

INK-LINKS

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

October - November 2009

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 12 Thanksgiving Day*
- Oct. 13 Board Meeting
- Oct. 22 Staff Meeting
- Oct. 28 Reformation Assembly
- Oct. 29 & 30 ... OCSTA Convention**
- Nov. 4 Grade 8 Day @ LDCSS
- Nov. 5 Staff Meeting
- JKCS Membership Meeting
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Assembly
- Nov. 17 Board Meeting
- Nov. 19 Staff Meeting
- Nov. 20 P.A. Day*
- G.S.T. Auction
- Nov. 27 Report Cards

* indicates no school



*Reflecting
Renewing
Rejoicing*



In honour of our 50th Anniversary celebration this year, a special display has been set up in our lobby. These students are seeing how comfy the desks of yesteryear are.



WHY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS?

In Isaiah 6 we read of Isaiah's vision of the Lord. "I saw the Lord seated on the throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two wings they covered their feet and with two they were flying. And they called to one another. "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." (6:1b).

This is a terrible vision of the glory of God. It is a vision that should overwhelm us with the full majesty of God. It is clear from this passage, that the Lord is one set apart, whose true majesty and glory we don't fully comprehend and our in sinfulness, compared to such transcendence, we should be afraid.

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.

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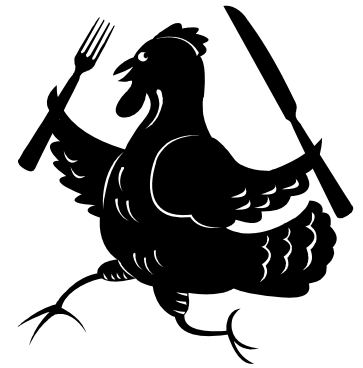
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MMMM... CHICKEN!!!

To order chicken for October, please fill out the form below and return to JKCS by Thursday, October 15th. Payment is due on the day of delivery. Any questions contact Sharon Kiers 539-9212.

4 kg Chicken Breast	\$40.00	
4 kg Chicken Nuggets	\$40.00	
4 kg Breaded Chicken Strips	\$40.00	
5 kg BBQ Chicken Wings	\$45.00	
5 kg Honey Garlic Chicken Wings	\$45.00	
Total Order		\$



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Now, consider the response of Isaiah in verse 5: *“Woe to me! I cried. I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”* Isaiah immediately knows how sinful he really is and is filled with dismay. But what mercy follows!

“Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, ‘See this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin is atoned for.’”

Unimaginable and undeserved grace! The Lord provides atonement for Isaiah. Isaiah does nothing to deserve this. The following verses show Isaiah’s response to this grace. The Lord asks “Whom shall I send?” Isaiah’s immediate response is “HERE AM I, SEND ME!”

This passage from Isaiah is directly applicable to lives of Christians. We offend the Lord with our sinfulness and He in love and mercy redeems us through the gift of faith in Christ. We sin against Him yet He saves. Consider Ephesians 2:10 “We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” What an incredible statement. We are created in Christ and not only that, but he also makes us able and actually prepares the

works for us to do by which we are to offer thankful service.

So now that we seek to serve the Lord, how do we know what to do! Let’s look at Deuteronomy 6:4,5. *“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your soul and with all your strength.”* This is the first and greatest commandment as given by Christ in the New Testament. And it is followed by “These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses.”

Immediately after the injunction of the greatest commandment, we are instructed to teach these things to our children and we are to continually teach this in whatever we do and wherever we are doing it. This is clearly an instruction for teaching that encompasses all of life.

This is the goal of Christian education. We are a community of believers; a redeemed people with a common Lord and we are united by grace which is completely undeserved. This is our entire life, it effects everything that we do and provides a

way of looking at the world which will colour all of our actions. And we must teach our children the same because in the verses that we just read, God commands us to. Education that is Christian, or more accurately God-centered in all of it’s aspects is a must. In today’s world some may home school, but for most we need to have help in educating our children. And this task is given primarily to parents and they are ultimately responsible for this task. Therefore, we must be careful in choosing whom we will have assist us in this task. **If we want to impress on our children the impact of faith in all of life, then by necessity the task of education must be undertaken with partners who have the same faith and conviction.** It is not wrong for us to use schools to educate our children but parents must be deeply involved in their children’s education. Much of this involvement must take place in the home but parents must also be immersed in what their children are doing and learning during the 8 hours they are out of the home and in the care of others at school.

Christian education can be difficult and costly but it is worth every bit of effort. *“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”* (Proverbs 22:6) and *“He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a*

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refuge.” (Proverbs 14:26).

In struggling each day to live the life that we are called to by Christ, I have come to love and value the support of the community that God has so faithfully provided to surround each one of us. As a community, if we draw together to undertake the task of Christian education to glorify God, then it can and it will be done. God will bless activity undertaken in obedience and if we act together then the burden is light. If you have children in the school, please continue to support and work in the school community. If you have school age children who are not attending, prayerfully consider utilizing this resource with the intention of glorifying and honoring God. If you have no children, please consider becoming a member and becoming involved both actively and financially. It is especially important to have involvement and support from those who have been blessed with much wisdom in their later years. This is godly task which we undertake together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sean Panjer

BOARD NEWS



The upcoming Fall Membership Meeting's agenda was determined at the board meeting in September. At the meeting, the Anniversary Committee will be doing a special presentation and will have a speaker. Also, Strategic Planning will have a presentation to update the membership on the goals of the current year. The revised 09-10 budget will also be presented. Due to the unexpected withdrawal of some families that had indicated that they would be attending JKCS this year, the income side of the approved budget from last Spring's membership meeting had a shortfall. In order to balance the income and expense side of the budget, cuts were made to expenses. It is expected that during the October board meeting final numbers can be determined which will be presented at the membership meeting.

The board also decided that the departing families would be contacted to discuss their reasons for leaving our society. Some of the families had submitted letters outlining their reasons and the board would be discussing a written response to their concerns at the October meeting.

This issue of the school not actually owning frontage on Juliana (the property to the east actually owns a 10' strip along the front of our school) was discussed. It was discussed that there should not be a problem to clean up this issue but that it would cost \$3,000 to \$5,000. It was decided that due to the current financial state of the school, that this issue could wait until another day to be addressed.

The Building and Property Committee made their yearly report. They expressed some uncertainty on how to proceed since there was the question of whether or not we might be moving. It was determined that the committee should develop a plan for the future under the assumption that the school will not be moving since nothing has been decided in this regard yet and most likely will not in the near future. In the meantime, we need to know what issues our current facility faces and how to address them.

The Admissions Committee also

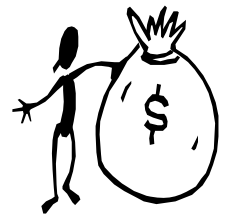
made their annual report. They report that everything was going smoothly although not all new members with the school were able to be interviewed by the whole committee due to their recent enrollment.

The COO reported that another school year has started and everything is going well so far. Enough home-stay families have volunteered to fill the slots for the first round of Keystone students. Also Mr. Meinema suggested that the Board meet with Hugo Marcus of the OACS to discuss relations with the OACS and how they might help our school society. The meeting is scheduled for the November board meeting.

Class visits were assigned to the board members for the current school year.

H. deHaan, Secretary

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Statement of Revenue and Expenditures September 2008 - August 2009

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Total Tuition	1,366,640.84	1,434,645.00
Total Fund Raising	80,229.15	90,000.00
Total Donations	83,328.97	70,000.00
Total Other Income	46,696.06	38,500.00
Total Income	1,576,895.02	1,633,145.00
Expenses		
Total Education	953,575.37	902,658.00
LDCSS Assessment	377,095.50	391,062.00
Total Building	134,714.54	125,000.00
Total Administration	35,879.15	39,300.00
Total Transportation	189,771.70	175,125.00
Total Other Expenses	3,390.00	.
Total Expenses	1,694,426.26	1,633,145.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-117,531.24	0.00

As this report is written we close the 2008-2009 school year with a high deficit of \$117,531.24. This deficit is brought about with a lower total income of \$56,249.98 than projected. There have also been higher total expenditures of \$61,281.26 which mainly comes from higher educational costs and higher transportation costs. Building and maintenance was also over budget.

You are all invited to attend the
Fall Membership Meeting
Thursday
November 5, 2009
at 8 p.m.
in the school auditorium.

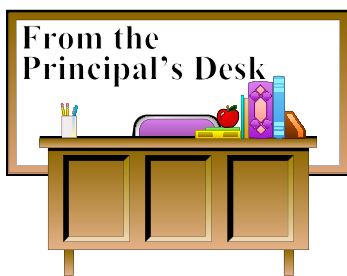
This meeting features a guest speaker, a revised budget and committee reports.
Come and enjoy fellowship with the JKCS Society.

Looking ahead to the 2009-2010 school year, the Board and Finance committee have had to make some difficult decisions. After losing eight budgeted families over the summer, there is approximately a \$74,000 shortfall in tuition. In order to present a balanced budget to the school community, we have had to cut our staffing to cut some cost in salaries. We ask that you continue to pray for those teachers that have been affected by these cuts. At present the revised budget is being worked on. It will be presented to you at the Fall Membership meeting planned in November.

With many challenges ahead, we ask for your continued prayers that we may we continue to work together as a community to provide affordable Christ-centered, quality education for our children.

Patti Reyneveld – Treasurer

You are all invited to join us at our Reformation Assembly on Wednesday, October 28th at 8:30 a.m.



Recently, I had breakfast with a group of local spiritual leaders, who all work in Oxford County. We had the opportunity to share who we are, what ministry we work with, and the impact we hope that our organizations are having on the greater Woodstock community, and furthermore how we were impacting the Kingdom of God. It was awesome to hear what work is being done, specifically with regards to

work that impacts the lives of children. John Knox Christian School is one of the ministries in this community geared towards impacting students' lives for God. It was clear at this breakfast that Kingdom work was being done, and it was exciting for me to be a part of that.

When I think about Kingdom work, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by what that all means. Where do we start? What role does the school play in this area of children's lives? How do we as an institution take this on? But, I quickly become relieved in all of this by remembering that the beauty about Kingdom work is that one person can really make a difference. I have heard this referred to in the past as the "one person theory". The basic idea behind this is theory is that one person can change someone's life by the simplest thing spoken or done. God uses these situations for His purposes, and then His Kingdom is bettered.

Let me share with you an example from my life. When I was in high school, I was taking my senior English class, and we were tasked with writing a short essay. The point of the essay was not so much the content, but that we follow the five-paragraph essay format. I did my work by writing a piece describing why I loved my bedroom at home, I handed it in, and I waited to hear back from the teacher regarding my grade. After marking the assignments, our teacher came back to the class sharing her disappointment in the class for not following the assignment given. She told the class that only one student did what was asked, and the content was so simple; the student described his love for his room at home! Well, I have to tell you that I was glowing with excitement from that comment! My work was recognized, which honestly meant the world to me! I aced that assignment, and wanted to continue to do the same in my future work. I ended up loving that course, and when it came time to going to Calvin College, I knew I wanted to study more English to see how God might use this new found love for learning for His purposes. I ended up majoring in English, studying Education, and becoming an English teacher myself! Since that time, I have had opportunities put the "one person theory" into practice, but this time as the teacher (and now as principal), encouraging students in their gifts!

The Kingdom of God is bettered when we decide to let God's will shape our lives. I can also give you examples of one person whose words hurt the Kingdom, by negatively impacting my life. It is my hope and prayer that at JKCS, we are impacting the Kingdom of God for the better, even if it is done one person at a time!

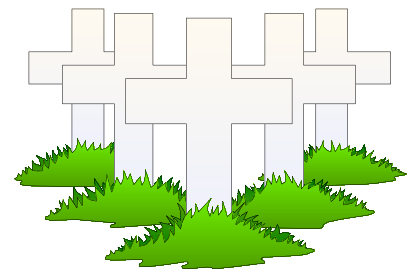
M. Meinema



CHOCOLATE BAR SALE

Please support our students this month by buying chocolate bars. Proceeds from this sale go to our student fund which is used to fund classroom magazines, special student service activities, assembly expenses, academic contests, electives' expenses, trophies and it also subsidizes class trips. This is the only whole-school fund-raiser specifically designated for the benefit of the JKCS student body. Thanks for your support!

REMEMBRANCE ASSEMBLY



On November 11, at 8:30 a.m. JKCS students will meet in the gymnasium for a Remembrance Day Assembly. Parents, grandfriends, and all friends of Christian Education are invited to join us for a time of commemoration and reflection.



Reunion Celebration on May 29, 2010.

We pray that you can be with us to reminisce and celebrate the 50 years that God has blessed JKCS.

Reflecting – Renewing – Rejoicing

- Reunion - Open House at JKCS
- Dinner & Program at Calvary Church

The Anniversary Committee is also excited about the making of a 50th Anniversary Commemorative Book. It will be filled with JKCS's history with many photos and memories of the past five decades. If you have photos, facts, stories or memorabilia that would help us remember and celebrate, please share them with us! *If you (or your business) would like to sponsor a page in the book please let us know.* The cost is \$50 to sponsor 1 page.

We are also working on a contact list of alumni so if your sons, daughters, parents or siblings have attended JKCS at some point, we would like you to forward their email and/or regular addresses to the school at: office@jkcs.on.ca. We are looking forward to celebrating God's goodness and faithfulness with you.

Anniversary committee members are: Bernice Bentum, Christine Renkema 519-475-4391, Lesa Racicot, Barb VanRooyen, Christa Bakker, Lucille Koopman, and Carol Verbeek.

This month we are honouring our graduates in June of 1999:

Joshua Bartley, Kerri Beekman, Heidi Bentum, Tim Bonvanie, Joshua Booy, Chad Bouma, Amos Cohoe, Brian Eringa, Michelle Geurkink, Nathan Granville, Lindsay Grevers, Darryl Markus, Gary Markus, Cody Masson, Erin Moesker, Erin Neabel, Karianne Pasma, Brian Renkema, Craig Renkema, Nathan Renkema, Amanda Sol, Mathilda Spelt, Sarah Vandenberg, Nathaniel VandenDool, Marlene VanderSpek, Johannes vanRoekel, Benjamin VanSchepen, Nicholas VanSchepen, Jennifer Werkema.

and June of 2000:

Amanda Aukema, Sheryl Benjamins, Adam Cox, Maureen Droogers, Amy Enzlin, Christopher Eringa, Rachael Eringa, Katie Hanenburg, Leanne Hill, Sarah Koehler, Wiebren Kraak, John-Andrew Mulder, Curtis Neabel, Daniel Pippel, Craig Ranter, Erica Reitsma, Dennis Steen, Heidi VanBarneveld, Calvin Voskamp, Kristina Welbourn, Kristen Werkema, Marc Ysselstein, Brian Zomer.

We are also honouring the Staff Members for 1998-2000.

Mrs. Carol Verbeek, Mrs. Heidi Fallowfield, Mrs. Nancy VanDixhoorn, Mrs. Bernice Huinink, Mrs. Natalie VanAndel, Miss Lisa Hilverda, Mrs. Michelle Koop, Mrs. Grace Zomer, Mrs. Jackie Hogeterp, Mrs. Helen Ysselstein, Mrs. Janet Bentum, Mrs. Edna Voogd, Mrs. Carol Cole, Mrs. Jannette Hickey, Miss Winona Strikwerda, Mr. Andy Bouma, Mr. Greg Hiemstra, Mr. Hans Strikwerda, Mr. William Barneveld (Principal).

We have lost touch with some of these teachers.

If you know any of the current addresses of any of our past staff members please contact us.

DID YOU KNOW

- that in September 1998 we kicked off the fund raising campaign "Maintaining the Mission".
- that our students performed the Musical "Bones" on May 4, 1999.
- that on Sept. 25, 1999 JKCS celebrated it's 40th Anniversary with an evening entitled "Celebrating God's Faithfulness".
- that our students presented the "Easter Messiah" in April of 2000.

John Knox Christian School thanks you for your support of our fifth annual Golf Tournament, held on September 12, 2009.

We had an excellent day of golf, great fellowship, super weather, a great meal, and we were able to raise approximately \$22,000 to be used to support the various education programs at John Knox Christian School.

Premium Sponsors: Bob Dieleman Chartered Accountant
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Homeland Farm Limited
Paul Bradford / Edward Jones

And 80 golfers!

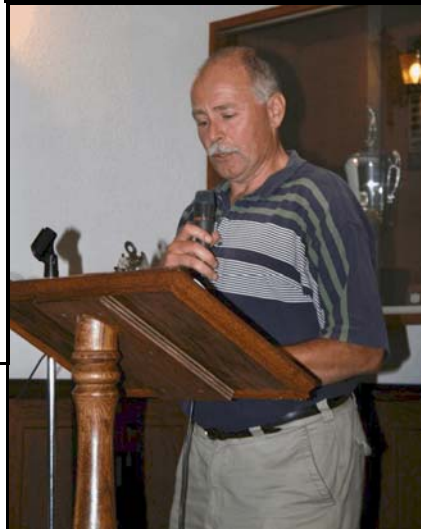
We thank each one of you for your contributions, making this a very successful event. Our 6th annual golf tournament will take place on September 11, 2010 D.V.

For more photos of this event, please copy and paste the following URL into your browser:

<http://gallery.me.com/thesharesite/100135> and enter the username: jkcs and password: christianeducation

Sincerely yours,

The Tournament Committee,
Steve Booy, Clarence Markus, Bob Dieleman,
John DeWeerd, Ray Hettinga





MOM TO MOM SALE

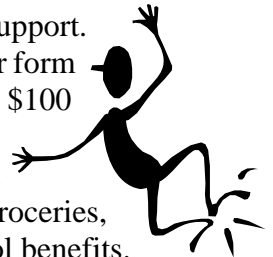
Once again the Mom to Mom sale was a SUCCESS!

Nineteen tables were rented out (a little less than usual) and a little under 200 people came through to shop! Lots of people got great deals on gently used children's items and JKCS got some great exposure to community members! All in all, it was a great morning!

Watch for details for our spring sale!

GROCERY VOUCHER PROGRAM

Thank you for your continuing support. For your convenience there is an order form attached to every InkLinks. For every \$100 worth of gift certificates that you buy JKCS receives \$5. You spend what you normally would every week on groceries, gas, dining & shopping and the school benefits. What a wonderful and easy way to support JKCS.



"WINTERFEST" GOODS, SERVICES AND TALENTS AUCTION

Our Annual GST Auction will be held on Friday, November 20th, 2009 D.V. This promises to be an exciting evening of fun and fellowship with so many items that there will be something there for everyone. We will have Silent & Live Auctions to enjoy. The Silent Auction begins at 6 p.m. with the Live Auction beginning at 7 p.m. in the JKCS Auditorium. As we prepare for this fund raising event, we need your donations. Please think about the goods or service that you would like to donate and try to approach a business contact to donate something as well.

Enclosed with this InkLinks, is a WinterFest '09 Donation Sheet. If you require more donation sheets, please contact the school office. Please drop off all donation forms at the school office a.s.a.p.

We ask that all donations to the GST Auction be "new" items. Any used items or houseplants are welcome donations at our Annual Spring Bazaar. Also, just a reminder, that this Auction is an Adult Only event.

Thank you for your commitment to the GST Auction.

Any questions? Call Patti Reyneveld 519-424-2526.

For your next event call Ingersoll Ways & Means



For your Catering Needs

Contact Elsie Heidbuurt 485-2080

JKCS BOOK FAIR

Dec.1: 8:30 - 4 pm

Dec.2: 8:30 - 4 & 7-9

Dec.3: 8:30 - 4 & 7-9

Proceeds to the JKCS library.

Volunteers are needed!

(High school students are welcome)

Call Marion Dieleman

@ 519-539-1492



John Knox Christian School

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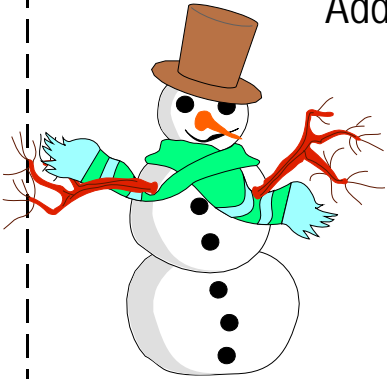
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P.R. CORNER

There seems a buzz in the air as we at the school are excited about celebrating 50 years of God's blessing on this community. As you walk into the school lobby you step back in time. With thanks to the Burgessville school museum, the Lendvay family, Rick's United Carpet and the P.R. committee the lobby has been converted into an old style classroom with vintage desks, and old school books, pictures and other items. Hopefully you will enjoy a little reminiscing as you visit the school this year.

September seemed very short this year. As we enjoyed the later summer weather a lot of activity was going on in and out of the school building. Students and staff are busy with bug hunts, class outings, cross country, soccer, volleyball, music, and lots of learning in the classroom as God's creation is revealed one subject at a time. We have already had a welcome assembly, a golf tournament, a welcome BBQ, picture day, and the x-country meet. We had a great night for the Welcome Barbeque and it was wonderful to welcome ten new families to our school this year. A special thank you to Neil Buiter, Carl VanRooyen and Jeff Paluska for bringing the vintage tractors to help us kick-off our 50th anniversary celebrations.

The P.R. committee is in the planning stages of several events:

- On November 21st we will once again be entering a float in the Woodstock Santa Parade which starts at 6 p.m. Students from Grades 2 and 5 will take part, sharing the good news of Jesus through carols. For a second year we plan to enter a float in the Ingersoll Santa Parade which will be at 11 a.m. on the same day. We would like to have families from the Ingersoll community participate on that float. If you would like to help with the JKCS float in either Woodstock or Ingersoll, please contact Margaret Schmor 519-539-1492.

- Our annual Senior's Appreciation Tea will be held on Tuesday December 15th, so be sure to mark this date on your calendar. This is no longer called a 'Seniors and Pastors' event. We were making all the young Pastors feel old. You are of course still welcome to this event. We are also planning a separate event geared to our pastors in the new year.

October has two assemblies, the Thanksgiving Assembly on October the 8th and the Reformation Day Assembly on October 28th. Both start at 8:30 a.m. We invite you to attend. All assemblies are topped off with coffee, goodies and fellowship afterwards.

This is the time of year that we plan our church visits. If you would like to have the school choir sing at your church please let us know. These visits are a wonderful way for us to connect with our supporting community, and the students love to share with you in song and praise.

School shirts are available this year again. Polo shirts are available in Navy or White and T-shirts in White. These shirts make wonderful gifts and a great way to get our name out in the community. See the display in the primary wing.

All our current events can be found on our website. Be sure to check us out at www.jkcs.on.ca



We started off the year with a great opening assembly.

Students celebrated the 50th Anniversary with cupcakes after the opening assembly!



Enjoying great food and fellowship at the Welcome BBQ.

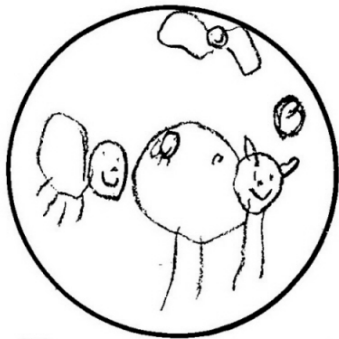
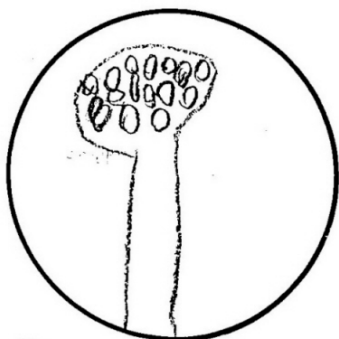






Vintage tractors at the Welcome BBQ.



MRS. L. WESTERVELD
SENIOR KINDERGARTEN

In Senior Kindergarten, we begin the year learning about the wonderful way in which God created the world. The children are always in awe to discover that God simply spoke and His creation came to be. They are amazed that God created order out of chaos and animals and plants out of nothing. The students learn that when God created man He made Him in His image breathing life into him. When God completed His creation He saw all that He had made and He said that, "It is very good!" One of the children's' responses to these beginning stories was to think about something in creation that was very good. Here are their stories and pictures.

<p>God saw everything.</p>  <p>It was very good.</p> <p>I am glad that God made Brendon's kitties. Sometimes we go to the barn to see them. I like that! <i>Kailyn Markus</i></p>	<p>God saw everything.</p>  <p>It was very good.</p> <p>I am glad that God made trees because I like to climb the and get some apples and put them in my basket. <i>Lexi</i></p>	<p>God saw everything.</p>  <p>It was very good.</p> <p>I am glad that God made my Mommy and my Dad and my brothers and my cat and my dog. <i>Kayla Schelhaas</i></p>
<p>God saw everything.</p>  <p>It was very good.</p> <p>I am glad that God made birds because they have wings. <i>Jesse Duizer</i></p>	<p>God saw everything.</p>  <p>It was very good.</p> <p>I am glad that God made cats because I like cats. <i>Samantha Butler</i></p>	<p>God saw everything.</p>  <p>It was very good.</p> <p>I am glad that God made my Mom because she takes care of us. <i>GraceAnn Kroondijk</i></p>

God saw everything.



It was very good.

I am glad that God made the clouds because I like clouds. Samuel Luth

God saw everything.



It was very good.

I am glad that God made dolphins because I like them. Grace Renkema

God saw everything.



It was very good.

I am glad that God made trees so that I can have my climbing lessons. Ian Spkysma

God saw everything.



It was very good.

I am glad that God made trees because I like climbing trees. Avery Bakker

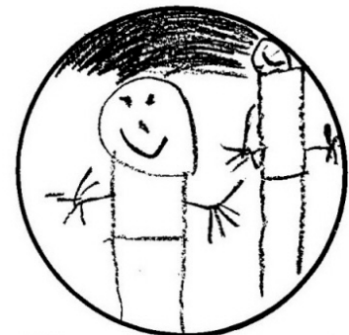
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It was very good.

I am glad that God made me and the cats. Nate Heidinga

God saw everything.



It was very good.

I am glad that God made me and Mommy, because I like Mommy. Alyvia Van Rooyen

God saw everything.



It was very good.

I am glad that God made Adam and Eve. They were the first people on the Earth. Christi Overzet

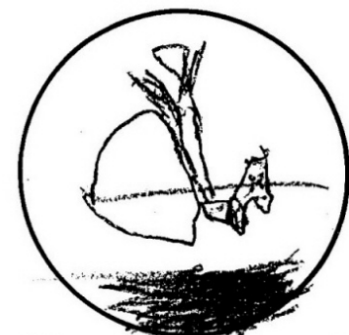
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I am glad that God made the kitties because I love the baby kitties. They are so nice to hold. Joshua Baer

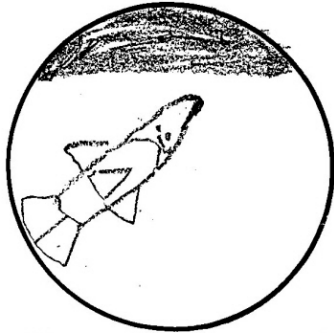
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It was very good.

I am glad that God made bunny rabbits and the broken apple tree. It looks like a chair. Joseph Huinink

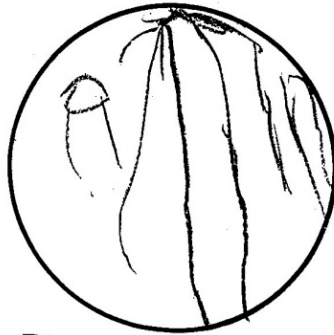
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It was very good.

I am glad that God made sharks because they swim with their tails. *Max Branderhorst*

God saw everything.



It was very good.

I am glad God made trees to put nests in and eggs in there that we don't eat. *Matthew Duizer*

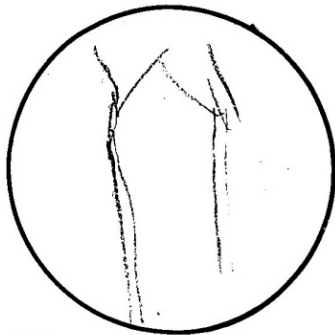
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It was very good.

I am glad that God made clouds so that I can look at them. *Ellie Robinson*

God saw everything.



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I am glad that God made trees so that I can practise climbing trees. *Brayden Sol*

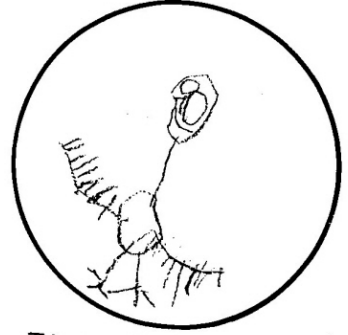
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I'm glad that God made cats and birds because I love cats and birds. *Kayla Loerts*

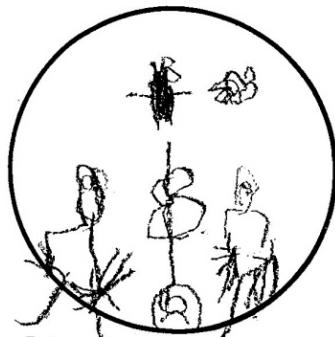
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It was very good.

I am glad that God made Mourning Doves because they fly. *Amber Bean*

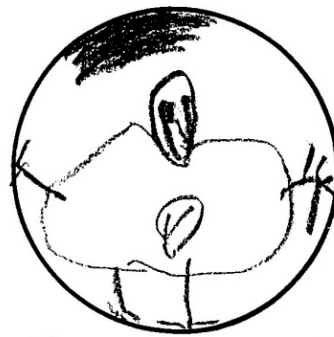
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It was very good.

I am glad that God made Grizzly Bears, Sword Fish, Butterflies and birds. *Matthew Scheele*

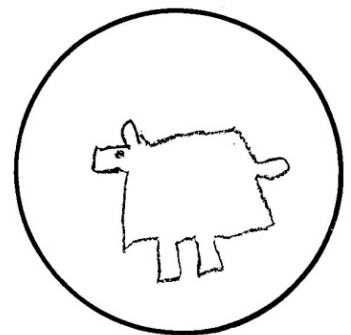
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It was very good.

I am glad that God made my Dad. He has no hair on him. *Caleb Martin*

God saw everything.



It was very good.

I am glad that God made dogs because I like dogs. *James Boer*



MRS. YSSELSTEIN, GRADE 7

To fit in with the theme of “Reflecting” the grade 7 students interviewed some people in the community that attended John Knox many years ago. Its exciting to note that many of them are still involved with

Christian education and are passionate about serving God in the field of education.

Mrs. Dieleman

Mrs. Dieleman came to JKCS in Grade 1 when there was no SK. Her school day was from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. When Mrs. Dieleman went to school here there was no devotions with other grades. They would sing many songs as a class from their hymn books.

Mrs. Dieleman taught somewhere else for a few years. She married someone in the Woodstock area and then she got a job as a teacher at JKCS. She worked at JKCS for 5 years and then stopped for a while. Later she continued working at the school as a supply teacher and then got a part time job teaching here and a part time job teaching at a public school.

When Mrs. Dieleman was in school there was no dress code against shirts although she was not allowed to wear pants until she was in grade 2 and later the rule changed to what it is now. Mrs. Dieleman's teacher would use a film strip and movie projectors to show the class slides. When she was in grade 8 the school got the first overhead projector. Mrs. Dieleman had a tin lunch pail and her classroom had a roll down map.

Mrs. Dieleman had 8 subjects in a day; some subjects were expanded and some were cut short. In a day Mrs. Dieleman had math, science, reading, art, bible, composition, grammar and PE. PE class was hard because they had no gym. When Mrs. Dieleman went to school if anyone disobeyed he or she would be hit on the hand with a stick. This was called the strap. Mrs. Dieleman knows that even though the teachers were strict they were still loving. Mrs. Dieleman thinks that school was harder then because students did not get as much help as they do today.

Mrs. Dieleman went to school here before the tornado hit. The old school had flat roofs that leaked a lot when it rained. When Mrs. Dieleman started working here the hallway only went up to the grade 4 classroom until the addition where grades 5, 6, 7, 8 and the music room were added. One of her favorite memories of this school is that after the Christmas program each student would get a chocolate letter. She also loved the playground and remembers when the school got its first big set of play equipment. She remembers JKCS had only three buses running. The buses had metal seats and were packed full.

Mrs. Dieleman loves working here so much because she thinks it is a good and happy place. She loves how all the teachers try to honour God in all they do. She believes that our

love for God is what makes the makes the basis of this school so important. Mrs. Dieleman would also like to thank her parents for sending her here to go to school and for having the opportunity to work as a teacher at John Knox Christian School.

Samantha Forgie & Rachel Hickey

Mr. Vanderploeg

“The Tornado was my most memorable event,” said Mr. Vanderploeg, but he was a little worried about getting the students to another school. After using another school, they rebuilt John Knox Christian School.

His favorite part of being a principal/teacher, was the teaching part. The classrooms had platforms under the desks. Report cards were handed out as a booklet from grades 1-8. In grade 4 you would get your own Bible and Hymn book, and the students would sing songs every morning. They had no instruments (band instruments were added in 1982). For music they would do the basics like singing, and they had a choir. There were no musicals or yearly themes, but they had Christmas program and closing programs. As for the playground, it was just an big open field back then and where the feed factory is there was just a corn field, and the roads were gravel. The children went playing into the corn, but the farmers didn't appreciate it.

Mr. VanderPloeg said they had this machine called the ditto machine; there was ink in the machine, and then you would feed the paper into the machine and crank the wheel. There also was the gestetner machine where you would write on the gel with ink and then you would put paper on the gel and crank the wheel and slowly rip the paper off.

Mr. VanderPloeg also talked about the Blizzard of 1971, where students were billeted out to nearby homes. School was cancelled for a week! School then started at 9:00 and at 10:30 was one 15 minute recess for grades 1-4 but no recess for grades 5-8. Then school ended at 3:00 for the day.

We asked Mr. VanderPloeg how school has changed from today. He said having the computers was a big change, a bigger library, photocopiers, principals don't teach anymore, they now have secretary's, the importance of sports, and also a bigger gym.”

Mr. VanderPloeg emphasized that today teachers are learning, and have to keep up with the new technology. Today you can never know everything. He also said that back then when you were a teacher you would know the basics and that's all you had to know.” Today in John Knox Christian School we have T.V.'S, computers, a great staff, and about 15 teachers. When John Knox started they had no T.V.'s, no computers, and about 4 teachers because teachers were scarce then. The library today was Mr. VanderPloeg's classroom, his office was attached to his classroom. Today we are very thankful for all our technology and teachers at John Knox Christian School. Thank-you Mr. VanderPloeg for taking your time to answer all of our questions.

Minjee Kim & Carley Nugteren

Mrs. Koopman

We interviewed Mrs. Koopman and asked her the following questions about when she attended John Knox. We asked her what was the same here. She said, "It is still a group of parents who formed a community who's vision is to provide Christian education." We also asked what had changed. "It has bigger curriculum now than when I went to school here, it had the very basics back then. It also has more teachers now and it has bigger classrooms."

She told us that back then there were no Pizza or Sub days. They had no gymnasium and only had outdoor gym activities in the fall and spring. They had no computers at all and no library in the school. To do projects they went to the local library. They also only had one phone for the whole entire school.

Back then the teachers taught the same grade all day and the children had the same teacher for every subject. The classrooms were different from today. The desks were screwed together on a board in a long row. If you wanted to move your desk you needed to move the entire row. Instead of an overhead projector they had film strips. There was split classes and 30 or more people in each class. Mrs. Koopman was in a 3/4 split and a 4/5 split.

We also asked what the discipline was like. There was physical discipline. If you got in trouble you would get hit on the hand with a ruler. If you got in bad trouble you would go to the principal's office and get the strap. Mrs. Koopman never got the strap. They also had discipline like we have now such as staying in for recess.

Somethings stayed the same though, they had fire drills and some snow days. They had buses and they have fun just like we do now.

Savanna Feyen, Claire Koops & Rachel Haverkamp

Mr. Kiers

We interviewed Mr. Harry Kiers about what John Knox was like when he was here. Harry Kiers attended John Knox for two years. We first asked him what school was like back then and he said that it was hard. We then asked him if the teachers were nice and his answer was that half of them were and half were not.

At recess they played soccer and baseball and the students were also involved with some plays. They did not have computers in the school, the library was the principal's office and the students were bussed to school. Math drills were a common thing and Kindergarten did not start until he was out of school. Some of the school sports were soccer, hockey and track and field. There was no student council and graduation was similar to what it is now.

Brad Kiers & Greg Loerts

Mrs. Huinink-Buiter

Saskia and Kelly interviewed Mrs. Huinink-Buiter about the time when she was a student at John Knox. That was about 49 years ago!!!!

They had conjoined classes, and they all sat in rows. They read a lot but didn't have any hands on learning. When she

was in grade eight, she and one of her friends got to go make coffee in the teachers' lounge for the teachers. The grade eight room was originally the library and the principal's office was in the room next to the library. All the girls had to wear skirts that went past their knees and the boys wore pants.

At first they wrote with inkwells and later got ball point pens, but they exploded a lot. They didn't have computers yet. The curriculum was much easier and school started at 9:00 and ended at 4:00. They had music but all they did was sing, they didn't have any instruments.

They had track and field and they also had baseball games at the school. All they had for playground equipment was a teeter-totter a swing set and a ball diamond. They didn't have student council.

Each morning they sang God Save the Queen because our national anthem was not composed yet. School sure was different back then!!!

Saski Schmor & Kelly Martin

Mr. Streutker

We interviewed Ian's dad, Mr. Streutker about what school was like when he went to John Knox. The school did not do a lot of special things. They did nothing for student's birthdays and they did not have any buddy classes. They did not have a student council, intramurals, pizza day or sub-days, special trips for grade 8 graduation or anything like that. For sports teams they had soccer, baseball, and hockey. For the last day of school they watched movies on the projector. For a punishment they got hit on the hand with a leather strap. They had class trips and some places they went to were Story Book gardens, Toronto Zoo, and the Science Center.

Ian Streutker & William Karmiris

Mrs. Verbeek

Last week at first recess we interviewed Mrs. Verbeek. She was a very interesting subject to interview. First we asked her what her favourite subject was when she went to JKCS. Her answer was geography. The next question was how long had she been involved with J.K.C.S. The answer was 30 years total and counting. The next question was did her children enjoy this school? The answer was yes, of course. The next question was why did she choose J.K.C.S.? The answer was because this is a small school and is God -focused. The last and most important did she ever think that she would still be involved at J.K.C.S. so long? The answer, I think you guessed it, was no! She said "it's a nice school and all but I didn't think I would be here still."

Isaac Atfield & Chris Beimers

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