

INK-LINKS

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

October - November 2010

Upcoming Events

Oct. 11 Thanksgiving Day*
Oct. 19 Board Meeting
Oct. 21 Staff Meeting
Oct. 27 Reformation Assembly
Oct. 28 & 29 ... OCSTA Convention**
Nov. 1 Picture Retakes
Nov. 3 Grade 8 Day @ LDCSS
..... Staff Meeting
Nov. 4 JKCS Membership Meeting
Nov. 11 Remembrance Chapel
Nov. 16 Board Meeting
Nov. 17 Staff Meeting
Nov. 19 P.A. Day*
..... WinterFest GST Auction
Nov. 25 .. LDCSS Membership Meeting
Nov. 26 Report Cards
Nov.29 Book Fair Week begins
Dec. 1 .. Parent Teacher Interviews 7-9
Dec. 2 P.T.I.'s 9-3 & 7-9*
Dec. 3 P.D. Day*

* indicates no school

Our theme for 2010-11

God's Way for Wisdom

Proverbs 2:6



Students enjoying Canada Sports Day activities.

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.



Many Members....One Body

Have you planned your Thanksgiving dinner with your family? This has been an on going thing for the past two weeks in our family. Who's house, what date works for each family member, what time, should we plan to go somewhere for an outing, who wants to cook the turkey this year? Yes, the list goes on. Each family member doing their part, each contributing in a different way.... everyone belonging.

As we planned for Thanksgiving dinner, I got thinking 'What a wonderful unit

GOD made when he created family.' Each person has a special place in it, each has been blessed with different gifts, each one just as He wanted them to be. Romans 12:4-5, came to my mind. It reads, *"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* Also 1 Corinthians 12:12 to the end of the chapter, where the bible talks about 'the body not being made up of just one part but many.' This is also true of the community or family here, at JKCS.

The JKCS family has many members each contributing in a different way. All you have to do is walk through the halls of John Knox during the week and you will see volunteers helping the students or go outside and you will see volunteers outside on the playground. Of course there are the staff, teachers, bus drivers, board and many committee members. Yes, the 'parts' are many. But there are many more.

As my children and I were paging through the JKCS 50th Anniversary book, I was struck by how many students from years ago are today, still members of the JKCS family. Some are teachers here, some have children attending, some grandchildren and many (I will say that again), many who contribute financially so JKCS can continue for another 50 years.

So, yes the parts are many, and we form one body or family, having one desire; to provide each child with a Christ-centered quality education and to equip them for a life of praise and service to GOD. (our mission statement) What a wonderful family GOD made when he created the desire for JKCS to begin. May He continue to bless JKCS, and the community behind it, for years to come.

Wendy deVries



BOARD NEWS

The September JKCS board meeting was relatively quiet.

The board retreat which is scheduled for the first weekend in October was discussed. Attending the retreat will be board members, administrative staff and representatives from OACS. The purpose of this retreat is to discuss leadership, vision for the school and set up objectives to make the vision a reality.

The COO made his monthly report in which he stated that school has started off with a bang. Things are going well and staff and students' morale seems to be high. He reported on the unexpected mould problem that was encountered in the basement. The clean up is mostly done however, some damaged property and the HVAC system still needs to be repaired so the final cost of this mishap is not in yet. The insurance company has stated that they will not cover the damage or expenses saying that our policy did not include this coverage. We will be appealing this decision. The COO also reported that there are 14 Keystone students that would like to come to our school during the first session however so far only 8 families have committed to being homestay families.

H. DeHaan

**You are all invited to join us
at our Reformation Assembly
on Wednesday, October 27th
at 8:30 a.m.**

You are all invited to attend the
Fall Membership Meeting
Thursday
November 4, 2010
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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Statement of Revenue and Expenditures September - August

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Total Tuition	1,396,966.14	1,358,346.00
Total Fund Raising	90,458.19	90,000.00
Total Donations	57,869.50	76,800.00
Total Other Income	81,882.17	99,635.00
Total Income	1,627,176.00	1,624,781.00
Expenses		
Total Education	893,960.48	895,022.00
LDCSS Assessment	406,602.00	406,602.00
Total Building	112,076.63	117,250.00
Total Administration	59,915.53	48,179.00
Total Transportation	163,453.89	165,873.00
Total Other	3,217.14	.
Total Expenses	1,639,225.67	1,632,926.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	-12,049.67	-8,145.00

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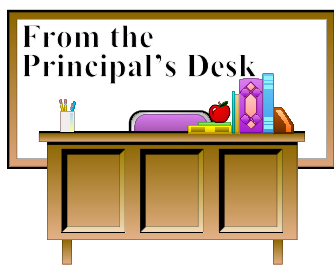
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From the Principal's Folding Tray

Normally, I write from the "principal's desk", but this time, this article comes from the folding tray built into the seat in front of me! Right now, I am in a Boeing 737 airplane somewhere over the mid-west, and the little screen on the seat in front of me says that I am traveling at 452 miles per hour at an altitude of 42149 feet! I am returning from a conference held in Edmonton, which was put on by Christian Schools Canada. There, I was able to hear from two keynote speakers, participate in various workshops having to do with Christian education, meet with administrators in a pre-arranged small group to discuss the challenges given to us in the keynote addresses, and we could also connect with colleagues over meals. I was also blessed to attend this conference with our Vice Principal, Mrs. Bernice Huinink-Butter. It was great to meet together to apply what we were learning to the context of John Knox Christian School!

The point for attending a conference like this is professional development! The face of education is constantly changing, and it is important to keep up. The face of Christian education is no different, and we are always facing challenges that must be dealt with well in order to allow our school to be the best it can be! A conference like this allowed the administration of JKCS to be stretched, both professionally and spiritually, which ultimately allows us to grow. This growth quickly comes into play in our interactions with staff, students, and greater community as we return to JKCS. Our desire is that we are not just a school that survives things like declining enrollment for example, but we desire to thrive as a school in everything we do! The title of this conference was "God Prints: Stories of Leadership". We were encouraged to not only look for "God-prints" in our

work (examples of the hand of God clearly guiding our lives as we live for Him) but we also need to foster opportunities for our students to see the hand of God in everything they learn and do. It is because of conferences like this that our administration is able to ensure that our school is viable, but that it is simply a great place to learn! Our desire is that JKCS is a great place for students to grow academically, but also socially and spiritually. Professional growth allows us to meet the challenges of the day head on, as we shape our school into the best learning environment it can be.

The staff of John Knox Christian School also has a lot of opportunity to participate in professional development. Each staff member is given the opportunity to study in the summer, by taking courses and workshops that will greatly impact the teaching that takes place once the school year has begun again. As a staff, we also work on professional development collectively, by studying together in monthly staff meetings, and by studying together in professional development days here at JKCS. The staff also has the chance to participate in workshops and conferences; at the end of October, when they will take part in the Ontario Christian School Teacher's Association (OCSTA) convention, which takes place for two days at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, ON. The staff hears from great speakers who share their wisdom, which comes from various backgrounds and experiences, in order to help our staff develop their programs so that great teaching takes place here at John Knox Christian School! Our staff has the chance to sign up for various workshops based on academic relevance and interests both at this convention, and at other sponsored events that take place throughout the entire school year! We take professional growth very seriously here at JKCS, because we want to see our teachers be the best they can be, so that our students are receiving the best education possible.

Our board also takes part in professional growth to ensure that the leadership of the school is at its best when it comes to making wise decisions for our school. Organizations

such as the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools put on various events that allow our board to grow in knowledge and experience, so that we can face the future prepared to lead and guide our school into directions that will honour our Lord and all of His people connected to our school! On October 1st and 2nd, the school board of John Knox Christian School, along with our strategic planning coordinator, our development director and the administration of our school will meet for a board retreat. Here, we will work with Mr. Ray Hendriks, the Director of Advancement from the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, to do some vision training and strategic planning for our organization's future. It is the desire of our board to also ensure that JKCS is the best school it can be, and we feel that the board retreat will allow us the chance to shape John Knox Christian School into a place that will continue to serve our Lord, and His people in the greater Woodstock community, by making strategic decisions to help us thrive as a school!

So, as you can see, a lot of learning takes place here at John Knox Christian School, and I am not even talking about our students! Professional development is done to ensure that the students' learning is the best it can be! Our desire is to serve our students well, academically, socially, and spiritually! Know that the teaching staff, the administration, and the board all desire to grow in order to serve you to the best of our ability! John Knox Christian School is already an excellent place for students, and because of various professional development opportunities, we remain committed to ensure excellence in all aspects of schooling. It is an honour to serve you, the community of John Knox Christian School, and the desire to serve you well is as strong today as it has been throughout JKCS' fifty year history! Now, I better wrap this up before my "desk" needs to be stored in its upright position!

Michael J. Meinema
Principal and COO

John Knox Christian School thanks you for your support of our sixth annual Golf Tournament, held on September 11, 2010

We had an excellent day of golf, great fellowship, super weather, a great meal, and we were able to raise approximately \$25,000 to be used to support the various education programs at John Knox Christian School.

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And 88 golfers!



We thank each one of you for your contributions, making this a very successful event. Our seventh annual golf tournament will take place on September 10, 2011 D.V.

For more photos of this event, please copy and paste the following URL into your browser:
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Sincerely yours,
The Tournament Committee
Steve Booy, Clarence Markus, Bob Dieleman, John DeWeerd, Adam Martin, Bill Barnveld, Ray Hettinga



What a beautiful day! I think we all had a great time.





“WINTERFEST”

GOODS, SERVICES AND TALENTS AUCTION

Our Annual GST Auction will be held on Friday, November 19th, 2010 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 '10 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.

MOM TO MOM SALE UPDATE:

A big thank you to all those who came out to support our Fall 2010 MOM TO MOM SALE! This time we had 25 tables rented out and saw 149 shoppers come through the doors! It was a great morning and we look forward to doing it again in the spring!

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.



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!

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Our Endowment Fund is growing but very slowly. In fact at present it stands at \$52,000 or about \$1000 for every year of JKCS's existence. This year the interest from this fund helped probably one family send their children to our school. We need to do much better. We cannot have the rising cost of Christian education exclude families from the blessing that such Christian education affords. It is possible to grow this fund and have it help many more families with their tuition. In western Michigan schools have foundations that reach into the millions of dollars. Are the families in these areas more blessed that the families in our region? I do not think so; they have families in all classes of wealth just as we do. They have been at this education fund idea longer than we have, and that is the only difference. They have become accustomed to including the school in their wills, so that those schools will be there for generations to come. We love our school. We have just shown that love in our celebrations of its fiftieth anniversary. Now we have to make sure it is here for another fifty years. Of course the future of JKCS is in God's hands, but He works through us. He has blessed us richly. We should be ready to use His gifts for the growth of His Kingdom. Won't you please remember to include John Knox Christian School in your will so that generations to come will be blessed by the blessings God gave you.

Bill Barneveld, Chair of the Endowment Committee

For your next event call
Ingersoll Ways & Means



For your Catering Needs

Contact Elsie Heidbuurt 485-2080

JKCS BOOK FAIR

Nov.30: 8:30 - 4 pm

Dec.1: 8:30 - 4 & 7-9

Dec.2: 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

WINTER FEST 2010 -- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2010

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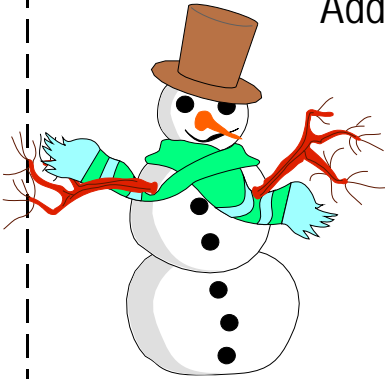
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John Knox Christian School

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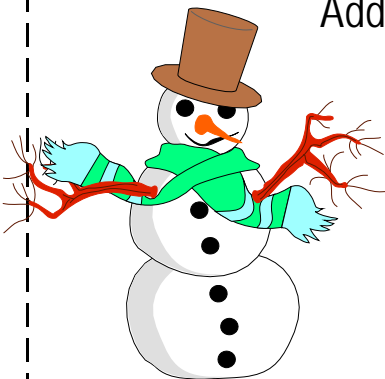
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Thank you!

Charitable Gift Annuity - FAQs

1. **What is a Gift Annuity?**

It is a Gifting Agreement which combines an annual income for as long as you live and a gift at the time of your death, to a charity or charities of your choice.

2. **Can the annuity be arranged for both of us?**

Yes. A *Single Life Annuity* – pays income for the duration of the life of a specific person.

A *Joint Life Annuity* – pays income for two named persons and after the first death continues payments at the same agreed level to the surviving person for life.

3. **What income level and rate of return will I receive?**

The income and rate of return on your annuity depends upon your age when you take out your Annuity. You can obtain a quote by calling our office or speaking to your area Christian Stewardship Services Representative. All annuitants qualify for an up-front tax receipt for a portion of their Annuity, and a large portion of the annuity income payments will also be tax-free.

4. **Who issues and administers the annuity?**

Christian Stewardship Services handles both the administration of payments and investment of the funds to support the annuity payments and the charitable remainder. The funds are invested in very safe Provincial Government long-term bonds that provide a stable return. The investments are governed by a conservative investment policy which is monitored by a committee and reviewed at least every three years by an actuary.

5. **Would my payment vary over time?**

No, your payment is fixed for life, this is established at the time the agreement is entered into, as is the tax exempt portion of each payment.

6. **Does charity receive the full amount of my annuity as a gift when I die?**

No, part of the annuity principal is paid to you as income during your lifetime, so the portion left as a gift will depend on investment return and how long payments are paid to you.

7. **Does the rate of return get higher as I get older?**

No. The rate of return and tax-exemption is fixed when you start the Annuity, but as you get older, you could receive a higher rate on any new Annuity you may take out.

Charitable Gift Annuity FAQs *...continued*

8. Do Annuities result in a tax receipt?

The amount of the receipt and the level of taxation of the income are determined by the rules set out by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) (formerly called Revenue Canada). The calculation is done using appropriate life expectancy tables, and the amount expected to be paid out on the agreement. All Annuitants will receive an up front charitable donation receipt for at least 20% of the amount donated. In most cases only a small portion of the income will be taxable.

9. Who are Charitable Gift Annuities best suited for?

Annuities are most suitable for persons aged 60 or older. Couples, one of whom is 60 or older and the other who is 55 or older, may purchase a joint annuity. A joint annuity will continue to pay either you or your spouse (or sibling) for as long as they live.

10. Is a Gift Annuity a Safe Investment?

Yes. The annuity funds are placed in a pooled fund. You will continue to receive payments even if you outlive the life expectancy tables. If you have a joint annuity, the payments would, at the time of your death, switch to the other annuitant until that person's death, but end at that time. The Pooled Funds are invested and a surplus or "Annuity Reserve" is kept. Every three years, a full independent actuarial valuation is done.

11. Can I change my mind about which charities are to receive my gift?

Yes you can, depending on how you designate the charities. There are two ways to do this:

- > If the charities are named in the document, the designation is irrevocable.
- > If you name CSS as the designated charity you can provide a "Letter of Direction" instructing us of your wishes about who the final charitable beneficiaries are to be. This second method would allow changes by providing a new Letter of Direction.

12. Will a Gift Annuity affect my estate?

No. It is entirely outside your estate, thus it passes much more quickly to your designated recipient, and it is not subject to any income tax or probate fees. The funds are not held up till the estate is settled.

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a wonderful planned giving tool to create a legacy for charity that also provides you with a guaranteed income for life! You will:

- > Receive a blend of capital and interest so a high return is achieved
- > Receive a large part of your payments tax-free
- > Choose the designated charity to receive your gift
- > Know that your capital is invested ethically and responsibly

P.R. CORNER

Fall has arrived and school is in full swing. It has been busy and exciting! 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 dessert social, picture day, the Terry Fox activity day and a Thanksgiving Assembly. It was wonderful to have a full house at both the opening assembly and the welcome dessert social.

We welcomed 12 new families the first day of school and another family joined at the end of the month. It is so wonderful to see these families so excited about JKCS, Christian education and being part of this community. We pray that you will soon feel part of the JKCS family and that as such we can be a blessing to each other.

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

- This year we are starting a 'parent connection' coffee break either the first or second Tuesday of every month. Coffee, tea and goodies will be available in the school lobby. On Tuesday, October 12th we will be making it an "Alzheimer's Coffee Break" to support their fall 'coffee break' campaign. Tim Horton's donates coffee to this event- so join us for coffee and support this worthy cause at the same time.
- On November 20th 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 third 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 14th, so be sure to mark this date on your calendar.
- The Reformation Day Assembly on October 27th starts 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 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 school office.

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

MEET OUR NEW FAMILIES

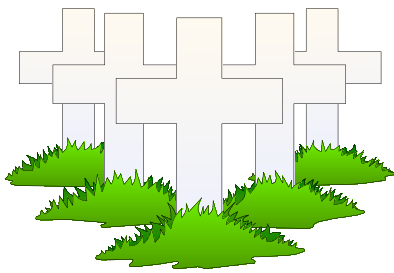
We were very excited to welcome 13 new families to our school this September. Each month we will be introducing some of these families to you through the Inklings and the community link. Be sure to say 'hi' and welcome them. We hope that our new families will feel part of the JKCS community soon.



We are Chris, Jen, Leah (JK), Michael (preschool) Ireland. We have been living in Ingersoll for the past 3 years and love it! Chris moved to Canada from South Africa 15 years ago with his family and Jen was born and raised in Kitchener. We moved to Ingersoll 3 years ago because Chris recieved a transfer to the Woodstock Toyota plant. We love how family oriented the school is and how friendly the staff are! We really feel like we are sending our children to a 'home away from home'! We are so blessed!



Tony and Jennette Overzet live on Sweaburg road on a small hobby farm. They have four lovely daughters Kayla(7) Megan(6) Trista(2) and Hailey(1). They feel blessed to have work that they enjoy! Tony works at Performance Dairy in Embro and Jennette provides childcare in their home, and is studying Early Childhood Education. Kayla and Megan are very happy to be returning to J.K.C.S. this year! "We are pleased to have John Knox support in instilling the Christian values that we believe are so important!! Especially in today's world. Kayla is enjoying grade 3 with Mrs. Hunink-Buiter and Megan is pleased to be in Grade one with Mrs Zomer. Both the girls are fitting back just wonderfully thanks to the loving community of the John Knox "family"!"



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.



MR. G. HIEMSTRA, GRADE 6

PRAYER AND POETRY

The sixth grade class has begun the year studying an assortment of poems that fit under different headings for writing poetry. There are many different reasons why someone may write poems. Poetry can be used to do many things: to tell a message; to look at the world in a new way; to make one smile or laugh; to express one's faith or praise; and the list goes on.

We, God's created beings, can use poetry to tell God (and others) how we feel. Check out the book of Psalms, and reread some of David's prayers. I can remember as a kid being taught about the acronym ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Supplication, and Thanksgiving) to teach me how to pray.

But how do you pray, if you are another of God's good creation. What would you say?

What first follows this paragraph is an assignment in which students had to look at the world in a new way, from the eyes of one of God's creatures. The idea came from a Carmen Bernos de Gasztold's poem entitled "The Prayer of the Butterfly". We hope they are "wise" prayers! What comes after the prayers are a few other poems we have been working on for our poetry project. We hope you enjoy them!

The Prayer of the Blue Heron

Lord, I need some help
this big beak gets in the way.
And my legs Lord, make it hard to fly.
But thank you
for making me blue, so I can
blend in with the water.
And so the fish can't see me.
Amen.

Nichola deDreu

The Prayer of the Porcupine

Thank you God for me. I know I
hurt people, but I don't mean it.
I'm just afraid. I like
my quills. Thank you God.
Amen

Alex Feyen

The Prayer of a Mouse

Lord,
Scurry, scurry, pant.
Help me, pant, curry, pant
to get home safely past this,
gasp, CCCAATTTT.
Pant, tiptoe, pant.
Sigh, thanks God, pant,
pant, SIGH. I'm home and you helped
me get here.

Nicola deVries

The Prayer of a Leopard

Lord I don't understand
why everything runs
away from me when
I come near. But thank
you for my teeth and claws
and my speed.
amen

Grant Takacs

Skunk's Prayer

Lord nobody likes me.
I wish I didn't stink Lord because then
people would like me.
But thank you Lord that I am stinky so
that I can keep my predators away.
Thank you Lord .
Amen.

Joseph Pathy

Prayer of the Giraffe

Lord
How am I suppose to get a drink.
My neck is to long.
Everyone is always looking at me.
I am always standing,
even when I sleep.
My legs get very very tired.
And my neck too.
Amen

Brendan Markus

God
good, happy
creating, saving, smiling
Almighty, successor, powerless, failure
destroying, killing, scowling
evil, mad
Satan
Zachary Beacock

Satan
cold, evil
sinning, hurting, tricking
mean, nasty, joyful, peaceful
loving, caring, helping
warm, kind
God
Trevor Bean

Why Hockey is Better than School

While putting your skates on,
you get nervous of the game.
When you get on the ice all nerves go
away.
You get on a breakaway you shoot you
score!
you pass and your teammate scores!
You get an assist
There is nothing else like hockey
Andrew Dieleman

GRADE 1/3 MRS. HUININK-BUITER — Gratitude for Small Wonders

In our circle time, we thought about LITTLE things in God's world for which we are thankful. We usually thank God for big things like families, homes, school, church, the earth... but when we started to think about the little, tiny things that God has created and put into our lives, we were amazed to see that they are actually BIG! God is a God of tiny details, and we thank him for letting us 'see' them and give thanks for them. This Thanksgiving, we challenge you all to think about the LITTLE things around you to be thankful for and maybe you too will see how BIG they really are! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

<p>Thank you for tree seeds because they grow and grow into shade for me. Samantha Butler</p> 	 <p>Thank you God for my teeth, because they help me eat my bread. Amber Bean</p>		
<p>Thank you God for my wiggly tooth because then I can have a grown-up tooth. Eleanor Robinson</p> 	 <p>Thank you God for bees because bees make honey. Joseph Huinink</p>	 <p>Thank you God for cat's claws because they can catch a mouse. Ian Spyksma</p>	
 <p>Thank you God for eyes so I can see bees. I have a wiggly tooth. Kailyn Markus</p>	 <p>Thank you for bees. They make honey and I like to eat honey. Max Branderhorst</p>	 <p>Thank you god for my wiggly tooth because of what the tooth fairy brings me. Samuel Luth</p>	 <p>Thank you god for earrings because I am going to get my ears pierced. I am kind of scared. Kayla Loerts</p>
<p>Thank you for tiny little stones. I can scoop them up with my red digger. — Jesse Duizer</p>			

Gratitude for little things is thanking God for my lego blocks, because I can make a very big castle with lots of them.

— Joey Martin

I thank God for blood cells, because without blood cells, we might not be living today! Benjamin Franklin had them. Adam and Eve had them. You have them. I have them. And without the right number of white and red blood cells, we could get a blood disorder.

— Janine Schat

Thank you God for snowflakes. They are beautiful and without snowflakes we would not have winter, and without winter I would not have a birthday, and the school wouldn't go skating! Without winter or snowflakes, we couldn't make snow angels or snowmen, and no one would have invented the sled!

— Janelle Kroondijk

Thank you God for the raindrops, that turn into ponds, that turn into lakes, which turn into oceans and that is wonderful to see! That is a tiny wonder!

— Kayla Overzet

Thank you God for lego because I can build a house and a farm and even build a city! Once I built a farm and a city, and I will be working on that again when my Opa and Oma are gone back to Holland.

— Mark Renkema

Thank you God for baby chipmunks because they are cute. Every morning I see a chipmunk gathering nuts and then it runs away.

— Grace Pathy

Thank you God for seeds so we can plant them. A couple of years later it will be a coniferous tree or a deciduous tree. Sometimes it can grow into an apple tree which we can eat apples from, or a pear tree that we get pears from.

— Andrew Hickey

Thank you God for apple seeds, because if you plant them, in a couple of years they grow big and they bear fruit and give shade. They make you glad. They make a good house for birds' and squirrels' nests.

— Adrienne Koops

Thank you God for a wiggly tooth, because it will come out soon. I wish it would just fall out, so it would not bug me. Oh well! When I get home I'll eat an apple!

— Zoe Lendvay

Thank you God for stars and eyes because you can see stars with your eyes. You can see blue, purple, red, pink, yellow, and orange stars with your eyes. Sometimes you can see through a telescope and see planets!

— Daytn Racicot



Introducing the 2010-2011 Junior Kindergarten Class.
Welcome to John Knox Christian School!

JKCS VOUCHER PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Paid by: Cheque Cash

Name _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Store	Amount Needed	x	Value	=	Dollar Amount	Totals
Food Basics / A&P / Dominion / Ultra Food & Drug		x	\$25	=		
		x	\$50	=		
	<i>Gift Cards</i>	x	\$100	=		
Zehrs / Loblaws / Independent		x	\$25	=		
		x	\$50	=		
	<i>Gift Cards</i>	x	\$100	=		
		x	\$250	=		
IGA / Sobeyes / Knechtel / Food Town / Price Chopper / Foodland <small>(Vouchers are also available)</small>	<i>Gift Cards</i>	x	\$25	=		
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M & M Meat Shops	<i>Gift Cards</i>	x	\$25	=		
Norwich Deli		x	\$25	=		
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Tim Hortons		x	\$5	=		
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	<i>Gift Cards</i>	x	\$25	=		
Canadian Tire <small>(Store, Gas Bar, and Auto Repairs and you still receive Canadian Tire money!)</small>	<i>Gift Cards</i>	x	\$25	=		
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Steve's Automotive <small>Juliana Drive, Woodstock</small>		x	\$50	=		
	<i>Gift Cards</i>	x	\$100	=		
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Home Hardware /Home Furniture Home Building Centre		x	\$25	=		
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Mark's Work Warehouse	<i>Vouchers</i>	x	\$25	=		
Zellers /The Bay /Home Outfitters	<i>Gift Cards</i>	x	\$25	=		
East Side Marios	<i>Gift Cards</i>	x	\$25	=		
Sears — can be used for Catalogue, Store, On-line Travel & Home Improvement Purchases	<i>Gift Cards</i>	x	\$25	=		
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Payless Shoe Stores	<i>Gift Cards</i>	x	\$25	=		
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