

The Inside Track

A newsletter for Families of The King's School

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Hello Everyone,

Can you believe we are already planning for Christmas and fall is already a memory? Fall was packed with Cross-Country meets, Volleyball games and practices, Challenge the Hill, The Terry Fox Run, Bake sales, Hot lunches, a Remembrance Day Assembly, and more! We want to thank you in particular for attending the Parent-Teacher Interviews at the end of November and your continued support and partnership.

The K-8 Christmas Concert on Wednesday was definitely one of the highlights of this school year. A special thank you once again to Mrs. Horner and Mrs. Wiebe for putting together such a fine evening and for leading the students all semester while imparting the many skills in the Creative Arts curriculum. Thank you to all parents, friends and family who attended the evening.

We are all looking forward to enjoying time with our family and friends over the Christmas Break and I know our students are excited for this very special time of the year. From all the staff at The King's School we wish you and your loved ones a very merry Christmas! May you find His peace, love and joy in the coming New Year.

Suzan Zielke, Principal

\$1600.00+!

Little bits and bigger bits add up to quite the sum!

Thank you for everyone who supported the meat/cheese/veggie/coffee fundraiser. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers too who came to sort and bag it all on Monday. Through the combined efforts of everyone involved, just over sixteen hundred dollars was raised towards the missions trip and graduation. Terrific!

BETHLEHEM LIVE!

A living nativity performed right here at Gateway Church December 10 through 13. Free performances on Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday running every 30 minutes. Performance hours posted online:

www.bethlehemlive.com

Looking ahead:

Thursday, December 10

All School Early Dismissal
2:30 pm

** NOTE: There is no after school care today **

December 10 through December 13

Gateway Church presents:
"Bethlehem Live!"

(Performance times on next page)

Friday, December 11

NO SCHOOL
(Professional Development Day)

December 21 through January 3

NO SCHOOL
(Christmas Break)

Monday, January 4

First day of Class

Tuesday, January 19

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Bulletin Board



Memories of...

The King's School invites you to attend our annual Kindergarten to Grade 8 Christmas Concert

A festive celebration of the birth of Christ through
song and radio drama

Wednesday, December 2
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



You are invited to a

Christmas Piano Concert



With the Students of Julia Todd including those from The King's School piano program and those taught privately. There will be a variety of styles and grade levels from beginner to advanced including Classical, Modern, Jazz and Christmas Carols.

Donwood Manor

Sunday Dec 6th 2015

3:00pm

Snacks to follow  *All Welcome*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT RECAP

The absolute adorable factor kicked off the evening with the Kindergarten students presenting their songs. As if they were not already cute enough on their own, they amped it up all wrapped up as gifts!

Early Years Students with their amazing choral performances took the evening to a lovely crescendo.

When was the last time you heard a radio drama? How unique for a performing arts component! Special mention should go to the Grade 3 and 4 combined choir for their hard work preparing their special pieces where their attention to harmonies and timing was terrific.

Those candy canes just flew off the garlands by the end of the evening. Thank you to Pam Kreis and the Parent Advisory Council and volunteers for their work on the Candy Cane Fundraiser. We look forward to hearing the news on what items were purchased for the classrooms!

Early Years

Preschool – Grade 4

Teachers by Grade

Preschool

We are busy working through the letters of the week and just finished a study on the 7 days of creation. Tell your neighbours: we are accepting applications for the Monday/Wednesday program for January or February.

Grade 1

The Grade 1 class is working through the Christmas story during our Bible classes. We will read, write and illustrate stories about the Christmas events.

Grade 2

The grade 2 class has been busy writing about their family Christmas traditions and sharing them with the class. They have enjoyed making a variety of Christmas crafts to decorate our classroom.

Grade 3

The Grade 3 class began their unit on Ancient Egypt last week. As part of the field trip to the Manitoba Museum we had a program on Ancient Egypt, where the presenters were delighted and impressed at all the information the students already knew. Each student began the process of making a carrot mummy. We are now waiting the 70 days to see what our carrots will look like before we design their coffins. We will be comparing what the Ancient Egyptians believed about death with our own beliefs and traditions. We have already discovered that we have a much greater hope because we go to heaven if we have accepted Jesus and we don't need to supply anything for our afterlife.

Grade 4

In LA we have just begun studying the novel Shiloh which tells the heartwarming story of a young boy named Marty who befriends a dog named Shiloh and has to make many redemptive life choices. As a Christmas activity we will do pictures from the book First Night which tells the nativity story in amazing paintings.

Christmas Concert 2015



From the Vice Principal

Dear Parents,

November has been a busy month for report cards, teachers meeting with you for P/T interviews, the Remembrance Day service and preparation for this week's Christmas concert.

It has been a real blessing to see students helping fill shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and allow their hearts open to meet others' needs, as well.

Our assemblies for the next several weeks will highlight the 4 weeks of Advent in preparation for Christmas; which our classrooms will soon reflect. We are busy doing Christmas art, decorating, and relating much of our studies to Christmas time. Please keep in mind some of the activities we will be taking part in and will be asking for your help volunteering in the classrooms.

On December 16, we will be going to Concordia Place to present a Christmas program of singing and presenting cards to the seniors. It will be a great opportunity to bless others. On December 17, we plan on making our annual gingerbread houses. Lots of parent volunteers are very much needed and very much appreciated. Blessings to you all as you celebrate Christmas with your families. Serving you, Mrs. Dyck

Kindergarten Corner

In the kindergarten class, November has been a busy month of learning about colours, shapes, fall, and getting ready for winter. We went on a wonderful field trip to Fort Whyte Alive where we saw many animals from Manitoba. The children learned and acted out how animals and plants get ready for winter. In art, they made some beautiful wreaths and poppies for Remembrance Day. They are currently learning what secondary colours are created when they mix two primary colours together. They have been learning how sin began in the world and how God's plan can save us. We have been practicing the verses Matthew 6:33 and Proverbs 3:5-6. The students have also been memorizing the poems, "Colours" and "Sing A Rainbow".

We look forward to the next few weeks which will be in the gingerbread theme. We will be doing lots of Christmas activities about our Savior's birth while learning about counting, ordering, and estimating in math. Reading themed books and of course decorating gingerbread cookies for celebrating Christmas, will be the highlight!

Middle Years Grades 5 - 8

A word from the Vice-Principal of Middle Years



Manitoba Education and Training has created a website for students in grade 5 to 8 in the areas of mathematics and science. Your student can click on the button that indicates their grade and start to explore interactive websites that will help them to review and better understand the concepts they are covering in class. I encourage you to check it out with your student(s). The link is: <http://www.manitoba.ca/mylearningathome/>

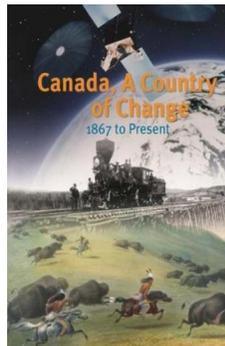
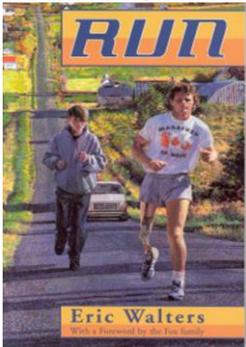
Blessings,

Miss DaSilva, Grade 6 Teacher and 5-8 Vice Principal

CANADIAN HISTORY COMPONENTS

The grade 6 class has finished reading the novel, Run, by Canadian novelist Eric Walters. This novel for young readers chronicles the journey of Terry Fox and the Marathon of Hope. It blends fact and fiction as students read about Terry and a fictional character, Winston, who is inspired by the determination of Terry and his friend Doug, to achieve what seems to be an impossible goal.

Students worked through a novel study this term along with journal writing, reading comprehension and spelling work. Each student is also writing a biography on Terry Fox which will be completed using the Chromebooks.



In social studies students started the year reviewing the provinces, territories and capital cities of Canada. Students have begun to use our textbook, Canada, A Country of Change, 1867 to Present. Our curriculum is a foundation for the Canadian history studied in high school. We have begun to explore the main features that make up our government and the basic way it functions in Canada.



House of Commons



The Senate

This month's Middle Years spotlight on: Grade 6

ALGAE AND LAPTOPS

We have been busy in Grade 6 learning about the diversity of life on our planet and in our own backyard. We have explored the diversity of life on our school property through projects and experiments and have discovered how our own Lake Winnipeg has been changing in recent years through increased algae growth!

Chromebooks have been an excellent addition to our Grade 6 classroom and have allowed us to conduct research, watch educational videos and complete assignments in google docs. We are discovering the many different ways that google classroom can help us learn.

We have explored a variety of techniques in our Doodle Art unit to create signature pieces, cityscapes and a diversity of life drawing.

High School

Grades 9-12

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Parents and Guardians who came out to Technology night.

Thank you also to everyone who took the initiative to participate in Parent-Teacher interviews! Having Parents engage in these mid-term meetings is not only helpful to the education of the students, but it also is both encouraging and useful for the Teachers too as they prepare for the second leg of the term.

STUCO

Student Council is planning a number of events for the last week of classes before Christmas break. There will be a surprise event on December 18th... Details to be released in the High School shortly!

ATHLETICS

We are pleased to announce the formation of both a Varsity Girls Basketball team and a Varsity Boys Basketball team for 2016!

Coaches are in place and practices are underway for an exciting season commencing January 2016.

AHEAD

Grade 12 Provincial English Exam: January 11-14
TKS High School Exams: February 1-5
Semester 2 classes begin: February 8

MEXICO TRIP UPDATE

Lunches were held at Gateway Church Panet and South congregations in the month of November featuring delicious chicken enchilada soup, corn muffins, and cupcakes. Cactus arrangements were sold through a generous partnership with Brad Mastervick and Thunder Cacti. Close to enough money to build the house has come in, through tireless efforts of some key parents, and the missions students. The team is now working hard on preparing for the evangelism portion of the trip. Please pray for smooth travels, health and safety, and above all, effective and strategic encounters with Jesus as our team travels and works.

Upcoming Mexico Planning Date to Note: Notary meeting December 8 at 7:00pm
All payments are due now. Travel dates are January 6-13, 2016

A WAVE IS COMING

Various High School students have taken the initiative to set aside their break times each day to pursue God through worship and prayer. The times have been rich and meaningful and students have been creating an atmosphere for encountering our loving God who is always ready to love, forgive, encourage and embrace all of those who call on His name. They are experiencing the relationship of a loving God and have testimonies of what they are encountering.

SCRIPTURE VERSE THIS MONTH:

II Timothy 3:14-17

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."