

# JKCS LINK



November 23, 2009

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## Going Vertical

### Membership

Tonight we will hold our first Membership meeting of the 2009/2010 school year. In addition to the regular business, we will be discussing our building and capital plans, and earnestly seek your attendance and input.

On Friday, I wrote an e-mail to all of our new families, encouraging them to attend the meeting, and explaining a little bit about "membership". John Knox Christian School is maintained by the John Knox Christian School Society. This society is made up of members who "own and operate" the school. Membership in the Society is open to parents who enrol their children, staff of the school, and to other friends of the cause of Christian Education who are in agreement with the purpose, goals and constitution of the Society.

Membership is not automatic – enrolling your child as a student does not mean you are a member of the JKCS Society. New families are usually invited to join in February of their first year. We hold an information evening, and explain the privileges and responsibilities associated with becoming a member. The timing allows any new families who want join the Society to do so in time to be able to vote at the Spring meeting, where we elect new Board members, and vote to approve the budget and tuition rate for the following year.

Many on our Membership list are no longer parents of the school, but because they recognize the value of a Christian education in a child's life, they continue to support John Knox financially and through membership participation. Scott Goodison, Brampton's 2006 Business Man of the Year, is still actively involved with JKCS. He and Marty, who has taught kindergarten here for 12 years, graduated their youngest from JKCS in 2001. I interviewed Scott for a Journal article in 2008 – when asked why he remains involved, Scott put it this way –

*"In 1985 we enrolled our first child here. We have never looked back. We feel we are honouring God by being part of the John Knox community. It gives our family great joy to do so.*

*Our kids amaze us – they continue to make sound decisions, and always know they can turn to their faith when the going gets tough. John Knox was a big part of that, providing a solid Christian message during their formative years.*

Included with today's LINK:  
• Grocery Certificate Order Forms

Hot Lunch: *Pizza*



### Calendar

**November 23** - Fall Membership Meeting  
**November 24** - SK goes to the Rose Theatre  
**November 25** - JK goes to the Rose Theatre  
**November 25** - Grades 6-8 go to the ROM  
**November 25** - Last swimming class for Grades 1-2, 3, 4-5  
**November 26** - Grade 6 Girls Volleyball tournament at St. Lucy  
**November 27** - Grade 6 Boys Volleyball tournament at St. Angeli Merici  
**November 30** - Report Cards go home  
**December 2 & 3** - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences & Book Fair  
**December 4** - Daytime Parent-Teacher Conferences

*I would like to see children afforded the same opportunity as my kids. My specific goal for staying involved is: if I can influence just one family to enrol their child in a Christian school, I want to do it.*

*I have had a number of employees who attended John Knox Christian school or another Christian school. A good Christian background helps prepare people for the challenges life brings. I was impressed with their strength, their ability to cope with stress/adversity because of their faith. They are good, caring people, and they fit well into my business. They look after my customers well!*

*A Christian education helps make good families, good parents, and good employees - all working together to make Brampton a better place for everyone."*

Well said, Scott! Blessings all - see you tonight!  
-Karen Piccolo

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**BOOK FAIR HELP IS STILL NEEDED!**

*Check this box every week for more ways in which you can help at JKCS!  
You must have a current Police Check on file in order to volunteer!*

## Go Vertical!

"Come near to God and He will come near to you." James 4:8a



### T.R.I.P. Nov. 23

**ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT ~ Don't delay – order today!**

**\*\*\*ORDER DEADLINE before Christmas\*\*\***

All orders (Vista and grocery) are due:

**Wednesday Dec. 2 @ 9 AM.** This is to ensure delivery before the holidays. Please allow an extra week for delivery of final grocery orders. We hope to have all final orders delivered by Thursday Dec. 10.

- Standing orders dated through the holidays will be delivered Dec. 10.
- If you are ordering a large number of certificates in the same denomination, please do so ASAP so that they can be made available.
- Be sure to order enough certificates to last through the Christmas Break.
- Cheques for bulk orders may be dated throughout the holidays.
- The regular ordering schedule will resume in January.

**NEW from VISTA:** Combo cards with Gap, Old Navy and Banana Republic.

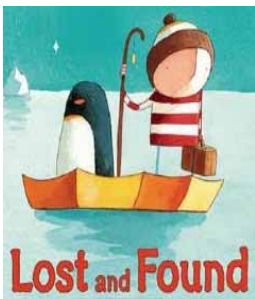
**T.R.I.P. Tip:** Please check your orders immediately upon delivery.

### Parent Teacher Conference forms

Forms for appointments were due back last week. If you have not booked an appointment for your Intermediate student yet, please call Astrid in the office. We will do our best to accommodate you.

### Heartfelt Thanks!

Just a word of thanks to Michelle Keats for the wonderful job she did organizing and executing Operation Christmas Child this year. It was Michelle's first year as coordinator, and we are so grateful for the energy and enthusiasm she brought to the task. Michelle will share the collection results in next week's LINK – hopefully she is relaxing at home today (but not likely!) Warm thanks also to Jody Keats and Teresa DeMarchi (OCC coordinator for the last 10 years) for all of the support, time and hard work you put in. *Many children will have a brighter Christmas because of your efforts! Thank you!*



**Once again the box is full to bursting!  
Please check the box located in the lobby for any belongings your child may have left behind - items will donated to Goodwill soon!**

### Chocolate Bars

We have lots of boxes of chocolate bars left. Remember that selling chocolate bars will reduce the cost of your field trips. Each box = \$30 profit. Send in \$60 and we will give you the chocolate.

### CEAF Donation – 2009 Tax Year

A reminder to those who wish to submit cheques for CEAF for the current calendar year but have not yet done so, please ensure these are provided to the school by the end of November to ensure that the associated tax receipts can be applied to the current year. Please note that no additional notations should be made on the CEAF cheques beyond the payee, date and cheque amount. CEAF cheques received after the end of November will count towards the 2010 tax year.

### JKCS Journal

The first edition of the Journal has been printed, and we were blessed to receive the gift of a full colour publication this time around. It looks great! Thanks for the generous early Christmas gift, DF!

### Christian Home and School Magazine

Last week, you received the Fall 2009 magazine with your LINK. Did you notice the write up on page 8? Have a look! What a great school!

### Required Documents

Thank you to the many families who have so diligently returned the requested forms. If you have not returned them yet, please do so ASAP - especially needed is the immunization information for all students enrolled at JKCS!

### New & Exciting Fundraising 2009

*Samko & Miko Toy Warehouse Sales*

Shop at Samko & Miko warehouse during the two registered weeks - November 25-29 & December 2-6, 2009

- John Knox would receive 10% of the total sales before taxes during these 2 weeks only
- 2 locations – Toronto (77 Fima Crescent) or Richmond Hill (60 East Beaver Creek)
- John Knox group name – john knox christian school.
- Group account code – fjoh8
- Stamp receipt – instruct the cashiers to stamp your original receipt: provide the group name & account code
- Submit the receipt – please submit the original receipt to the school by December 18, 2009. Keep a photocopy for your records

*Remember - shop during the registered weeks and have your receipts stamped with group name in order to receive the 10% of the total sales before taxes*

Please contact Jenny Lee for more information.

# Classroom News - Grades JK - 5

## J.K.C.S. BOOKFAIR: next week!

Once again the JKCS library is hosting a book fair during Parent-Teacher conference time, Dec. 2 & 3. Thank you to the many people who have volunteered. A note will be sent home this week verifying the dates and times that you will help serve.

**Student Walk-Thru** (Wed. Dec 2; 8:30 - 2:00- able to split time with someone if needed)

### Sales and Customer service:

Wed. 3-4 p.m.; Wed. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.;

Thurs. 12- 1 p.m.; 3 - 4 p.m.; Thurs. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

*Again this year the book fair will NOT be open during Friday's conferences.*

## A Galaxy of Books!

### J.K.C.S. BOOKFAIR CONTEST ENTRIES:

Posters and alien sculptures are due this Friday!

This year's student contest is not a colouring contest but a design contest. Win a \$5 gift certificate to be used at the Book Fair by entering one of the two contests. Only one entry allowed per student.

**Posters:** design a poster on the theme, "A Galaxy of Books!" (some ideas: galaxies, outer space, aliens!, "Take me to your readers!") The poster must show the theme, promote the book fair and be done "at student level."

**Sculpture:** design an alien to promote our book fair.

Entries are to be handed in to Ms Dykstra by November 27. Have fun!



## Grade 1 Update

Ms. Rupke, our Grade 1 teacher, has been doing very well in the classroom. The students are learning, they are happy and the parents appreciate her interactions with their children. However, this year, she has had a number of transitions in her life including the demands of a new job, the different grade level and the transition from province to province and school community to school community. Ms. Rupke has been struggling with managing them all. At this time, we have given Ms. Rupke a short term leave of absence. It is our hope and prayer that, given some time to rest and reflect, she will be able to return to the classroom after Christmas.

In the meantime, Mrs. Angela Stegeman has agreed to teach the class until Christmas break.

We ask that you join us in praying for Ms. Rupke as she takes some time off. We also ask that you pray for the class as they deal with the transitions of teachers. We pray that as we draw near to God, he will also come beside us to guide us through these times.



## Junior Kindergarten - Ms. Mulder

We are enjoying learning about how some animals get ready for winter. We have discovered squirrel nests high in the tree tops, and seen Canada Geese grazing in the fields around our school. We also learned about turtles who sink deep in the mud all winter long!

This week Jenae and Immanuel celebrate their birthdays...congratulations to both of them!

On Wednesday we will leave the school at 12:00 to go to the Rose Theatre to see the Hungry Caterpillar. If you have agreed to chaperone, please be at the school just before 12:00. If you have not yet paid money for the pumpkin patch and this trip, please send in \$13.00 as soon as possible!

## Junior Kindergarten - Mrs. Siebenga

Hello from JKA. With the beautiful Fall that we have been having, it is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. Soon we'll be singing our Christmas carols. Watch for the Christmas songs that we'll be learning for our Christmas program. But before that, this week we are looking forward to going to The Very Hungry Caterpillar play at the Rose Theatre on Wednesday. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents that are going with us. Please note that you should be at school by 11:30 am. Notice that this is slightly earlier than initially planned. The bus will leave at 11:45. The show is 12:30 to 1:30.

Happy Birthday to Christian Verghis who will be turning 4 this coming Sunday.

Our giving to the Operational Christmas Child Boxes was a great success. Thanks to all who brought toys to our class, or who packed a box of their own.

We have been having fun learning about three ways that the animals are getting ready for winter. Ask us about them. In Bible, we'll complete the life of Moses and then move to learn about the Birth of Christ for the month of December, and in Math we are continuing to sort, graph, and count to see how many, and which has the most..

## Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Goodison

Hello from S.K. Tomorrow we will visit the Rose Theatre to watch The Hungry Caterpillar. Thanks to Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Maas and Mrs. Firsoff for coming with us. A few children need to bring \$10.00 to cover the cost. Everyone is excited to be learning about bears - real and pretend. Each morning we come to school, we discover the bears have been doing some crazy things while we were away - ask us about this! On Thursday we will decorate some teddy bear shortbread cookies - thanks to Mrs. Cooper for helping us. On Thursday, December 3, we will conclude our Teddy bear unit with a teddy bear picnic. Watch for further details in a letter coming home later this week. Have a great week!

## Senior Kindergarten - Mrs. Taylor

We are excited about going to the Rose Theatre to watch a play called "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." Thank you to the parents who are coming to assist with supervision. Today, we are looking at the Hungry Caterpillar book by Eric Carle

and listening to the story. We are also looking at some of Eric Carle's other books about animals to compare his stories and his artwork. We are continuing with our Bear unit and we are having fun with teddy bear stories and teddy bear activities. Next Monday, we will have a teddy bear picnic and we will watch "The Teddy Bear Picnic" Video. On Friday, our grade three reading buddies from Ms. Wymenga's class will be reading their books to us. We are looking forward to meeting them and getting to know them. We have begun learning some Christmas songs for the school Christmas play. It takes a lot of practice.

**GR. 1 - Mrs. Stegeman**

Hello from Grade One. We are working hard on our Christmas songs in class and have already had 2 practices in the gym with all the other students. We are great singers! In Math, we are beginning a new unit on data management and we will be learning how to sort objects and how to make different kinds of graphs. The Word Wall words that we received last week will be finished up this week and then a new set of words will be sent home.



We will be busy with Christmas activities, writing stories, and doing Christmas art in the next few weeks. Today we celebrated Grace's 6th birthday and wrote her a "Hug Book" from the class. Please feel free to contact me any time in the next few weeks if you have any questions or concerns! Your kids are great and I am looking forward to working with them until Christmas! Angela Stegeman angsteg@gmail.com or 905-846-5696

**GR. 1/2 - Mrs. VanderWilp**

This past week our class helped to make a Christmas mural with the Grade 2 class, to be hung in Shopper's World Mall. It will hang there from Nov. 27 until Christmas. Come and see it!

Thanks to everyone who brought gifts for Operation Christmas Child. We were able to fill five boxes! We also wrote letters to go with our gifts. We wished the children could write us back. That would be fun.

In Math we are learning some neat ways to make addition easier. We are all working on memorizing our facts of ten and our doubles. Please help us drill these facts.

Our words of the week are the question words: what, when, where, why, and who. The bonus word is: incredible.

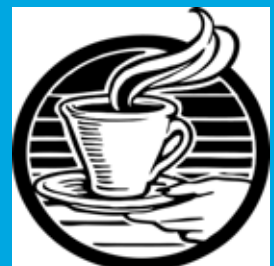
# JKCS Fall Membership Meeting

**Monday, November 23rd**

Come and join the board and staff as we discuss school business, the building and capital projects and more! Round-table discussions are planned - we want your input, so plan to attend!

- *Registration - 7:15 p.m.*
- *Meeting begins - 7:30 p.m.*
- *Location - JKCS Auditorium*
- *Families will receive 2 volunteer hours for attending.*

Serving  
Fair-Trade Coffee  
& homebaked  
goodies



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You can tell Christmas will be here soon when we start practicing for the program. Our memory work for the next few weeks will be the songs for the Christmas program.

**GR. 2 - Ms. M. Lutgendorff**

Hello from Grade 2. I sent home 2 experiments for you to do with your child at home. Please try to have 1 of those finished by Friday this week. We will be discussing our results and sharing our theories about how it worked. Our new spelling words for the week are can't, won't, are, jump, right, theory, floating, difference, sinking, buoyancy. In Math we are learning strategies to help us with our addition facts. Ask your child to tell you about the strategies we have learned. A good website to use for addition practice is [Aplusmath.com](http://Aplusmath.com).

**GR. 3 - Ms. M. Wymenga**

Greetings from Grade 3! There will be a spelling test on Friday. Words are in the agenda. We will also have a math test next Tuesday. Review booklets will be sent home today - going through the booklet will really help your child do well. This week we will begin to memorize our songs for the Christmas program - encourage your child to memorize the words at home. Enjoy your week!

**GR. 4 - Ms. Kroezen**

Greetings from Grade 4. We had our Addition and Subtraction test today. We will begin to learn our multiplication facts next. The first ones we will learn are the perfect squares: 1x1, 2x2, 3x3,... up to 12x 12. We will have a test on those next Monday. We will be doing the data management unit at the same time. We all have our new AR goals. The sheets should be signed and brought back to school. Our memory work is to memorize the songs for the Christmas program. The first one is "I Heard You Knockin". It is due Friday, November 27.

**GR. 4/5 - Ms. Dykstra**

Greetings from grade 4/5. Our 2 classroom Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes were handed in and are packed up in the mega boxes in our gym! Thank you for helping us put those together. Several "family boxes" were also brought in. In Bible we are learning the books of the Old Testament. Does anyone have a recorded song to help us with this? Students will be responsible for learning the Old Testament books as memory work for Dec 9. Spelling resumes with a test on Friday. We continue our Literature Circle work on Twenty and Ten and our focus on Canada Far and Wide.

**Math:** Parents, the students are now working on Data Management. Please look for a Math information letter to be sent home by this Wednesday.

**Science:** Science signed tests are due at school today.

**Gr. 5 - Mr. Van Lingen**

Hello from grade 5. We don't need to know all the books of the Bible until Jan.20, 2010. This is because some of us have to learn speaking parts for the Christmas play and we have also have to learn the words to 6 songs. In Bible we are looking at Jesus' Birth and Early Ministry. In Math we are starting a unit on multiplication and many have to review our multiplication facts. This week we will present our reports to the class. The spelling lesson this week is unit 12 which is a review lesson.

**Computers:** We continue to improve our typing, and word processing skills.

**Music:** Students will be learning to hold an instrument, clean it, and make a sound followed by their first few notes during the next few weeks.

**French Grade 4, 4/5 & 5**

Students can begin bringing in props, costumes and supplies in preparations for their performances in French class.



Subject	6	'6/7'	7	8
Homeroom	Book orders are due on Friday.			
Math	We have begun our new unit on fractions. Integer tests will be returned this week and need to be signed and corrected.	Grade 6 is currently working on a fractions unit. Integer tests will be returned this week and need to be signed and corrected. Grade 7 has a test scheduled for Tuesday, November 24 on the fraction unit. The next unit is Rational Numbers.	Our fractions test is tomorrow. A study sheet has been provided.	Tests need to be signed (full signature, not just initials) and corrected for tomorrow.
Bible	Tests need to be signed (full signature, not just initials) and returned for tomorrow.	Test for the first unit was today, the next unit is called The Setting of God's Story. New memory work is due Dec. 9, 2 Timothy 3:16-17	Memory work for the new unit: Isaiah 55:2b-4,6-7. This week we will be doing the worksheets called "Dead Sea Scrolls" and we will visit the ROM to view them. Stars for the bulletin board should be handed in Tuesday. Any unfinished or missed class work is homework.	Bible assignment # 2 - visit of another church is due anytime before Christmas holidays.
Language Arts	We have started our novel study on Where The Red Fern Grows. Please keep up with the daily readings and come prepared for reading comprehension quizzes. Book report planning sheets have been handed out and the posters are due Monday, December 14. Spelling Tuesdays, please remember that your homework is due every Tuesday - no exceptions!	<b>Guided Reading:</b> "Camp X" SECTION 3 work is due Tuesday. The next section of the novel will be due next Tuesday.  <b>WWW:</b> Extreme Grammar 8& 8A are due Thursday (we are at the ROM on Wed). Journals due Tuesday.	<b>Guided Reading:</b> Beginning of Wisdom questions & crossword are due Thursday.  <b>WWW:</b> Journals are due Tuesday. Grammar pp.31-40 is due Thursday (we are at the ROM on Wed).	<b>Guided Reading:</b> Art inspired poem is due next Tuesday  <b>WWW:</b> Enrichment: "Eats, Shoots, & Leaves part 4 is due Nov. 24  <b>Writing:</b> Story Planning & plot graph are due Nov 26.
Science	MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL YOUR MATERIALS TO BUILD YOUR TIDAL BASIN MODELS ON TUES. REMEMBER, YOUR GROUP IS COUNTING ON YOU!	Investigation write-up for this activity will be due next Tuesday. Each group is responsible for typing up and submitting one group copy plus a diagram but each student must have a copy for their notes	Signed Science test due this Thursday.	Signed Science Test results are due this Thursday. "Teach The Class a New Trick" and "What's Up" Assignments will be discussed this week. Microorganisms, Computer lab assignments is due at the end of class on Friday. Flash Drive-all students are required to have a flash drive to save their work on. Please remember to bring your flash drive to school each day.
History-Geography	There are no assignments due at this time.	We have started a unit about the Middle Ages. Check the agenda for any homework.		
French	Students can begin bringing in props, costumes and supplies in preparations for their performances and should be memorizing their parts this week.		Book report due this Monday. At the end of the month students will be reading their reports to the class.	Signed French Test results are due by Thursday. Book Report summary is due by the end of class on Friday. Students will be given class time to work on their reports.
Phys. Ed.				
Music	Students should continue to practice. New Practice journal began on November 15. Playing test Nov 27 on Christmas band music.			



Book Fair - Dec 2, 3 & 4