



Newell Knight News

FEBRUARY 2011

IMPORTANT DATES for

FEBRUARY

- **8th Board Mtg. at NCS**

Basketball game at 5:00 pm at NCS gym

- **14th HEARTS Game**
- **15th \$2.00 Soup/Bun**

Basketball game at Rosemary (6:30)

- **15-18 Hoops/Skipping Contests during morning recesses**

(raising \$ for Heart and Stroke Foundation)

- **18th NERD day Dress Up**
- **21-25 FAMILY DAY Break**

Please Note:

**OFFICIAL TUITION
TAX RECEIPTS**

**Included in NCS
envelope !!**

Message from our Principal

Jesus said to his disciples: " *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.*" John 15:16 He is speaking specifically of his disciples, whom he clearly chose and who left their work, homes et. To follow him, as we should also. This demonstrates God's power to choose people for special assignments, such as apostles, evangelists, missionaries... just as he chose prophets in the Old Testament and others, such as David and Solomon. Just as He has chosen NCS with a very specific purpose.

We never ask the question, I believe, as to whether David had a choice in his selection to be King of Israel, and a prophet through the Psalms. We seem to accept without a doubt that they were called/chosen for their purpose. Being chosen to be God's special treasure and become holy has nothing to do with any of our accomplishments, race, gender, IQ or financial strength. We are special and thus blessed because God loves us and because He is faithful to His promises to the fathers— Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He reinforces these points by emphasizing that He is faithful, as well as by warning us that He is a God of Justice.

This gives us no room for pride. He is not somehow attracted to us because we had been seeking Him all our lives, were so attractive or had done so many good things. On the other hand, this blessing gives cause for a great deal of gratitude, and just as in a marriage; this specialness brings responsibilities. The responsibility of God's own people is to proclaim—to show forth the praises of Him who has called us. The proclaiming is accomplished through speech and conduct. We show forth His praises in our witness through faithful obedience, just as is commanded in **Deuteronomy 7:11**. Just as human government sends out ambassadors to other nations to represent it in its affairs within those nations; God chose us to represent Him .

In Him

T. Nagel

God's promise of His Love

"Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commands. " Deuteronomy 7: 9

Hello from the Kindergarten and a Poetry Challenge for Everyone *Ms. J. Oldenburger*

I am writing to you from a hotel lobby in Lethbridge this Friday morning. I have been attending a conference entitled "Engaging Learners for Early Childhood Professionals". According to the information I have received, I believe there will soon be a shift in the way we approach meeting ECS curriculum objectives. I think that the strategies, if properly employed, will make for a more enjoyable learning experience for Kindergarten children.

Basically, we will teach students to become better problem solvers and have them become more actively engaged in an environment where play and even a little "rough housing" are encouraged! If you would like to call me and chat about the new ideas coming down from the top; I would be excited to share the very interesting things I have learned with you!

February is the LOVE month. It is also the month of Poetry! The Grade 4-9 students have been given the **Poem in my Pocket assignment**. For those who are unfamiliar with this task, I will explain. ALL students must memorize a poem. Then they keep a written or typed copy of the poem in their pocket and attempt to get as many people to listen to the poem as possible. Once the 4-9 student has a poem "Listener" the student recites the poem (from memory) and the listener signs the back of the



poem IF the student was able to recite the poem without error. Students have a goal of securing at least 30 signatures. Signatures can be obtained from anyone, even family members but only 10 signatures may come from school peers. This forces the students to get out there and share their poem in the community. There will be prizes for students who bring in the most signatures. Each class will have a winner, and there will also be a GRAND PRIZE winner who secures a signature from the most interesting audience. For example, one year we had a boy recite his poem to a police officer who had pulled his dad over for a speeding ticket! Now we don't suggest you go to such lengths... This year I have encouraged my colleagues to participate in the "poem off". I now send the challenge out to PARENTS. Please look for details on the website so you will be able to participate. It's fun, it's easy and it will give you the opportunity to show your creativity! **The contest will start on Feb.14th and run through the 28th. Prizes will be given out March 4th in chapel.**

Grade 1-3 News

Miss Darlene Rempel

We have finished our **Science Unit** on Magnetism and are now beginning a new Unit in Social Studies focusing on different kinds of work found in Iqaluit, Meteghan and Saskatoon. We are studying natural resources and how this affects jobs in different places.

Valentines Day is coming up and so I thought I would include a list of the students in your child's class. We will be exchanging Valentines on Monday, February 14. Your child does not have to give away any Valentines, but if they do, I am asking that they give to every student to avoid hurt feelings of being left out. THANK YOU!

Girls: (10) Brittney, Brooke, Denise, Eden, Emily, Joeleigh, Katelyn, Kennedy, Phoebe and Reegan

Boys: (3) Karson, Micah and Wesley.

TOP READERS for this month are: Grade 1= *Reegan Folkerts* with 72 books. Grade 2= *Micah Toews* with 19 books and Grade 3 = *Karson Martin* with 61 books. Way to go everyone! That puts our top reader, *Katelyn Christiansen*, out in front with 221 books! Please continue to work with your child on their homework. They should be reading, practicing their spelling list and working on their memory verse. I appreciated the support at home and the partnership we have in educating your child.

We have recently made some changes to the memory verse lists. We were finding that often the Grade Ones were not getting to the "meat" of the verse during the month if they only learned the first few verses. **Please check the Home Bulletin to see what verses your child should be working on.** THANKS to Kathie Christiansen for doing that work for us.

I am constantly in awe of our amazing volunteers. I want to thank **Darlene Beck, Liza Beck, Rose Borkent, Kathie Christiansen, Mary Folkerts and Erica Terris**. You are ALL such a blessing to me and the TA's in our class. THANK YOU!

Grades 7-9 News

Mr. Ian Terris

The JH class is continuing to make progress in their studies. With the beginning of the year, the teens have returned with good attitudes and behaviors, along with renewed focus on their schoolwork.

The only significant change in the curriculum over the last month was that the Gr.9 students are continuing to do Gr, 9 Science while the Gr. 7-8 have switched to the more appropriate Gr.7 Science curriculum. The change has been favourable for all the students as the skills and knowledge they are acquiring is more suited to their learning level.

In conjunction with their Bible curriculum, the students have begun a new initiative called "Getting Ready". Each week the students are given a controversial statement that they, and their parents, need to respond to in writing by Friday. The goal of this initiative is to stretch the students' thinking about challenging issues, as well as promote communication between the students and their parents. Keep up the good work Jr. Highs!

Great start to the New Year!!

SPORTS NEWS

The Basketball team has had a strong season so far. The team has won 2 of the 3 League games and competed very strongly at the Intermediate tournament in Bassano. ALL members of the team are working very hard on the court, and each player's skill level continues to climb. NCS basketball is gaining a competitive reputation in the Grasslands league.

Well done team !

Computers for JH

T. Nagel

The students are discovering more possibilities using Google and having more effective searches. We are excited about understanding Cloud Computing better and using Google Apps to be more effective in our academics. We just finished a session on Internet Safety and realized again that we always need to discern when using technology and make sure it honors God.

Remaining NCS Basketball Games

February 8 Duchess @ NCS 5:00pm

February 15 NCS @ Rosemary
6:30pm

March 1 Wind-up
hosted by Duchess
Game times TBD



Gr. 4-6 NEWS

Mrs. Nagel

We've been praying for *Thato*, our friend in South Africa and focusing our prayers on the needs of others. In **Bible** we just finished a unit on Joshua's life and the faith and courage he showed. We were amazed to learn that God could even make the sun and moon to stand still... freeze time. So just imagine what He could do for us.

Everyone enjoyed being involved with the Electricity discoveries, but we're really looking forward to the next **Science** unit.....

Building Devices, as soon as we have our posters " How I can reduce energy consumption" completed.

We are designing neat and creative posters with flips and 3D trimmings. In **Math** we are exploring Decimals and Measurement. In **Computer class** we have been learning about Cloud Computing and how to have better searches on the internet.

As February is the month of love, the Grade 4-6 class will be holding a **Bake Sale on Friday, Feb.11 at noon**. The proceeds will go towards the Grade 9 Grad/Missions trip in June. THANKS to *Mrs. Anna Thiessen* for organizing the sale. Please do not feel that you must send in baking if you are unable to. It is just a little way for our class to show love to others in our school community.

NCS STAFF /PARENT COMMUNICATION

* Last week on the COLDEST day of the year (so far) almost 1/2 of the bus students came on to the bus WITHOUT gloves! It is a policy in the public system that a driver will refuse a ride for students who are not dressed properly for the weather conditions. This is a WARNING that Mrs. Nielsen will be following that policy for the safety of our children. PLEASE make sure that your child(ren) has the proper gear with them at ALL times. As we have seen just recently, the temperature/weather conditions can change dramatically during a short period of time on any given day!!

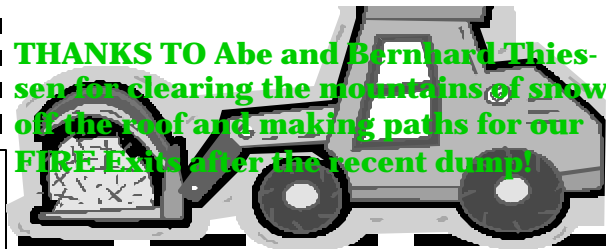
This year NCS students are going to join the Hoops for Heart Campaign as part of the focus on February as Heart month. During the week of Feb. 14-18 the students have the opportunity to participate in some basketball and skipping competitions to raise \$ for Heart and Stroke as well as boost their House Team Spirit. (not to mention their heart rate ?)

We are not sending out pledge forms- but if you normally give a donation anyway you can send it in to the school and we will include it with the coins we collect.

Students may want to consider opting out of canteen treats and saving their loonies so that they can get in the competition and support a worthy cause ! Mrs. Mahrer

PRAISE and PRAYER

THANKS TO Abe and Bernhard Thiesen for clearing the mountains of snow off the roof and making paths for our FIRE Exits after the recent dump!



P.T. L. for ...	Please pray for...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donation to pay for hand-bells (ask your children how much they are enjoying playing them) • Spiritual Renewal for staff at Breakforth. • Safety travelling for bus and vehicles during winter storms and COLD weather • Faithful parent/ and other volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mrs. Nagel's</i> Outreach trip to S. Africa and <i>Mrs. Dick's family's trip</i> to an orphanage in Bolivia. (Feb. break) • Board Governance and Decision Making • Sponsorship and donations for S.A. Trip (Mrs. Nagel) • NCS Upcoming Fundraisers • Moms and Dads that pray.

STARS of the week

JANUARY

- * ***Jaxon Nichols***
- * ***Karson Martin***
- * ***Caleb Lea***
- * ***Jamie Cloppert***
- * ***Cameron Martin***
- * ***Kennedy Beck***
- * ***Phoenix Henderson***
- * ***Stephen Mahrer***

WISH LIST

- * Small kids table (we have enough chairs)
- * Projector and video camera

ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM

Insert by Ms. Janine Oldenburger

I am troubled to tell you that we were unable to continue the On-Line Accelerated Reader Program (AR) due to lack of funding. I am looking for any parent who has some computer time to research any available grants that we could apply for and get things back on track for this excellent resource. (program)

With the help of *Mrs. Suzanne Cameron* and many others we finally have a wonderful assortment of Christian books in the library which have been coded so that on-line reading comprehension tests can be administered for them. Countless volunteer hours have been donated to set everything up now and without a monetary boost all of the effort will be wasted.

The **Accelerated Reading Program** was also an excellent testing device to determine the reading level of the students and to set goals for their improvement. The program requires approximately \$1,000.00 to continue. If there is anyone interested in helping secure funds to keep this very worthwhile program available to our students- I encourage you to contact myself or Mrs. Nagel.

Finally, I wish to thank our volunteers once again for the time that you give us. We appreciate your efforts. God bless you for investing your time at the school where we continue to prepare students to serve the Lord TOGETHER!



MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Going to South Africa to represent NCS

What a wonderful blessing to go... Ask your child about some of the info. that was shared in Chapel and visit the NCS website after Friday to learn more.

Please pray for the group's (mostly principals of Koinonia schools)...

- ♦ **safety,**
- ♦ **that I will be obedient to God's voice,**
- ♦ **and that we will be effective tools in our Master's hand.**

Would you consider supporting me first and foremost with prayer, and/or finances? Please contact me at theresa.nagel@newellchristianschool.com or 362-2672.

It is my prayer and hope that our students will be blessed through this connection.

In His love, Theresa

- =====
- ♦ **For many years I have dreamed of going to Bolivia to visit an orphanage that our family has been involved with. PTL Bruce and I are excited to be able to take our family to Stransberry Children's Home in Santa Cruz, Bolivia over the February Break.**

God is Good! Please pray for us and for God's love to shine into the lives of all the children living there.

THANK YOU

Mrs. Karen Dick and family