



June 9, 2010

Theme: "Helping all to Serve" (H.A.T.S.)

News #37

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up. And we urge you, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each and to everyone else."

1 Thessalonians 5:11a, 14 & 15

Calendar of Events:

June 10	-	JK Year End Celebration - 2:30 p.m.
June 11	-	Grade 5 & 6 Trip to African Lion Safari
June 14	-	SK Class Trip to CloverMead Apiaries/Pinafore Park
June 15	-	Grade 1,2,3,4 Class Trip to Brantford Zoo and Mohawk Park
June 17	-	Grade 8 Graduation
June 18	-	Last day of School (½ day); SK Graduation



From Mrs. Baird's Desk:

The following is a letter from our Art Specialist, Mrs. Peggy DeVries.

The Art of Transformation

It is June and we are approaching the end of another year at STCCS. As we look back on this year we are made aware of the growth that has taken place in our students, in our lives, and in our community. In our quieter moments, we reflect and thank God for facilitating those changes.

As an Art Specialist, I am thankful for having had the opportunity to grow, personally, this year. I launched a whole new unit, and learned many things along the way. We, as a classroom community, also grew and in the process of stretching, experienced the delight of new discoveries. We learned that Art is not just a craft meant to decorate our environment, but it is a powerful tool of communication. We learned that Ecology and Art are not that far apart. We also discovered that everyday there are creatures in our neighbourhood who are struggling to survive and need human intervention to help restore them to their God given purpose. It was good to learn that a local organization, "Salthaven", has been very involved in rehabilitating wildlife and in educating the local communities about the need to protect wildlife in this area.

As an artist and art teacher, I am always interested in finding ways to make a difference for God in this world through art. This year, the Grade 5 and 6 class at STCCS was able to make a difference in the following ways:

1. We encouraged the appreciation of artistic expression in our community by selling \$1046.00 worth of student art within less than a week.
2. We supported efforts to protect and rehabilitate wildlife in this area by donating \$264.80 to Salthaven Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Centre.
3. We contributed to the health of our environment by using recycled materials in our artwork.
4. We supported small business in Canada by choosing a small, family owned and operated, Canadian

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company to print our materials.

Thank you, parents, STCCS supporters, and friends, for helping us to make a difference! We give God thanks.

Peggy DeVries, on behalf of STCCS

GENERAL:

- * **Strawberry Social After Grade 8 Graduation** - We need 2 to 3 parents to help serve strawberries and ice-cream after the graduation at Fellowship Church and clean up afterwards. Please call Aukje DeVries (631-6107) or Judy at the office if you are willing and able to lend a hand.

- * **Track and Field:** Congratulations to all the track and field participants! All the athletes worked very hard and were more than ready to compete at District. A very big “thank you” to all the volunteers that helped with practices!! We could not have done this without you. Special recognition goes to the athletes that received ribbons at District Wednesday morning: Riley Noordham, 1st in high jump (new district record); Braydon Vandenbor, 3rd in ball throw; Devin VandenBrink, 4th in 800 m.; and Natalie DeBoer, 5th in high jump. Way to go St.Thomas! Thank you also to our coaches Mrs. VandenBrink and Mr. VanderKooi for all their time and hard work with the team.

- * **STCCS Pause to Play...Turn Off the Screens Week** - Thank you to all who participated in our ‘Pause to Play...Turn Off the Screens Week.’ Many house points were earned and we hope the students enjoyed playing outside and engaging in different activities for the week.

- * **Camps and Other Church Events** - From time to time, the office receives pamphlets and brochures from area churches and camps for school aged children. If you are interested in perusing them, please drop in the office and pick up the info.

- * **Yearbooks** - Don’t forget to place your order for your book of memories of this past school year! The yearbooks will be in colour and are a beautiful keepsake! **Order deadline has been extended to this Friday, June 11th.** Cost is \$25 per year book. This year we are starting a new format of having the yearbook PRE-ORDERED and paid in advance in order to help us budget what we need. Thank you!

- * **PICTURES NEEDED** - As the school year is coming closer to an end, the yearbook is in need of your pictures. .. pictures of class trips, school events, sporting events, programs, the play, track and field day. Start compiling great shots you have taken over the year and it could end up in the yearbook. In June, please leave a CD or memory card with your pictures in the office. Thanks so much for your help. If you have any questions, please talk to Linda Koopman (519-633-9802 or lindakoopman14@hotmail.com).

- * **CERTIFICATE ORDERS** - Certificates will continue on until the end of the school year with the last pickup on Wednesday, June 16. In the summer we will have ONE certificate day on August 4th, so please plan your June and August orders accordingly. We will then start up certificates again on September 8. If you would like to have your email address added to our Grocery/Certificate reminder list, please send an email to lindakoopman14@hotmail.com requesting to be put on the list. Thanks so much! If you have any questions, please contact Linda at 519-633-9802.
STCCS Certificates - Please remember that orders are to be placed Monday before 7 p.m.
<http://stthomaschristian.org/Certificates/>

- * **Winner of School Scavenger Hunt** - is the grade 1 and 2 class. Congratulations!!

- * **2010 International Plowing Match** - STCCS and Immanuel Christian School are joining together for the upcoming Plowing Match. The Plowing Match will be held September 21-25, 2010 right here in St Thomas. For this event to be a HUGE fundraising success we need your HELP! We will need volunteers to help at the food booth, help set up/take down the booth, help make pies prior to the event, babysit for others who wish to help at the booth, donate money to go towards expenses, clean up dishes each evening after the plowing match, and probably more! We are splitting the costs and funds raised 50/50 which also means we are splitting the work for the event 50/50. Contact: Sylvia VMS if you wish to help in any way. 519-488-5107 or gscheppink@amtelecom.net. Feel free to contact now with days/times you are available to help. We hope to make pies as the fruit is in season.
- * **Library Books** - ALL books are now due. Parents, please return your child's books asap. Thank you!
- * **Fun Passes** - The Ministry of Tourism and Culture is pleased to once again offer the Fun Pass for 2010. This year's fun pass provides one free child's admission, with one paid adult or senior's admission, to enable every child 14 and under to visit the province's best attractions this summer. (June 26 to Sept. 6, 2010). Each student will be receiving a fun pass package today. Enjoy our province's great attractions!
- * **Share Our Vision:** We thank everyone who so generously gave to this year's annual fundraising drive. To date we have received \$26,585. Above all, we thank the Lord for again showing us His faithfulness.

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. BAKER

We continue our discussions about "Setting and Reaching Goals." The JK students are learning that they must work hard to reach their goals. Every time they work on their goal, they get to colour in some of their circle on their respective goal charts. Would you help your child work on his/her goal at home too? It would also be interesting for your child to hear about your goals too!

Our class is looking forward to our "**End of the Year JK Celebration.**" Please invite your friends and relatives to come tomorrow, Thursday, June 10 at 2:30 p.m. as we thank God for the blessing of a wonderful year in JK. Especially remember to invite your friends who may want to know more about our JK program.

Next week:

Class Party on **Thursday, June 17** at Mrs. Baker's house. We will leave for our field trip at 10:00 a.m. and return by 3:30 p.m. Please bring sunscreen, bathing suits, and hats. Please leave your lunch at home as a picnic lunch is being provided.



SENIOR KINDERGARTEN - MRS. VANDENBRINK

Our end of year class trip is scheduled for Monday, June 14. A note about this went home on Monday - please fill it out and send it to school with \$1 by this Friday. Remember to send a **car seat** to school on Monday. We are finishing up a few units in SK this week: working with pennies and dimes, our third reader, hearing ending sounds in words, separating and joining sounds to make words, ants, and stories about Moses.

Handy Helpers: Fri., June 11 — **Keegan**; Mon., June 14 — **Lauren**; Wed., June 16 — **Seth**; Fri., June 18 — **Tiffany**



GRADE 1 & 2 - MRS. DEWEGER

Lots of exciting events are happening our class! We won the Scavenger Hunt yesterday! This means our class receives a free pizza and ice cream lunch! This lunch will be scheduled for **Wednesday of next week**. Weather permitting, our annual Summer Fun Day will be next Thursday. Student folders/work will start coming home on Monday.

Grade 2 has a general spelling test on Friday. Word lists will be sent home today. Grade 1 will take their sight word books home again on Friday.

Class Trip News for Gr.1 & 2, 3 & 4: The following parents are on the list for driving on Tuesday: J. Koopman, K. Raymond, J. Vannoord, C. Kuiper, A. Pennings, S. DeVries, A. Drenth. Thank you again to the many parents who volunteered - we just can't take everybody!

*****Please note:** On the letter home, it indicated a splash pad is at the park. Upon further investigation, it turns out the splash pad is very small and geared to younger children. If we do use it, it will have to be small groups on a rotating basis.

GRADE 3 & 4 - MR. VANDER KOOI

The students in Grades 3 and 4 have really been enjoying the novel "They Called us Loyalists." We have spent time reading the novel as well as exploring pioneer life in the late 1700s. This week we have been building a pioneer village and every student has chosen to construct something that you would see in the village. We have everything from a blacksmith shop to a bakery in our town. We will wrap up this novel today and have a comprehension quiz tomorrow. In Math we are studying probability and it has been exciting to do all kinds of experiments with spinners, dice, and random draws. We will enjoy playing *Yahtzee* later this week to reinforce the concept of chance! Next week we look forward to going to the Twin Valley Zoo in Brantford. Please see the note about drivers under the grade 1 and 2 above.

GRADE 5 & 6 - MS. SAARLOOS

We are winding down the year and getting finished with the last of our projects and tests. Thank you to you all for your dedication in helping your children prepare for these assignments and for helping them finish the year on a high note. Please also check with your child to see if there are any **overdue/missing assignments** that need to be handed in. **No overdue assignments will be accepted after June 11**, so please get them in on time!! On another note, we are very excited to be going on our ***class trip to African Lion Safari*** this Friday! We already have enough parent drivers. Thank you so much for volunteering to spend the day with us! We hope to arrive back at school between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., so please make arrangements to pick up your child from school at that time.



Our ***last day of school, Friday, June 18***, we are going to be celebrating with games and snacks. In class we will decide what each student is able to contribute to the festivities.

Schedule:

Thursday, June 10 - MW: John 1:12-14; Final copy of Trickster story; grammar final review due.

Friday, June 11 - Last chance to get in corrected tests and incomplete assignments; class trip to African Lion Safari.

Safari.

GRADE 7 & 8 - MRS. MIEDEMA

It's hard to believe that we are almost finished the second last week of school. For the grade eights, there is only one week left. It is extremely busy in our class with last minute assignments to finish. Education does not stop. Students are challenged daily with new information. Of course, graduation plans must be worked on. The grade sevens are working on their "goodbye" presentation to the grade eights and the grade eights are very busy working on speeches, presentations, and decorations for the grad dinner. Never a dull moment!

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Remember to tell them that STCCS sent you!