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The Informer

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God Answers Prayer!

Philippians 4:6

Prayer for Our New Principal

Dear God, we thank you for our KCS family and for Mr. Reid who has served us so faithfully. Be with us as we work together to find the new principal that you have chosen for us. May all we say and do bring you glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, February 8 – Gift Card Order Form Due by 8:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 8 – Hot Lunch (Chicken Burger)
- Wednesday, February 8 – Junior Coed Basketball Practice After School from 3:10-4:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 10 – Praise Time at 8:40 a.m.
- Friday, February 10 – KCS Dessert Evening & Silent Auction (Preview: 6:30 p.m.)**
- Thursday, February 16 – KCS Intention Form Due
- Friday, February 17 – PA Day – No School
- Monday, February 20 – Family Day – No School

THIS IS THE WEEK WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!!! Friday is our Dessert Evening and Silent Auction. Tickets (\$20) are still available in the office and at the door. Preview of auction items are at 6:30 p.m. The Auction and dessert portion starts at 7:00 p.m.

Remember that each family is asked to donate an item to the auction. Items are being collected now in the main office. Please include your item description in the auction binder located in the main office.

There are two reasons we run this dessert/auction evening. Firstly, we depend on fundraising for the school budget in order to keep tuition low. Secondly, this evening is an opportunity to meet other parents and KCS supporters, and enjoy great food and entertainment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- Grace DeVries, grade 2 February 6
- Stephanie Dickison, grade 2 February 7

Autumn Collins, grade 4 February 9

A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES AND STUDENTS Last week we had two new families and four new students join the KCS community. A warm welcome to David and Nancy Dick and their children Rachel and Owen in grade 7, Jeff and Ann Hall and their daughter Abby in JK (and son Noah in the nursery school), and to Calvin Cho in grade 7, who joins us from Korea.

A KCS INTENTION FORM is attached to the Informer. Please take some time to read the memo, fill out the form on the reverse side of the memo, and return it to the school office mailbox by Thursday, February 16. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Mr. Reid or Mrs. Minnema. Thank you.

GIFT CARD ORDERS We have a gift card for almost anywhere you need to shop including groceries, gas and restaurants. And just a reminder that February 14th is Valentine's day

and maybe your "sweetie" would appreciate a gift card from one of our many retailers. Support the school by completing the attached form and submitting it with payment on Wednesday morning by 8:30 a.m. Your order can be picked up by the school office on Friday after school. Thank you for participating!

JUNIOR COED BASKETBALL practices are this week Monday and Friday at lunch recess and Wednesday after school.

LEGO ROBOTICS The Lego Robotics team hosted a very successful mini-tournament last Tuesday evening. Students, parents, teachers, and principals from various schools in the Limestone District School Board attended the event. It was a great opportunity for students to practice their programming and share design ideas. Thank you very much to the parents who helped to make the evening a success.

ATTENTION PIANO STUDENTS Lessons will take place Wednesday of this week and next for all Mrs. Hamilton's Tuesday students, due to musical auditions.

GRADE 7 AND 8 MINI ENRICHMENT PROGRAM **Wednesday and Thursday, February, 22 and 23, 2012** - Grade 7 & 8 Students: You are invited! Come and experience a taste of high school at Quinte Christian High. Each two-day workshop is designed to provide a new experience in learning for you – a mini-enrichment experience. Come and make friends with students from other schools in the area. Meet and get to know some of our friendly and highly trained staff. Give your taste buds a workout with a free lunch and snacks each day from Mrs. French's kitchen. Registrations are filling up fast. Give us a call 613-968-7870.

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS INFORMER

1. KCS Intention Form & Memo to Parents
2. Gift Card Order Form

WORK FOR THE WEEK

NURSERY SCHOOL

- Conservation Area Trip: Feb. 8 & 9
- Book Orders Due: Feb 15 & 16
- Make Up Class: Friday, Feb. 24

- Music & Movement: Feb. 22 & 23

JK/SK

- Kindergarten would like to welcome Abby Hall to JK. It is wonderful to have a new friend in our class. Please add Abby to your Valentine card list.
- The letter sounds we learned last week were "y", "ew", "ir", and "ur".
- The SK words we learned last week were "car", "go", "green", and "new".
- Just a reminder to send water bottles every day with your child.
- Also please ensure your child has an extra pair of mittens each day. With the weather we have been having, getting wet is an every day occurrence.
- A new SK memory verse was sent home separately today.
- I hope to see all of you at the Dessert and Silent Auction Night this Friday, February 10. It is a fun social time, and a great time to get to know one another on a different level.
- Please stay tuned for a notice regarding our next field trip which will be sent home shortly.

GRADE 1/2

- **Speeches:** The time has finally arrived for speech presentations in our class. We were off to a strong start today. Morning speeches begin at 9:00 a.m. and afternoon ones begin at 1:00 p.m. Four students from our class will be chosen on Friday to compete with four students from Mr. Daw's class on Monday February 13th at 1:00.
- **Spelling:** Gr. 1: Short "o". Gr. 2: Consonant digraphs "sh" and "th". "Th" is the rude brother who sticks his tongue out and says "th". "Sh" is the brother who likes it to be quiet and he says "sh". There are a total of four brothers, the other two we will discuss next week. I find this analogy a fun way to help the children remember these digraphs.
- **Math:** Gr. 1: Will continue working on number facts to 15. Gr. 2: Subtraction with regrouping.
- **SES:** Today we looked at buoyancy. Ask your child about the experiments we did today. We are having a lot of fun with this unit!

GRADE 2/3

- **Language:** This week students will be saying their speeches in the morning on Monday and Tuesday, so our language block will be a little off for the start of the week. Spelling and grammar lessons will run as usual, and new word work lists will still be assigned on Monday.
- **Spelling:** Lesson 19 workbook pages are due on Wednesday with dictation on Friday. Note: students who do not achieve a score of at least 16/20 have been advised to arrange a re-dictation at home; students have not been taking advantage of this opportunity. Grammar: Unit 17 (gr. 3) 18 (gr. 2) due on Friday. Book report #2 is due February 16.
- **Math:** We have been working on multiplication using addition. Many students would benefit from practicing skip counting by 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10. Start from 0 and continue to work towards fluency up to 100. When counting becomes automatic, try beginning at 1 instead of 0.
- **SES:** A test review was sent home for our birds unit test on Friday. The test will take place on February 14. Please start reviewing this handout. We will begin a new unit on Canada this week
- **Bible:** Our study of 2 Samuel continues and should wrap up early next week. Proverbs 19:17 is this week's memory verse and students will say it by next Monday.
- **Scholastic:** February order forms are due by Friday.
- **Music:** Recorder Tests will be postponed as auditions for the musical are taking place in the afternoon.
- **Musical Auditions for acting / singing will be held tomorrow at 1pm for students in grades 3-8. Please prepare three selected lines from the script for the acting and learn the two solos handed out for the singing. Be sure that you have signed up on the gym doors. We will start the auditions with Grade 8 and work down the grades. The next audition day will be the following Tuesday at the same time. Break a leg!**

GRADE 4

- **Spelling:** Lesson 21 exercises and dictation are due Friday.

- **Grammar:** Unit 21 exercises are due Thursday.
- **Bible Memory work:** Bible memory work correspondence is Ephesians 2:8-10, and the due date is Wed., Feb 15. We will be having a test on Tues. Feb 21 on *Saul and David*.
- **Book Reports:** Two book reports are due on Feb. 24. Forms are always available in the book report basket above the lunch cubbies.
- **Science:** Birds unit test is this Thursday, Feb. 9. A review sheet will be completed in class today and should come home with the students tonight.
- **Writing:** Don't be alarmed if your child comes home with ink on his/her thumbs. Yes, I have fingerprinted each student, but not for a criminal bank! We will be using each thumbprint to create a special, personalized poem.
- **Birds:** We have been patiently working on paper mache birds, and will begin painting them today. Parents, you will be amazed by the fine motor skills of your children!
- **Music:** A permission slip will be coming home today. Next Tuesday, we will be going to the Grande Theatre to end our Symphony (Rhythm and Rhyme) Unit. Please see the information on the slip and email me at hhealey56@gmail.com if you are able to drive. There are only 14 students, so I will take the first 3-4 parents. Thanks!
- **Musical Auditions for acting / singing will be held tomorrow at 1pm. Please prepare three selected lines from the script for the acting and learn the two solos handed out for the singing. Be sure that you have signed up on the gym doors. We will start the auditions with Grade 8 and work down the grades. The next audition day will be the following Tuesday at the same time. Break a leg!**

GRADE 5/6

- Bible - Mem. Vs - Feb. 24th
- Math - Quiz on Problem Solving - Wed; Daily Activities
- Spelling - Lesson 18 - Friday
- Grammar - Lesson 14 - Thursday
- Literature - Lit. Circle Goals - Friday; Term Two Book Report - Feb. 27th
- Science - Quiz on Properties of Air - Tuesday. We are starting the Principles of

Flight this week!

- French - Page 12 - Tuesday
- *Scholastic Orders are due tomorrow (cheques only, please!)
- *Homework Slips were sent home on Friday.
- *Progress Envelopes are coming home today. Please review, empty, and sign
- **Musical Auditions for acting / singing will be held tomorrow at 1pm. Please prepare three selected lines from the script for the acting and learn the two solos handed out for the singing. Be sure that you have signed up on the gym doors. We will start the auditions with Grade 8 and work down the grades. The next audition day will be the following Tuesday at the same time. Break a leg!**
- Quinte Christian High School is holding an Open House for Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 parents this Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 pm.

GRADE 7/8

- Our first ever Lego Robotics Tournament at KCS last Tuesday, January 31st was a great success. Thank you to Sue Hedley who organized and coordinated the event. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our school. Thank you to Tim Salomons who gave technical support throughout the day and during the evening.
- **Math:** Students are working on unit 7, which focuses on percent for both grades.
- **Bible:** We will be continuing to read the account of Joseph's life in the Bible over the next week.
- **Science:** Today we made thermometers, an event that was to happen last week but was postponed. Our unit will be wrapping up soon.
- **History:** The project on the First Nation's People was due today, Monday, February 6th. The second part of this unit deals with the arrival of the Europeans to the new World. We will continue to study the French and English explorations and conflicts in the New World.
- **Gym:** We will be continuing our unit on basketball this week in gym.
- Please make sure that the agendas come back and forth each day.
- I would like to make a trip to Fabric Land after school Thursday to pick up materials for

our puppets. If you are willing to drive, please give me a call.

- **Stained Glass Project:** The grade 8's have begun work on stained glass mosaic window panes that will be their gift to the school when they graduate. Individual panes will be inserted and grouted into large 6-pane window frames that will be hung permanently in the crush area windows. Our theme is *Creation*, and each pane depicts a scene from the creation story. This project has been in the planning since November, with designing the pictures, collecting the glass and supplies, etc. I would like to thank Meghan Visser, who has donated the frames and glass, lent her tools, and come in to help introduce the project to the students. Thanks also to Mrs. Cahill who has been stripping the old frames to ready them for new paint. On Wednesday morning we will working on this project from 8:45-10:00 and 10:30-11:15. I am inviting parents of the grade 8 grads to join us, as we hope to have each parent contribute some time to this project along with their son/daughter. If you cannot make it at any time on Wed. morning, please contact me so that we can arrange another time that would be convenient for you.
- **Field trip:** Please remember to send in the permission form and fee for the Agnes Etherington Art Center field trip tomorrow morning.
- **Music:** Test on Drama Terms – Thursday
- **Musical Auditions for acting / singing will be held tomorrow at 1pm. Please prepare three selected lines from the script for the acting and learn the two solos handed out for the singing. Be sure that you have signed up on the gym doors. We will start the auditions with Grade 8 and work down the grades. The next audition day will be the following Tuesday at the same time. Break a leg!**

Parent Information Nights:

- **Quinte Christian High School** is holding an Open House for Grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 parents this Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 pm.
- **Holy Cross Catholic High School** is holding a parent and student Information Night on Wednesday, February 15.
- **Bayridge Secondary School** grade 8 visit day is this Wednesday, February 8 from 12:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Parent Information Night is Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00 p.m.

