

INK-LINKS

Newsletter of the John Knox Christian School Society, Woodstock, Ontario

December 2011 - January 2012

Upcoming Events

Dec. 13 Coffee Morning (8:30)
Dec. 20 Senior Tea (1:30)
..... Christmas Program Matinee (2:15)
..... Board Meeting
Dec. 21 Staff Meeting
..... Christmas Program (7 p.m.)
Dec. 22 Carol Sing (8:30)
..... All Students Skating
..... LDCSS Christmas Concert
Dec. 23 P.A. Day*
Dec. 26 - Jan. 6 Christmas Break*
Jan. 9 New Year's Chapel (8:30)
Jan. 11 Staff Meeting
Jan. 12 Coffee Morning (8:30)
Jan. 17 Board Meeting
Jan. 26 Staff Meeting
..... Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten Info Evening
Jan. 28 "Win It In a Minute"
Jan. 30 P.D. Day*
Feb. 1 JK/SK Registration Day

* indicates no school

Our theme for 2011-12
**Passion for Jesus;
Compassion for
Others**

Our Mission:

John Knox Christian School provides Christ-centered quality elementary education for children of believers to equip them for a life of praise and service to God through committed and dedicated teachers, parents and supporting community.



Senior's Appreciation Tea
Tuesday, December 20th at 1:30 p.m.
followed by the Matinee performance of
"Follow the Star" Christmas Program.

**Follow
The Star**

You are all invited to join us here at JKCS
on Tuesday, December 20th at 2:15 p.m.
or Wednesday, December 21st at 7 p.m. for
"Follow the Star"
- a celebration of Christmas with
the students of John Knox Christian School.



BOARD NEWS

The Transportation Committee has put forth a succession plan for bus replacement and the budgeted amount for bus replacement will be \$45,000 per year. Board member Wendy deVries is also our newest full time bus driver. In accordance with school policy, Wendy will be allowed to serve on the Board for 6 months until the Spring Membership meeting when a replacement member will be elected. She will remain on Membership Committee till then but will step down from the CPC. Daryl Spyksma will replace her on the CPC.

Glen Sikma reported for the Endowment Committee and highlighted that at the beginning of 2010 the Endowment Fund stood at \$54,894. Last year this money yielded \$2,883 for the Tuition Assistance Fund. Christian Stewardship Services has reported that approximately \$322,000 is directed to JKCS in various wills on file. This represents an increase of over \$200,000 in the past 2 years. Glen emphasized the long term vision of the fund is to significantly reduce the cost of tuition.

Mike Meinema reported for the Admissions Committee. The major highlight of the report was that we had 24 new families at JKCS this year.

Mr. Meinema reported that he and Mrs. Huinink-Buiter recently attended OCSAA Principal's Retreat where they had the opportunity learn more about integrating technology into the 21st Century classroom. He also updated us on the ways the staff are growing in the area of Service Learning. The staff are required to complete a Service Learning project before Christmas. Mike gave a brief overview of the final draft of the new Health & Safety Policy. It was noted this policy will need to be in place very soon to keep us in line with Bill 168.

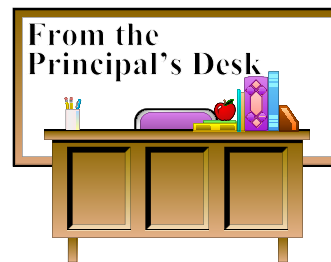
Patti Reyneveld reviewed the current financial statement which showed a budgeted deficit of \$-30,000 with an actual deficit of nearly double that due to tuition in arrears and lower than anticipated donations. A motion was then approved to start a Community fund drive to rebuild our donator base. We will borrow \$163,000 from the CRC Extension Fund to pay for the 2 new busses that were purchased this year.

John DeWeerd brought the LDCSS Annual Report. He reported that LDCSS has been busy the past year their restructuring and the Building in Faith campaign. He noted they hope to begin construction in March. The Board approved a motion to have some sort of discount structure in place for families that have students at both LDCSS and JKCS after the LDCSS restructuring. The amount of this discount will be determined at a later date. The Transportation Committee will look at the cost of bussing students to London. It was noted that we still need to confirm details with our insurance company.

Jeff Paluska then did a quick overview of the events the Promotions Committee is responsible for this year and updated the Board on the changes to our Committee this year.



As part of our service learning at JKCS a bake sale was held to support three students who are preparing to participate in a mission trip to Nicaragua.



What an awesome year we are having here at John Knox Christian School! I realize you might expect the principal to say this, but I really mean it! Our school theme this year is one that I think every Christian school should embrace, and maybe it

should even be a school theme that is used every year! This year, we are working with the theme "Passion for Jesus; Compassion for Others"! What a joy it is to see the students of John Knox Christian School having countless opportunities to grow to love God more and more, while also having the chance to extend God's love to others by showing compassion, care, and love to our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Yesterday, I was blessed with the chance to visit one of our student teachers from Redeemer University College who is here doing her practicum as one of the final steps for teacher's college. I was invited to visit the grade one class in order to view a lesson, but to take part in it as well. The students were learning about "many parts, one body" (based on 1 Corinthians 12) and the class spoke about many parts that make up the community of John Knox Christian School! After taking time to explain some of the roles people have here at JKCS, the students were encouraged to extend love and compassion to our school community because of our love for God and His desire to see us show compassion to others, just as Christ showed compassion to us by His death on the cross. So, each grade one student picked a name of one of our staff members here at JKCS in order to write a letter sharing why the students think

JOHN KNOX CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairperson: Mr. A. Renkema 519-475-4391; Vice-Chairman: Mr. Daryl Spyksma 519-421-1148
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we are important to the community of JKCS! Love God, love others; "Passion for Jesus and Compassion for Others"! Our students are being taught what it means to love God and to extend God's love to people around us! What an awesome blessing it is to see this happening here at JKCS, but it is also an incredible responsibility that the staff of our school takes very seriously. We are humbled and blessed to encourage the students of our school to grow in knowledge, but also to grow in faith.

Another way we are working the school theme into the program of our school is by creating Service-Learning opportunities for our students. Service-Learning projects are intentional service projects which are connected to our school's curriculum. These projects allow for real-life application to take place in order to allow our students to live out what they have learned by blessing others out of our love for God. Each grade at JKCS has been asked to create at least three significant Service-Learning projects each year. Every class will be completing one "internal" project which blesses our school community, one "external" project which blesses the greater city of Woodstock, and one "global" experience which blesses the greater Kingdom of God. With Service-Learning built into our program, a student who goes from Junior Kindergarten through Grade 8 with us here at JKCS, will have at least 30 significant Service-Learning opportunities to grow in knowledge but also to extend God's love! I believe this will allow our theme of having "Passion for Jesus and Compassion for Others" to impact our hearts for our King! Love God; Love Others!

If you would like to learn more about Service-Learning, I have created a podcast about this topic, which has been uploaded to our school's website. We also attach these little 5 minute recordings to our school's facebook page, so you could listen to them there as well. I have titled these mini speeches "From the Principal's Desktop", and I am recording a new podcast each week about the happenings of our school! Through them, I hope that you will be blessed by learning about the impact Christian education is having on our students lives and that you will grow to understand more of what we do at John Knox Christian School!

Michael Meinema



Students participating in our Remembrance Day Assembly.

FROM THE FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

This year's fund-raising events have been very encouraging. The golf tournament continually raises more and more and this year reached approximately \$26,000 and the Winter Fest Auction also exceeded last year \$34,000. I thank everyone involved in these two successful events; your volunteer hours have produced an abundance of fruit. To date we have raised in excess of \$67,000. Praise the Lord! Recently, we sent out a baked goods Christmas fund raiser with the thought that if people were going to get baked goods during the season, we might gain on products being purchased anyway; we will see if it is worth keeping up. On January 28th we will be having our Dessert Social which will be an evening based on the TV show "Minute to Win It." Let's see if you have what it takes. Some other projects that fund raising is working on are establishing a thrift store and a house-raising project to raise funds for the school. Both projects are very ambitious, but can produce continuous rewards for our school. God Bless from the fund raising committee.

Steve Haagsma



Thank you for making the WinterFest GST Auction such a success!



WINTERFEST THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone who participated in our 16th annual G.S.T. auction, whether by donations, time, attending and/or purchasing. A special thanks to Hendrik Mulder for auctioneering! Many hands are needed to make this auction a success and each year many people step up and help out – you are all greatly appreciated! We are thankful for all of our supporters and give God the praise for the blessings we have received. This year we raised approximately \$34,000 for John Knox Christian School. Thank you!

CHICKEN

A big thank you to those of you who placed a chicken order this past month. We were able to raise \$305 for our school, making this year's total \$805 so far! The next order will be placed in February, so please watch for the order form to come home in your Knox Talks, Ink

Links or in your church bulletins around that time. Thank you again for supporting our children's Christian education!



GROCERY VOUCHER PROGRAM

Do you need a solution to your Christmas gift giving problems? Gift Certificates may be the answer and we have many to choose from. (Check out the complete list on the back page of this Ink-Links) Tim Horton's or Mr. Sub coupons make great gifts for the paper boy, car pool driver, etc. or as a great stocking stuffer for your friends and family! Many people stock up at M & M's for their Christmas parties, and Canadian Tire coupons can be used at the store, for car repairs, and for gas purchases. Please consider participating in this wonderful program.



JKCS PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL DESSERT SOCIAL "WIN IT IN A MINUTE" STYLE.

Put your game face on and come on out to support the school. There are prizes to be won, dessert to be eaten, and fun to be had. Individual tickets are \$20 or host a table for \$150. There will be contests for the best theme table, best dressed individual and highest scoring team. Come and join us on

January 28, 2012 from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. For tickets contact the school office or a member of the fundraising committee (Steve Haagsma, Jenny Morton, Allyson Heidinga).



ATTENTION ALL SCRAPBOOKERS AND CARD MAKERS!!

Plans for our 8th annual **Crop, Stop & Shop** are well underway! So mark Friday, March 2nd from 1-11 pm and Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 from 8 am - 8 pm on your calendars and plan to join us for an amazing time with fellow scrap-bookers and card-makers! We have extended our cropping hours, as you have requested! 10 hours on Friday and 12 hours on Saturday! Our on-site vendors will show you the latest products and offer you some great make & takes. Please watch the February InkLinks, Knox Talks and your church bulletins for registration & ticket information, or contact:

Allyson Heidinga - 519-290-0765

Michelle Sol - 519-539-7839

or email us at jkcscrop@rogers.com

Get your friends together and plan to come! It promises to be a great weekend that you won't want to miss!

JKCS COMMEMORATIVE ANNIVERSARY BOOKS

Many of you who attended our 50th Anniversary celebrations also purchased one of our Commemorative Anniversary books. For those of you who could not attend or wish extra copies we still have some for sale. They are \$25.00 per copy plus shipping (if required). This is a hard-cover, full-colour book full of memories from the past.

They also make great Christmas gifts for your children. A class photo of almost every graduating class from 1960 – 2009 was included.

If you would like to purchase a copy please call 519-539-1492 or email office@jkcs.on.ca.

For your next event call Ingersoll Ways & Means



For your Catering Needs

Contact Elsie Heidbuurt 485-2080



My name is Elliot Yu and I am five years old. I am in grade one with Mrs. Racicot and my birthday is in December. I love to play hockey and fish with my dad. I came to John Knox Christian School because of the excellent teachers and to be around kind and loving people. I look forward to new friendships and hopefully some play dates! Did I tell you I like to bowl? I have a little sister and her name is Emma. She was born in March of this year, the first day of March break!

I think she is really cute and her hair feels like my guinea pig! My mom's name is Carol and she is 42 years old. She plays with me and helps me out a lot with my homework. She drives me to school each day and enjoys talking to the other mom's and dad's school. My mom is a dental hygienist and works while I am at school. Now that I have a sister I don't know if she will have time to work. My dad's name is Norman and he is 42 years old too. I love going to his medical office and feeding the fish in his aquarium. I also love going to the hospital and checking on his patients. My dad teaches me all kinds of things like riding a bike and always thinking of others. I love my family and look forward to you meeting them too!



WINTERFEST AUCTION 2011

John Knox Christian School would like to extend sincere thanks to the following businesses for their donations to our WinterFest 2011 Auction that was held on November 18th. We truly appreciate your outstanding support. Please continue to support these business donators throughout the year!

4 Cats Art Studio	Embro Feed & Farm Supply	Mostly Roses	Strongo Equipment
4 Refuel	Emmy J. Designs	Murray's Rad & Auto Service	Sutton Preferred Realty
A Shot of Life Photography	End Zone Sportswear Co.	Nature Feed Centre	Swiss Chalet
A.R.M. Contracting	Epicure – Cristy Friend	Nelson's Photography	Sylvia Kiers - Regal Rep.
ABS - John Martin	Erb Transport Ltd.	Nesbitt Coulter LLP	Symons, Wearn & Smith,
Al's Tire Service	Expedia Cruise Ship Centers	New Life Mills	Chartered Accountants
Allen Building Centre	F.I.T. Institute	Niewland Feeds, Drayton	The Charles Dickens Pub
Alta Genetics	Fabricland	Nortrax	The Christian Armoury
Anderson Appliances	Fanshawe College	Norwich Deli	The Christian Supplier
Angling Outfitters	Foodland	Norwich Place Hair Design	The Co-operators
Avon - Elly Veld	Foris Signs	Norwich Veterinary Service	The Credit Bureau
Avon Feedmill	Giant Tiger, Ingersoll	Outdoor Solutions	The Grand Theatre, London
Battlefield Equipment Rentals	Gorwood	Oxford Feed Supply	The Hallmark Shoppe
Ben Tilstra Plumbing	Grand Valley Fortifiers	Oxford Insta-Shade	The Little Book Shoppe
Bigham The Mover	Gunns Hill Artisan Cheese	Oxford Tire & Auto Centre	The Magnolia Gallery
Bill Klyn Carpentry	Heritage Pancake House	P. Stam Bakery	The Saving Shoppe
Bingemans Grand	Holstein Journal	Patina's Gifts	The Stereo Man
Experiences	Home Building Liquidators	Paul's Shoe Store	The UPS Store
Birtch Farms & Estate Winery	Home Building Centre	PC Options	The Village Restaurant
Bobcat of Brantford	Hudson's Furniture	Pedal Power	Thornton Sand & Gravel
Boston Pizza	Hurley's Independent Grocer	Picard's Peanuts	Toronto Blue Jays
Brant Tractor	Imogene's & WERCreations	Pier Dairy Farms Ltd.	Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey
Bronson's Steakhouse & Grill	Ingersoll Pizza and Pasta	Pizza Hut	Club
C & D Lanes	Ingersoll Rent All Inc.	Premier Equipment Ltd.	Total Equipment Rentals
Campbell's Office Supplies	Jenny's Wellness Centre	Quality Hotel & Suites	Tupperware – Amanda Pasma
Carpet One Floor & Home	Kelseys	Renhope Farms	Usborne Books – M. Lendvay
Coffee Culture Cafe	Kids Style	Root & Rock Landscaping	VanRooyen Earthmoving Ltd.
Corner Farm Market	Koch's Korner	Sacha's Salon	VanStraten's Bakery
Cottage Gardens Floral	Lendvay Building Products	Schaus Decorating Centre	Village Market
Coyles Country Store	Les' Carpentry	Schelhaas Farms	Well's Greenhouses
Crabby Joes	Liquidation City	Schep Bakeries	Whale & Ale Pub, Kitchener
Creekside Golf Club	London Children's Museum	Sear's Woodstock	Woodstock Flying Club
CRI-Genex – Hans Brus	Mackay Fuels	Searles Motor Products Ltd.	Woodstock Ford
Custom Wood Creations	Maizex Seeds	Select Sire	Woodstock Lighting & Décor
De Jong Enterprises	Maya Health Food Centre	Seven Sisters Quilting	Woodstock Little Theatre
Dean Michael's Griddlehouse	McKay's Embro Food Market	Sherry Sim Highland School	Woodstock Optical Centre
Deans Feed Mill	McKim Home Hardware	of Dance	Woodstock Print & Litho
Di Namic Travel Ltd.	Merrifield Book Shop	Sinden Feed & Seed	Woodstock Taxi
Different Seasons	Meyers Flowers	Smiths Flowers Ltd.	Zabian's Mens Wear
Dortmans Barn Equipment	Microtel Inn & Suites	Sol's Painting & Decorating	Zellers Inc.
Driannah Green Dairy	Midas Auto Service	South Easthope Insurance	
Dubois Honda	Miedema Meat Market	Southside Aquatic Centre	
Dulux Paints	Mint & Chocolate	Sprucewood Tack	
EastGen	Montana's Cookhouse	Stratford Farm Equipment	

Please accept our sincere apologies if your business was not printed in this list.
It was our fullest intend to have remembered every business that sent a donation.
Your business is appreciated greatly.

Charitable Bequests

A Charitable Bequest is perhaps the simplest form of planned gift to arrange. It is a gift made through a person's Last Will and Testament. A Charitable Bequest could consist of gifts of cash (specific amounts), real estate or other property but usually is a percentage of the donor's estate which is given after the estate debts and the family needs are cared for.

FEATURES OF A CHARITABLE BEQUEST

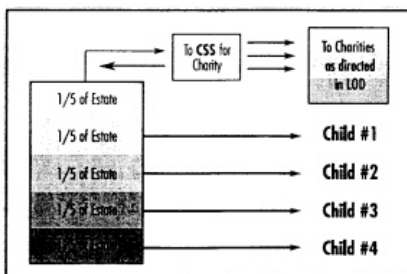
- > Donor is able to give cash, stock, property, etc.
- > Special tax incentives are in place for gifts of appreciated property
- > Simple to arrange
- > Gift is subject to probate (i.e. made through the estate)
- > Charity receives the gift on the death of the donor

A Child Called Charity

A special concept of planned giving encouraged by CSS is for donors to adopt a "Child Called Charity" and to include that "Child called Charity" in their Wills. Thus, the donor provides a gift (equal to a child's share of one's estate) to be divided amongst the donor's favourite causes. CSS may be named as the beneficiary of the "Child called Charity" share, and will distribute the gift to the charity(ies) listed in a Letter of Direction (LOD) written by the donor at the time their Will is prepared. This LOD is placed in the donor's file at CSS and:

- > Can be changed at any time without having to change the actual Will
- > Offers donors the opportunity to make their gifts anonymously.
- > CSS is obligated to comply with the directions
- > Makes the Executor's job easier. Eliminates the need to inform and deal with multiple charities

EXAMPLE OF THE 'CHILD CALLED CHARITY' CHARITABLE BEQUEST:



Tom and Wilma Smith are in their 60's and have 4 adult children. Through their will, they wish to remember some charities they have supported faithfully. They divide their estate into 5 equal portions. Thus, each of their children will inherit 1/5th and several charities, through CSS, will receive a share as well.

Charitable Bequest *...continued*

What are the Tax Incentives?

A person who dies is deemed to have disposed of everything owned by him/her a moment before death. This means that, at the moment of your passing,

- > 50% of any capital gains on appreciated assets or investments (except for your personal residence) becomes taxable income. This includes the family cabin or cottage.
- > If there is no opportunity for a "spousal roll-over" (spouse takes over the RRSP), the entire value of a person's RRSP portfolio becomes taxable income at death.

So, for most estates, there are considerable tax implications at death.

When a donation from an estate is made, the charity issues a receipt for the amount of the gift. The Executor can use the receipt to obtain tax credits to offset 100% of income (including the RRSP assets and capital gains described above) from the current tax year and the previous tax year. A CSS Representative can describe these tax benefits which are specific to your family in detail. In many cases, charitable bequests can be made at no significant cost to other beneficiaries.

EXAMPLE:

Tom and Wilma, age 61 & 62, have four Children. Their total estate is worth \$500,000 including \$100,000 in RRSP's. They are committed to several Christian causes.

Plan without Charitable Gifts

Income Tax Payable:	\$50,000
Amount to Charity:	\$0
Amount to each child:	\$112,500

Plan with Child called "Charity"

Income Tax Payable:	\$0
Amount to Charity:	\$100,000
Amount to each child:	\$100,000

Do you have a Will? Is your Will up to date?

During the past 30 years, CSS Representatives have assisted thousands of people with planning their Wills or with updating existing ones.

CSS' MOST POPULAR SERVICE:

- > Helps clients understand the need to have a Will
- > Explains what a Will can and cannot do
- > Provides advice on choosing an Executor and Guardians
- > Offers advice on trusts for children and inheritances
- > Provides written instructions in the form of a Will Guide to simplify the Lawyer's task when writing the legal document
- > Provides services free of cost and with no obligation



JK and SK Information Night

Thursday January 26 at 8:00 p.m.
at John Knox Christian School
Juliana Drive, Woodstock

Welcome Wednesdays

Open House 9:00 a.m. – Noon
January and February 2012

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Community Where a Christ-Centred
Education Equips Our Students to
Lead a Life of Christian Service.*

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Junior & Senior Kindergarten Registration February 1st, 2012

Please bring proof of Date of
Birth, Health Card Number &
Immunization Record

If your child will be 4 or 5 by the end
of December, and you would like
more information about our excellent
kindergarten programs, or you would
like to make an appointment for
registration, please call the school at
519-539-1492 or email
d_streutker@jkcs.on.ca

PR CORNER — A new school year, many new faces!

Starting in June, I shadowed Margaret for several days to see (take in) the amazing work she has done as the Advancement Director at JKCS. I am so thankful for the ground work she has set out for me! Now I am digging in! My name is Dawn Streutker. I'm not a new face around the school, my son Eric has started his third year here! (Grade one!) I will be in the office 2 days each week, so if you want to find out more about me or the school please stop by and chat!

2011-2012 is off to a great start! We are almost at 200 students; 24 new families have joined us! This is so exciting! Please help make these new families feel as though they are old friends and an important part of our school community! Please also watch for the 'Meet our new Families' pictures and articles in Ink Links & Community Link!

As we head into Christmas, the school is preparing for all of our celebrations. The parade was this past weekend, and the John Knox Christian School float looked amazing. I am thankful to so many people for that, specifically Jolanda Horinga for all of her organization into the details and to Derek Voskamp for the use of his truck! This community is run by our volunteers! Thank you!

Many of you were able to do some of your Christmas shopping at the Annual Winterfest Auction where the school raised \$34,000! How exciting is that? I was excited to see so many familiar faces there, but was also awed by the support from Oxford County! We are blessed!

Currently the classes are working on their presentations for the Christmas program. Our Seniors Tea is at 1:30 pm on December 20th; Parents and Friends are invited on December 21st at 7 pm. Both events will take place in the school auditorium. Please join us in our celebration of the King!

Dawn Streutker, Advancement Director

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 13th - Coffee Corner
- Dec. 16th - Choir Sings at Woodingford Lodge
- Dec. 20th - Seniors Tea & "Follow The Star" Matinee
- Dec. 21st - "Follow the Star" Program
- Dec. 22nd - Carol Sing
- Jan. 9th - New Year's Chapel
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Getting the JKCS float and children ready for the Woodstock Santa Parade - Thanks to all the volunteers!



MISS WIERENGA GRADE 2A

Each student was asked to go through their journals and pick their favourite piece of written work. These stories tell of things that are special to us, fiction stories that were made up, and much more.

Me and my friend went to the mall. We were excited to go to the toys. We looked everywhere – no toys. They looked so sad. Until they saw a sign in big letters, it said: TOYS HERE. They ran and opened the door. There were billions of toys. It was a trap. They started moving. They were very scared. A large TV showed a lady, her name was Miss Ladybug. She told them that she took all the toys from every store. “You are a monster!” I yelled with my friend crying. We saw a small crack, we stretched the crack and it opened. We said “Yay” quietly. We saw nothing. Lights turned on. Miss Ladybug appeared. “So you think you can run. Well you can’t” she said walking away. Suddenly my friend saw her mom. We ran. Miss Ladybug was her friend. We were finally safe. The end

by Eleanor Robinson

The Second Island. Once there was a boy named Jax. Jax was watching TV and playing video games. He was on the last level but a light hit him and he got sucked into the video game. There were hundreds of soldiers and ninjas, buffalos, knights, Indians and spiders. They all said “Welcome to India.” I said “Thank you but I should get back to Canada”. A giant rocket hit him again and again, he was finally home.

by Ben Symons

I got lost in a mall. No one was in the mall. So I was scared. But at least there was a toy department! I ran to it – there was my favourite toys. I played for three hours. I was hungry – I went to the

kitchen. There was kitchens and play kitchens too. After that I went back to the toy department. I played for two more hours. I got tired so I went to beds you rent. I fell asleep in two minutes. Then it was morning. I ate breakfast. I played in the toy department. Then I heard foot steps – it was Dad. Then I went home. But before I went home, I bought a sack and we got a snack.

by Christi Overzet

A T-rex appeared and we had another battle for days and days and days and days and days until the battle ended and we were exhausted. Then alive trees and allosauruses appeared and road runners appeared. It was finally night time and then it was morning and then what? Wolves and foxes appeared.

by Brayden Sol

I went camping, we did lots of important stuff at the camping site. I like to pretend to be Mario in Super Mario Sunshine. By the camping site, we went to a store. I got a blue float boat.

by Nate Heidinga

The Summer. My summer was awesome and we went to Klondike. It is a place where we camp. We went kayaking and I was excited to come back to school. The end.

by Kayla Schelhaas

I am going to go to the moon. I saw some belugas. I was so excited, I ran to them and hugged them. Then I went to the kitchen for lunch. Then I went in my pool. Suddenly I saw a beluga and a crocodile in my pool! Then I went to earth and I said “I am not going to the moon again!” Then someone said, “Amber, can you go to the moon with me?” I said, “I’m too busy right now.” “Okay” said the person, “I will wait until you are done.” I said “I’m going to Disneyland on my vacation.”

by Amber Bean

Dirk Duncan, get over here now! My portrait is stolen! Yes and we live on an island. Someone could have used a submarine and a net. How would they get out? Oh yeah, I forgot. Hmmm, that’s a good one!

by Lexi

My Brother Josh. My brother has a flying man and a helicopter. I have a toy car and my brother has a toy dinosaur! My brother has 10 bionicles!

by Ian Spyksma

There once was a ship going to Mars. A monster ate one of the men. So they went in the space ship and explored the planet called Pluto. There were monsters there so they went back to earth.

by Joseph Huinink

The Crazy Horse. Once I had a horse. It was crazy. If you don’t believe it, ask my Mom. Once it ran across my street. We got in trouble. We had to be in jail for five weeks. It wasn’t fun but we got a lot of candy. That was the only thing that was fun in my life.

by Avery Bakker

Raccoons are dangerous because they go headfirst down a tree! Can you catch a fish with your hands? A raccoon can. It just sits on a log and snap! The raccoon has a meal. Did you know raccoons sometimes live in chimneys? Raccoons are only curious-smart. Baby raccoons are smart too!

by Matthew Scheele

MRS. BULTHUIS GRADE 2B

“Flat Bulthuis”

What would it be like to be only a couple of centimeters wide? God has given us the wonderful gift of an imagination, and the grade 2B class has been enjoying this gift over the past several days as we have been considering this silly question. This all started after we read the book, “Flat Stanley” by Jeff Brown. In this book, Stanley Lambchop finds himself flattened one morning after his bulletin board falls on him during the night. Stanley is not hurt, and besides being flat, is declared fine by his family doctor. Although life is not perfect, Stanley goes on to discover that being flat has many advantages, including being able to travel by mail all over the world.

We have been enjoying our own Flat Stanleys at JKCS. They have toured the school, have helped us with our school work, and have even played outside on the equipment. They will soon be mailed off all over Canada for some new adventures with our friends and family. We can’t wait to see and hear of their



exciting travels when they hopefully return back to Woodstock in a few weeks.

Although it is great fun to imagine being flat, I am thankful that God has made us a little more rounded! He has created us exactly how he needs us to be to serve Him in His kingdom. As we have read about Flat Stanley, we are reminded of Psalm 139:

13-14: "For you created

my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

We hope you enjoy some of the silly and imaginative writing samples recently completed by the 2B class.



Flat Stanleys go for a visit to Mr. Meinema's office.

"Flat Stanley"

by Kayla Loerts

One afternoon Stanley got flat. Stanley went home. His dad almost fainted. His mom almost fainted. When Arthur saw him, his mouth dropped open. "Stanley, what happened?" Stanley told his little brother what happened.

"Flat Max"

by Max Branderhorst

My story is called Flat Max. I have two sisters and one brother. Once there was a boy named Flat Max. Once he was famous for a long time, but then he wasn't famous anymore. He was flat. He likes being flat, I think.

"Flat Megan"

by Megan Overzet

I got flat. I went to the doctor. He said, "You are alright, but flat." I think I will like being flat. But there are some bad things about being flat, but not much. Flat is really fun. I can be a kite. I am lucky being flat. Flat is good.

"Flat GraceAnn"

by GraceAnn Kroondijk

My name is GraceAnn. I got flattened by a rolling pin. My mom screamed. She fell over because I was as flat as a pancake. My dad fell over. My sister fell over, and my other one too. My baby brother did the same thing. I did not even know that I was flat.

"Flat Stanley"

by Matthew Duizer

We went to the gym and played octopus. We went to grade 8. They were tall. We are going to mail Flat Stanley. They are going to take pictures. We worked hard with them. We played with them.

"Flat Joshua"

by Joshua Baer

Hi. My name is Joshua. It is fun being flat because I can go inside my desk. I got flat by the barn falling on me.

"Flat Jesse"

by Jesse Duizer

My name is Flat Jesse. I got flat when a piece of playground equipment accidentally fell on me. It is so fun. I once took a bottle and took the cap off and flew up, up, up, up all the way to outer space. Then down, down, down, down, all the way back.

"Flat Stanley at School"

by Samantha Butler

Today we toured our Flat Stanley around the school. Flat Stanley sat with me in devotions. Flat Stanley helped me with math. He is very good at math, measuring, and grammar. Then he went to the gym. He played octopus with us. He has long arms to tag with.

"Flat Caleb"

by Caleb Martin

Hi. My name is Flat Caleb. I like being flat. I can squeeze through hard to reach places. I got flat because a chalkboard fell on me.

"Flat Grace"

by Grace Renkema

My name is Flat Grace. I just became flat. I was walking down the road and must then a car ran me over. I was mad. I went home. My mom and dad said, "WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?" "A car ran me over," I said. Arthur said, "You look flat." "I am."



“Flat Stanley at School”

by Kailyn Markus

I went around the school today. We went to the gym. We even went to the principal’s office, but I didn’t get in trouble. Then we went to Grade 8. Stanley was scared so much by the grade eights that he didn’t even want to come in the classroom.

“Flat Alyvia”

by Alyvia VanRooyen

My brother Owen and I went to the park. Everyone was flying a kite. We did not have a kite, so I said that Owen could fly me. He tied the string to me and he held the other side of the string. He flew me for a long time. Then he got bored and put the string down and walked away!

“Flat Stanley”

by Mariah Pier

Today I was at school with Mariah. I went on the swings. It was fun. I went in Kailyn’s fort. It was so much fun in the fort. I did school work with Mariah.

MRS. VANANDEL

GRADE 5

Fall is almost over and winter is fast approaching. Grade 5 has written poetry on the gladness and sadness of the passing of fall and the glorious and gloomy coming of winter. We hope you easily picture how the children feel about these two seasons and if they are eagerly looking forward to winter or not. Enjoy!

Kid’s Corner



Good bye fall, and moldy leaves,
colourful and beautiful leaves
Hello warm, chocolaty, marshmallowy,
hot chocolate,
skating, and presents
Hello Christmas break, and no school
Hello colds and runny noses
Hello white, deep, fluffy snow piles
Hello birthdays and going down white
steep hills for sledding
by Kyle Bean

Goodbye fall
goodbye falling leaves
goodbye frost and will
miss the warmer weather the
changing leaves goodbye orange
red and yellow leaves

Hello Winter

Hello coats hello hats

I’m going

to build a snowman, and now
I’m going sledding, Christmas is
coming and we get to celebrate Jesus
birth and hello snow
hello cold Hello Winter!

by Julia Branderhorst

Goodbye Fall

Goodbye falling leaves
no more warmness
now the temperature is falling
now it will be cold
too cold for shorts
got to wear pants
goodbye rain
hello snow
green grass has gone away
now covered by beautiful white snow
no more popsicles
time for hot chocolate

Hello Winter

Hello slippery ice
goodbye swimming pool
time to sing Christmas Carols
cozy hats and mitts
hello skating
and fun hockey
big snowmen
beautiful snow angels
goodbye lawnmowers
hello snow shovels
many runny noses
lots of people getting sick
hello frost

by Jeffrey Vandendool

Goodbye Fall

The leaves are changing.
Sun is leaving.
The temperatures falling.
Halloween is over.
More leaves are falling.
Jumping in leaves is done
Goodbye to the sun hello to clouds
I’ll miss you
Goodbye fall.

Hello Winter

It’s time to skate.
Put on your coats.
Christmas is here.
Time for presents.
The snow is falling.
Coldest time of the year.
Snowmen are hear.
Make snow forts.
Hot chocolate time is here
It’s very slippery.
Sledding is here.
It’s time for hats and mitts.
Hello winter.

by Abby deHaan

Goodbye Fall

sun,
falling leaves,
running,
soccer games,
colourful leaves.

Hello winter,
sled,
chocolate milk,
packing snow,
Christmas,
freezing noses,
freezing ice,
ice pond, skates

by Wytze van de belt

Goodbye fall

when the leaves fall
and harvest comes to call
bye warm
hello cold
and layers
and hello hockey
and skating
bye football, soccer and swimming
when you jump in leaves now we’ll be
jumping in snow
bye empty trees
hello snow filled trees
you will be missed fall

Hello winter

burr
when the snows start to fall
and frostbite comes around
and the weather falls
hello sleds and hockey
by Jonathan VanderSpek

Goodbye Fall
Leaves are falling
Frost is coming
Temperature is dropping
Time for more and more layers

Hello Winter
Marshmallow hot chocolate
Christmas is here
time to build snow men
It's the coldest time of year
time for coats

by Alyssa Guernsey

Goodbye Fall
Goodbye leaves falling
Temperatures falling,
there is frost,
more clothes on,
jumping in leaves,
runny noses.
This is fall.

Hello Winter
Hello to skating!
Hello to coats, hats and mitts!
Hello hot chocolate!
Hello tobogganing a lot!
Hello temperatures dropping!
Hello winter sports!
Hello snow men and snow angels!
Hello to frost and snow!
by Katie Beacock

Goodbye Fall
I'm going to miss you.
Goodbye jumping in the leaves.
So long warm temperatures.
Have a nice ride down leaves.
Goodbye raking and colourful leaves.
Leaves are almost gone.
Have a nice flight birds.
Goodbye sweet green grass.
See you next year fall.

Hello Winter
Hello cold white snow.
I'm gonna have fun tobogganing.
Come on let's play.
Hello car crashes.
Hey snowball fight.
Hi hot chocolate and coffee.
Hello skating and skiing.
Hey get the warm layers on.
Hello cold and dropping temperatures.
by Abby Wassing

Goodbye fall
Leaves are falling
the temperatures dropping
colourful leaves few away
bye sunny hot days
leaf piles gone
raking leaves is done
fall has ended

Hello winter
the snow has come
we wear hats, mitts, and coats
welcome sled's and ski hills
snowman making comes
hello white and slippery snow
sledding comes
hello frost and snow angels
Christmas shopping comes
freezing cold weather
temperatures rise
the snow falls
hello winter.

by Tiffany Broos

Goodbye fall
Good to fall goodbye to all
The leaves, rain, fog
but a season is starting
the days are getting shorter and shorter
Winter
with big, white balls
snow forts of joy
shovels, hats and big fluffy coats
Hello Winter!
The frost, ice and hot cocoa
snowman standing to see
no falling leaves but gifts
gifts from old Saint Nick
snow tires, icy roads, trouble for car on
the big icy road
goodbye fall goodbye all
for Christmas is here

by Samuel Ogunmodede

Goodbye fall
goodbye sunlight
goodbye frosty roads
goodbye smell of burning leaves
goodbye leaves falling

Hello Winter
hello runny noses
hello colds and flu
hello frost and snow
hello hockey
hello skiing
hello white
hello ice

by Derek Overzet

Goodbye fall
the leaves are falling
the temperatures dropping
time to get some layers
frost is here
goodbye leaf jumping
and warm weather

Hello winter
get our skates
and to the pond
here I come Christmas
and snowmen and angel
slippery but fun
are coats, hats and mitts
are on here I come
to that slippery pond
brrr its cold
I need hot chocolate
ohhh it's warm
hello winter
goodbye fall

by Josiah Bakker

Goodbye Fall
goodbye to leaves
goodbye to the season I love
as frost creeps up
getting ready for marshmallowy hot
chocolate
colder every day
instead of leaves, snow
Goodbye Fall
and Hello to You Winter
I wake and it's white
the white grows till it's at my knees
Skate with friends
shoveling driveway with my brother
jump in the snow for a break
packing snow today
Hello Winter, Goodbye Fall
by Julia Little

Goodbye Fall
goodbye leaves that we jump in
and soft green grass
and cold, cold rain
and the chilly breeze

Hello Winter
hello cold, fluffy snow
and heavy snow coats and hot chocolate
skating, snowmen and freezing weather
sledding down great big hills!
by Madelyn Paluska

Goodbye Fall
 Leaves change colour
 temperature colder
 Hats and mitts
 Goodbye Fall
 I drink hot chocolate
 get runny noses
 Goodbye Fall
 Leaves fall off the trees
 Brr! Cold
 Goodbye Fall

Hello Winter
 Thick crunchy snow
 slippery ice
 freezing cold
 snow ploughs pick up snow
 Hello Winter
 crazy carpets and toboggans
 jolly children
 Christmas trees
 hockey!!!
 Jesus is born
 Hello Winter

by Annilese Racicot

Goodbye fall,
 jumping in leaves a long time ago.
 Halloween was a month ago,
 winter comes to get us
 temperatures were high,
 soon it will snow.
 It will get colder and colder.
 Fall will end soon,
 leaves will stop falling.
 Fall is going to end.

Hello Winter
 snow angels and snowmen come to be,
 snow starts to fall just like leaves,
 time to wear mittens, and hats to go in
 the snow,
 say hello to Jesus birth,
 Christmas is near,
 time for skating and hot chocolate.
 Say goodbye to fall.

by Naomi Beimers

Goodbye fall
 all those leaves that we jumped in
 those colourful leaves
 those smoky leaf piles
 leaf forts
 see ya later rakes

Hello winter
 colds and runny noses
 marshmallows and hot chocolate
 hockey skates and equipment
 snow suits and hats
 sleds and toboggans
 Christmas trees and lights
 cold weather and icicles
 plays and carols
 and hello to long sleeves and ...
 baby Jesus!

by Esther deVries



Pumpkin & Scarecrow Day



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Grade 3 visit the Arboretum

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