

Theme:

*"Wise Up: Wise
Words From
Proverbs"*

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THUNDER BAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Our Mission:

To serve God and assist Christian families *by*:

- providing a quality, Christ-centered education within a loving environment,
- exploring and evaluating all of life under God,
- nurturing students in the development of their abilities,
- encouraging a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Eagles' Eye

The insert of the quarterly Newsletter is the **Eagles' Eye**, which is published by the high school students as part of their curriculum.

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Greetings TBCS,

This past year I wrote about project based learning as a different approach for how we deliver curriculum to our students. Before we can explore that possibility, we need to review our curriculum and ensure that we are meeting expectations. Therefore, over the course of this year, our educators will be meeting regularly to review our Language Arts (English-Oral, Reading, Writing, and Media Literacy) curriculum. We will be going though it slowly and deeply.

If I were to say; for example, what does Reading 1.3 say and how well are we assessing its development? I would expect our teachers to know or be able to find the answer.

1.3 Comprehension Strategies

– the student will identify a variety of reading comprehension strategies and use them appropriately before, during, and after reading to understand increasingly complex texts. (Grade 7)

I believe as educators, we should be able to identify a number of examples throughout our many subjects where this is taking place. We should also share tools (assessment strategies) with each other. Our aim is to equip our students with tools that allows them to grow and monitor their own learning. In order to make this happen, we need to be talking with each other so that we know what is expected of our students at the



beginning of the year and where they need to be for the next. As a result, this will and has become the focal point of our teacher meetings and early release days.

Once we have a good foundation of this, we then can begin the process of seeing how different 'programs' could enhance the learning process for our students.

Shalom,
Andy Alblas

T.B.C.S. WELCOMES NEW STAFF

Miss Marnie Rekman:



I came to Thunder Bay from Sarnia and this is my sixth year of teaching. My previous experience in teaching includes destinations such as Honduras and Cameroon, and also places a little closer to home in Wyoming and Sarnia. Teaching internationally was great as it provided the opportunity to learn a new language, travel, and make great friends. Now I am so excited to be teaching at TBCS! I love spending each day with the students, as they learn, make friends, and discover God's wonderful world. I am so thankful for the welcoming community of TBCS, you have been an encouragement during these first few months of school.

Mrs. Lorrie Dykstra:



I am a Personal Support Worker at T.B.C.S. supporting a child in Gr. 1. I have over 20 years experience working with children with special needs. I am a Registered Early Childhood Educator. I am currently working on my diploma in Resource Teaching Early Interventionist through Seneca College. I am a Certified Fair Start Screener and have an interest in children diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

I have been married to Michael Dykstra for 20 years and we have four children. Three have graduated from T.B.C.S. and one is currently in Grade 7. I am an active member of First C.R.C.

I enjoy walking, hiking and biking. I also enjoy watching my children participate in sports activities. I love to bake/cook as well.

Mrs. Diana Hamilton:



Diana grew up in Georgetown, in a home where two languages were spoken –English and Dutch. She has always been immersed in the stories and culture associated with her Dutch heritage. By the time Diana was in Grade 6 at Georgetown District Christian School, she had also found a love and appreciation for the French language, and the culture and heritage it represents in Canada. Diana chose to study French all the way through her years at Toronto District Christian High School and thoroughly enjoyed her Grade 12 class trip to Quebec City. In 2005, Diana began studying at Redeemer University College, where she met her husband, Joe, on their very first day. Two and a half years later they were married. In 2010, Diana graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, which includes a French minor, as well as a Bachelor of Education. Diana and Joe spent the last three years living in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Diana was blessed to have the opportunity to gain experience as a substitute teacher, resource support teacher and tutor during those years. This summer, Diana was thrilled to move back to her home and native land, and to the beautiful city of Thunder Bay!

Diana is very excited to be joining the TBCS community! She is eagerly anticipating being able to share the richness of the French language, as well as the culture and 'Canadian-ness' it brings to our students!

Mrs. Erin Voortman:



I am Erin Voortman and am excited to be back in the classroom in more of a regular capacity. I attended TBCS from K-8 as a student and had my first teaching job here in 2000 teaching grade 8. After that I headed west to California where I taught at Ontario Christian Middle School for five years teaching grade 7 and 8 math (pre algebra and algebra). When our first child was born I decided to stay home and we moved back "home" to Thunder Bay. Ontario Christian Schools (in California) conveniently launched it's online program at this time and offering me the job of teaching the online math courses (jr high and high school). I have been doing that since 2006 and still teach online to this day. I have been a substitute at TBCS since 2006 as well and am happy to be teaching HS math here now as well.

NARNIA

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Performance Date – May 2, 2014

As you may know, this year Thunder Bay Christian School is presenting The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe on May 2, 2014. Students and staff are working hard to ensure that this year's production is a success, but we can't do it alone.

We need your help! Time is a factor and we are looking for people willing to donate their time to the construction of sets, painting of backdrops, face painting, sewing costumes, and/or whatever your area of expertise may be. As well, items are needed to make all of this possible.

Props Needed:

(Please mark all items with your name and pick them up immediately after the performance)

- a light-weight professor style desk
- fake or real house plants (large, medium or small)
- a book shelf (shelves)
- metal clothes rack/hanger (the long portable kind)
- a small table with 2 chairs (like a child's art table)
- artificial Christmas trees (various sizes)
- an old wooden table-low enough that it can be sat at with pillows
- an old metal camping kettle (2)
- large throw pillows (big enough to sit on)
- a tent (not a dome tent-the older kind)
- fake weapons (swords, bows and arrows, shields, etc.)
- a sleigh (on wheels) or long toboggan
- stone statues of animals
- make up (for actors/actresses)
- fur coats
- a sewing machine
- coffee table
- framed art
- lamp post
- spray snow-in a can
- fake snow
- newspaper
- throne-type chairs
- royal looking flags
- fishing rods
- fake fire place (2)
- flour (paper mache)

Costumes Needed:

- Red, Yellow, Blue and Green material (enough to make 8 sashes, ties and 4 capes)
- fur coat (1 white)
- 4 shields
- bow and arrows
- horns on a headband
- fake beards
- 2 white dresses
- 2 crowns
- elf hats
- cloak for Father Christmas
- Lion costume
- garden gloves (10 pairs)



PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2013



All You Can Eat

PANCAKE

Breakfast & Bake Sale

November 2, 2013, 7:30 - 11:00am

Hosted by the Grade 8 Students
to raise funds for Toronto Trip

Family - \$25, Adult - \$6, Under 13 - \$4, Under 3 - Free

A tax donation receipt will be given to
amounts exceeding \$10 of the cost of breakfast.



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37 Cooper Road, off Hwy 130
next to the OPP station

BAZAAR AND AUCTION 2013

*Auction Food Deals Flea Market Games Beef On A Bun BGGuns Schlockey
Fundraising Volunteers Toy Room Kitchen Gymnasium Silent Auction Smoked
Fish Delectable Desserts Bazaars Games Sales Bazaar
Bottles Auctioneer Shoot Nail
Hammering Thursday Friday Competition Friends Bidding Donations Goologons
Toonie Bags Booster Club
Chocolate Milk Persians Smoked Sausage Theme Boxes Winners Tradition
Pies Holland Auctioneer Hockey Shoot Nail
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BAZAAR & AUCTION

Join us for delicious food deals galore and exciting games!
Thursday, November 21, Doors open at 7:00 pm
Friday, November 22, Doors open at 6:00 pm
Auction with over 100 items starts at 8:00 pm Friday
FREE ADMISSION!

TBCS ADMINISTRATION

Principal - Mr. A. Alblas

Administrative Assistant - Mrs. G. Boyes

Secretary - Mrs. J. Bakker