournament**

however the date is **Saturday, Jan. 30.**

This will take place **at the ICS gym in Winnipeg, from 10:30 till 5:30.**

Please make your own team (minimum 6 people) and register with Calvin Nobel. ([calvin\\_nobel@hotmail.com](mailto:calvin_nobel@hotmail.com))

If you don't have a team, we will put you on a team, so c'mon down for a fun afternoon! Cost will be \$5 per person to play. We are planning on having pizza and drinks available all day, so even if you're not coming to play, you are more than welcome to come for socializing! For those playing volleyball, please bring scuff free shoes.

We are planning on having a **bake sale at the tournament**, so if you would be willing to donate some baking, please get it to one of the team members the day before. And consider stocking up on your Sunday 'gebakjes' at the tournament!

If you have any questions about anything, contact information for Winnipeg is Calvin Nobel @ 204--291-3133 and for Carman is Felicia Bergsma @ 204-750-3053. Or you can contact any of the team members below.

*Frank Smith, Rob DeBoer, Chelsea Termeer, Hendrick Baron, Nick Willsie, Calvin Nobel, Anne Heidema and Felicia Bergsma*

A <i>Beacon</i> will be published this coming Sunday....
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**Beef order  
Children of the  
Light**

I would like to order

\_\_\_\_\_ pounds of  
hamburger @ 2.00 a  
pound.

I am also interested in  
marinating steak

\_\_\_\_\_ pounds of

\_\_\_\_\_  
(kind, if possible)  
at \$4.00 per pound.  
(subject to first order, first serve)

Name:

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Telephone contact number

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**Yearbook  
2008-2009  
Order Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of yearbooks: @

\$12/yearbook \_\_\_\_\_

Total price: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Note: We will accept cash  
or cheques. Please make  
cheques payable to  
Stingers Yearbook.*

*Thank-you!*



