



PRINCIPAL'S PEN

This past weekend was an interesting one for me. On Friday during the day, our water pump stopped working. After having a plumber look at it, we realized we needed a new tank as well. This work is being done today. That means we went through a weekend without water. Up until now I can honestly tell you I have taken water for granted. It is something that I have simply expected to be there whenever I needed it. The reason I bring this up is because this attitude about water led me to reflect on my relationship with God. Our family has routines as I am sure many of yours do. Activities like praying before and after eating, reading the Bible after dinner and singing a few praise songs before bed time occur regularly in our home. The caution is to make sure that these continue to be genuine activities instead of simply routine. With my family, for example, it is important that when we pray, we are doing so because we love our heavenly Father and rely on Him, not simply because "it's what we do." I read through 1John 4:15, 16 this morning. It states "If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us." Relying on God's love means that we need it and depend on it. This week, I encourage you to look at and consider the "routines" you have in your homes and make sure that you are not taking the gift of being a child of God for granted.

Mission Statement:
PCSS operates a fully integrated and financially stable Christian community learning center seeking to meet the needs of those it serves.

Vision Statement:
PCSS seeks to promote the development of a Christ-centered worldview in its students by providing an environment of excellence, which fosters personal achievement, all within a nurturing Christian community.

Special Membership Meeting
Monday, September 28th 7:30 p.m.
Please plan to attend!



FROM THE OFFICE...

Pizza Forms are due this week (Friday is the last day to order). Pizza day will be the last Wednesday of the month. If you lost your form, please come to the office. Problems with payment?? feel free to come to me.

School Spirit Days - on our Pizza days, we will also observe fun days. This month the grade eight students picked "Fake Injury Day". Next month another class will pick the theme. Students will however, still need to be able to do their work (in spite of their fake injury).

After School Sports - Parents please make sure that you are here at 4:30 to pick up your students. Please show respect for our coaches and teachers by being prompt. We may have to look into putting students who are still here after 4:45 in the CARE program. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Siblings of students at Sports practices - since we can not expect the coaches and teachers to baby-sit siblings of students participating in sports, these students need to be picked up by an adult or sent to the CARE room. Again students standing at 3:45 will automatically go to the CARE room.

Adopt a Room - If you would like to come in once a week to clean student's desks, please speak to your child's teacher. This can be done before school, after school or during lunch recess. Thanks so much for helping with this.



FROM THE CLASSROOM...

KINDERGARTEN NEWS—MRS. HERDER & MRS. SMALE

We're looking forward to another great week in Kindergarten. Tuesday is Library Day so remember to return your books (a must before taking out another one). The green group will need to bring in a Show/Tell item for Tuesday and a Secret Sack item on Wednesday. This week the Secret Sack letter is "Aa". If you could bring in an item to represent each sound (long and short vowel sound) that would be great (i.e. apples, apron). We'll also start a unit on colour. Look on your calendar to see what colour to wear for each colour day. This week we'll explore red and yellow. We'll also continue to sort a variety of items in the classroom. We had fun with my

grandma's buttons last week. Encourage your child to sort items at home. They are very good at this! Lastly, we are really looking forward to our trip to the apple orchard on Thursday. We'll all wear red to the orchard....just for fun! Thanks to the many parents who will be joining us for this trip. Believe me, this is a very parent friendly trip....with time to shop (without the kids), in the market, gift shop or winery. Most of the trip money has come in. If you haven't sent your money in yet please do so a.s.a.p. The cost is \$6.00 for students. Adults....FREE. P.S. You might want to start thinking of a great idea for next Wednesday Sept. 30th which happens to be our first monthly Spirit Day. Next Wednesday the school will have some fun with "Fake Injury Day". What "FAKE" injury will you have? Have a great week and enjoy being one of God's precious children.

GRADE ONE/TWO—MRS. WILEY

Welcome to week 3 of grade 1/2--WOW!
This week we continue our study of trees. Learning about "photosynthesis" and "chlorophyll" in relation to trees.
Discussing the Fall in Bible
Graphing data in Math and beginning addition
Enjoying stories from home in Language
Memory Work: Psalm 19:1&2

Spelling Words:
Gr 1--can the see look l---AN word family--ant tree
Gr 2--what that come have like---IKE word family--trees maple
Animal of the Week on Thursdays=Alligator/crocodile
Library day on Wednesdays
Math books need to be returned on Thursday mornings.

GRADE TWO/THREE—MR. MOON & MRS. OUSSOREN

Welcome to Week 3.
Scripture Memory: Isaiah 55:6-7 Due Thursday, October 1
Word Wall Words: Grade 2 : people, every, sister, were, found
Grade 3 : community, people, into, who, then
Challenge Words: ecology, oxygen, humus, biologist, magnificent

This week we continue to learn about God's amazing creation by studying leaves. In order to do that we need a large collection of a variety of leaves. Could students please bring in a minimum of 10 leaves to use and to share. Students also need to bring in an old toothbrush that they can use for painting. Please have leaves and toothbrush at school by Wednesday. Thank you!

GRADE FOUR—MRS. WILSON

Welcome to another great week in grade 4! You should have received our first study guide page. It came home on Friday. It includes our spelling words, Memory Work and other important news from grade 4. Students should begin working on their Canada Backpack project.

return to the school for the afternoon.
Friday - Canada project (items list and story list are due), Spelling Lesson #1 test

This week:
Tuesday - Topic due for Canada project
Wednesday - X-country Run - Wear your Rhema t-shirt, dress for the weather, and bring a portable lunch. We

Next week:
Practice week for your Canada project, Memory work test on Oct. 2 (Books of the Old Testament)

GRADE FIVE—MR. VOSKAMP

Grade 5 - What a great start to the year! Thanks! This week we'll be finishing off our first unit in Math. There will be a test later on in the week. Spelling Unit 3 this week - quiz on Friday.

footwear for phys-ed. Start memorizing your memory verses Deut. 6:4-9. Test date is next Wednesday, September 30 (that is the day after the soccer tournament). There will be a supply teacher in on Wednesday for students that are not participating in the cross country run.

Grade 5-6: Health questions are due Tuesday. Hopefully you've had enough time to do a great job with them. Please remember proper

GRADE SIX—MRS. COVERT

Grade 6: should study Spelling spectrum list two:
Test: Mon. Sept. 28: observe, practicing, practising, equipment, sore, wealthy, finished, investigate, raft, September, cabinet, patio, ripe, frost, central, testament, events, garages, melt, bulbs, forward, observation, wealthier, controlling, stipulate, investment

1 John 3:1a Tues. Oct. 6

Grade 6/7 Tues: Bible Quiz: open book, open bible: Timeline, Promises Kept, Promises Given, God's Faithfulness

M.W.: 1 John 3:1a and Psalm 136 to be tested: Tuesday, Oct. 6

GRADE SEVEN—MR. SAVOY / MR. OUSSOREN

I hope everyone enjoyed the incredible weather this weekend! Thursday in math, we will be writing a quiz on the least common multiple, the greatest common factor and exponents. Details on next week's camping trip will be coming home tomorrow. Don't forget that the regional Cross Country meet is this Wednesday!

Bible Quiz: open book, open bible: Timeline, Promises Kept, Promises Given, God's Faithfulness

M.W.: 1 John 3:1a and Psalm 136 to be tested: Tuesday, Oct. 6

History: Reading on Jacques Cartier and maps due Wednesday. Quiz on Wednesday.

GRADE EIGHT—MR. OUSSOREN / MR. SAVOY

Some due dates to remember this week.
History: Reading on Jacques Cartier and maps due on Tuesday
Quiz on European Explorers to Canada: Tuesday
Bible: Creation art due Wednesday
Art: 2-pt perspective due Friday
Keep your eye on our website for more information.

On Thursday, we will be writing a quiz on estimating square roots and order of operations.

SPORTS NEWS

Boys 7&8 soccer continues this week. Tuesday and Thursday 3:30-4:30

X-Country is on Wednesday, September 23rd!

Catholic League Soccer Tournament is on Tuesday, September 29th at Beavermeade.

C.A.R.E.

Did you know that CARE is a great place to leave younger siblings when your older students have sports practice? They will be escorted to the program by their teacher. Once they arrive they will have a healthy snack, get homework started (or even finished!) and play in the gym or in the classroom. And parents, you only have to come to the school once! Please contact Mrs.

Voskamp at extension 217, or by email at care@rhema.ca if you would like to enrol your children.



RHEMA CARES

If you are interested in praying at the school, please call Juliet at 652-9699 or come Mon or Tues. at 8:30 to the CARE room. IF you want to pray Fri. call me.

30th Anniversary Question of the Month for September

What is the total number of students that have graduated from Rhema Christian School from 1979 up to and including last year? One more week to answer this question. Prize will be given to one of the qualifying correctly answered submissions.

Unsubstantiated facts about the 1500s: Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water!"



BOARD & COMMITTEE NEWS

Mon. Sept. 28—Special Membership Mtg. 7:30 p.m.

Next BOT meeting - Wed. Oct. 7th

Walkathon Date - Saturday, October 3rd

From the Nominations Committee: Sanj Sukumaran, Kim Elliott, Jennifer VanLeeuwen

The Nominations Committee is beginning to prepare a slate of **nominees for election to the Board of Trustees** to be held at the General Membership Meeting November 12, 2009. As per our By-Laws, the Nominations Committee shall nominate at least one qualified member for each vacancy on the BOT. Other candidates can be nominated to the BOT by at least two members of the PCSS. Nominations coming to the BOT from the PCSS membership should be received no later than October 15 (4 weeks prior to the Membership Meeting). Nominees shall have been PCSS members for one year prior to the election and be >20 years old.

If you are interested in serving on the BOT, please find some people to nominate you and present your name to the BOT. If you suspect someone would make an excellent addition to the BOT, but you do not wish to nominate them, please pass the name on to the nominating committee. If you are approached by the Nominations Committee, please prayerfully consider letting your name stand for election. All PCSS members have declared their commitment to Christian Education. **In order for a Christian School such as Rhema to function, we need to have a full complement of Board members.** As you become more involved at Rhema, it is not only the school that benefits! P.S. The Nominations Committee has room for two more PCSS members - let us know if you are interested in joining this committee.

Notice: Special meeting of the General Membership of the Peterborough Christian School Society on **Monday, September 28, 2009, 7:30 pm at Rhema**

Please do your utmost to attend this meeting. The Board will provide information on the financial situation and strategic plan and will be seeking approval to increase our line of credit. We have a time sensitive opportunity to increase our line of credit by \$25,000. Increasing our line of credit will allow for smooth functioning of the school during periods of cash flow strain prior to such time as money comes in from our fundraisers. We start paying our school expenses in August, but our two main fundraisers occur in October (walkathon) and April (dinner auction). Because we are still carrying the deficit from last year on our line of credit, we do not have the usual credit cushion to use until funds come in. Some families chose to pay their tuition upfront to alleviate the cash flow situation and that is also helpful.

At the General Meeting, you will hear a presentation from our treasurer prior to the vote on the line of credit increase. After that, the Marketing Committee will present information on their initiatives including the planned redesign of our rhema.ca website by Page Design And Print. Then the Fundraising Committee will present on some of their plans for the year. There will be childcare provided. Up to date lists of committee members will be available on this evening. See you there!



OPPORTUNITY CORNER

Piano lessons are being offered for students enrolled in the after school CARE program for an additional fee. Lesson schedules are being set this week, so if you are interested, please contact Mrs.Voskamp at care@rhema.ca or at ext.#217.

Mr. V. has **cleaned out his garage** (well, almost) and has discovered an abundance of hockey gear. If you have a child in need of some equipment (skates, shin guards, shoulder pads etc.) give him an email at pdvoskamp@hotmail.com or talk to him in person and we'll see what we can do to suit you up. Mr. V also has a kitchen table with six chairs for sale. The legs are white and the table top/chair seats are a lighter wood. It is a great set for \$100 or he'll trade it for a small freezer. 876 6911.

FOR SALE: 2004 Toyota Matrix. Metallic blue, 94,000 kms, automatic transmission, AM/FM/CD, power locks, roof rack with bike attachment. Great condition! \$10,500 Call 741-1384 if interested.

Scholastic

September Scholastic Orders are due tomorrow. If you have not had a chance, check out the flyers. There are lots of great deals. Please remember cheques only.

We are still looking for a volunteer Scholastic Coordinator. If you are interested call Cindy Ferguson 742-7537. One of the perks is you will be able to see all the great deals first.

FLOWER BULBS: Interested in buying bulbs for fall planting (Tulips, Crocuses, Daffodils, Alliums, Lilies, etc)? Talk to a grade 8 student. They are selling flower bulbs as a fundraiser for their year-end trip!