

Kootenay Christian Academy Newsletter

October 4, 2011

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*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.
Psalm 107:1*

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5 - Loving Your Kids on Purpose parenting workshop @ 7 pm
- Oct. 10 - Thanksgiving (no classes)
- Oct. 11 - KCA hosts gr. 5/6 boys volleyball
- Oct. 14 - Individual Photos
- Oct. 14 - Interim reports
- Oct. 18 @ - PSG meeting at 12 noon
- Oct. 18 - KCA hosts gr. 5/6 girls volleyball
- Oct. 21 - Professional Development Day (no classes)
- Oct. 24 - AGM at KCA Preschool campus
- Oct. 25 - Gr. 6 chapel
- Nov. 8 - Picture retakes, KCA hosts gr. 5/6 girls volleyball

Volleyball

Volleyball coaches for this season are as follows:

Gr. 5/6 Boys - Miss Einarson
Gr. 5/6 Girls - Miss Bain
Gr. 7-9 Girls & Boys - Mr. & Mrs. van der Roest

Practice times are as follows:

Gr. 5/6 Boys & Girls - Mon. & Wed. 3-4 pm
Gr. 7-9 Girls & Boys - Tues. & Thurs. 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Game schedules for grades 5/6 have already been sent home. Please feel free to come out and cheer on our teams!

Drama Club

Mrs. Abrey, our esteemed drama director, is looking for wooden picnic tables with detachable benches and medieval costumes and props for the middle school Christmas production. If you can help her out, please contact her at the school or email her at nabrey@kccademy.ca

Thank you, Supervisors!

Parents, we want you to know that you are appreciated! Every time you pray for or volunteer at the school, you make a huge difference. Yours is a ministry of love and support so vital to the lives of our students and staff. If you are looking to be involved in supervision, please contact Nadine Abrey or the school office. Praise the Lord for so many parents who want to help us with supervision!

Thank you so much!

Cold Weather

The weather has been more summer-like lately, but remember that fall is upon us; and the mornings will be getting frosty soon enough. Please ensure that your child comes dressed for the weather. Even if it is supposed to be a warm day, the mornings can still be quite chilly. Children should have warm coats and even a pair of mitts. Thank you! Hopefully, snow pants will not be necessary for a little while.



Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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*Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.
James 1:12*



PSG Chocolate Sale Fundraiser

Our Parent Support Group has launched its annual chocolate sale. Chocolates have been distributed. Each student needs to sell TWO cases. Our preschool students are also participating in this fundraiser. If we sell all our chocolates, the profit will be over \$5500! The money will go towards purchasing SMART boards for 1 or 2 classrooms. Money needs to be returned by Oct. 11 (after Thanksgiving). Thank you for doing your part in helping raise money for our school and HAPPY SELLING!

Communicable Diseases

If your child has any communicable disease such as lice, pink eye, measles, chicken pox, etc., please inform the school immediately as this is public health protocol. Students who are infectious will not be permitted at school. Please also keep your child at home if he/she is coughing and/or sneezing a lot. These precautions are in place to minimize the spread of sicknesses and keep our school community as healthy as possible. Continue to go over proper hand washing, nose blowing/sneezing and coughing techniques with your child to help limit the spread of colds and flues. Thank you for keeping your child at home when he/she is feeling lousy.

Operation Christmas Child

We are encouraging families to participate in Operation Christmas Child with their churches this year. However, if you do not have a church family and would like a box, we will have them available in the office. Full boxes can be dropped at KCA before Nov. 4, and we will pass them on to the Cranbrook Alliance Church to be ready for transportation. Please do try to participate in this very worthwhile activity.

Library Classes

Library classes have begun. Every Wednesday, students will be able to take out a book from the library during their class time. Students will receive a book bag to use during the school year. Students are responsible for their own book and bag. Book bags are to protect the library books from being damaged. Students are to return their books every Wednesday. I have the greatest job! I get to spend time with your kids! God has blessed KCA with great students!

Blessings

Mrs. Spyksma
KCA Librarian

Verification Sheets

Please ensure that you have returned the "Verification Form". This is an important form as it enables us to contact you in case of emergency and with important information. Thank you! Also, we are looking for grandparent contact information. If you have not done so, please contact the school office with this so we can keep grandparents informed about their grandchildren (even if they live out of town).

KCA Alumni

Madison Lee and Rebecca Pommier will be going to Uganda with Gary Toyota and a group of people to help *His Hope Uganda*. They will be building a home and two pit latrines. Please pray for these alumni as they travel and serve others.

Study Hall

Study Hall happens every Monday through Thursday from 3 pm to 4 pm. Miss Einarson is our Study Hall supervisor this year. Study Hall is located in portable one, Mr. V's portable. **Study Hall is available only for students with homework;** those without work to do and a study hall slip from their teacher WILL BE SENT HOME. Thank you for your cooperation.

Harvest Hoe-Down

Calling all ye cowpokes!! We're rounding y'all up for a night of fun, family and friends for the first ever "Harvest Hoe-Down"!! This is an evening for all community families with preschool to elementary aged children to come and enjoy games, treats, animals, music and more! Please come on out to this FREE event and be ready to have FUN! The doors open at 4:30 pm on OCTOBER 31st, and y'all can come and go as ya

please 'til 7:30 pm. This "Harvest Hoe-Down" will be hosted out of the Cranbrook Alliance Church gym. Whether you come dressed up or not, come ready to have a family-good time! See y'all there :) Note: If anyone is interested in getting involved in this event, please contact Carol Conroy at 417-0997 or call the Cranbrook Alliance church office. Thanks!



Development

The Development Committee is comprised of some staff, parents, and board members. Currently the committee members are Pete Spyksma, Sue Spyksma, Wendy Zurrin, Frances Miles, Jodine Toorenburgh, and Tracey Sabbagh. This committee meets once a month and is responsible for some fundraising events, advertising, and promoting KCA in our community. Our focus right now is on the directory/yearbook and newsletter fundraisers. We also plan special events like the Fall Family Potluck, the Grandparent Tea, and the Pastor Appreciation Brunch. If you have ideas for this committee to consider, please talk with Sue Spyksma.

KCA Board Update

This is a new monthly installment to keep you informed of some of the board's activities and decisions. A maintenance person has been hired to oversee ongoing maintenance needs at our preschool campus. Our plans for the new school have been updated and will be available for viewing at the **Annual General Meeting on October 24**. KCA has been given a school bus and we are working to get it properly licensed and approved for use. Jeff Crozier retired from the KCA Board after many years of faithful service, and Dave Heidt has been elected as the new Chairman.

Chapel

Chapels this year will again be the last Tuesday of each month at 1:45 pm with the exception of our Remembrance Day chapel which will be Nov. 10 at 1:45 pm. Everyone is invited to attend our chapel services to worship with us and learn a spiritual truth. Each classroom and teacher take turns organizing and preparing for one chapel every year. Please join us this month on Tuesday, October 25 at 1:45 pm in the gym when Miss Mungello, Mrs. Bettcher and the grade 6 class host chapel. Remember to allow your children to bring an offering for our Compassion Canada sponsor children and to help build a well for another Christian school in Sierra Leone.

Parking and Entrance

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in leaving the first 8 parking spots (north of the fire hydrant and spruce trees) for Cranbrook Alliance Church staff and business visitors. This includes drop off and pick up times.

There is no KCA parking along the curb in front of the school and church or in the circle by the church's main doors.

This is either reserved for the church or daycare or a no parking zone.

No one should enter the school through the main church doors. Always enter and exit KCA from the main school entrance. Thank you for your cooperation!





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Annual General Meeting

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Annual General Meeting. The AGM takes place on Monday, October 24 at 7 pm at our KCA Preschool campus. The address is 629 6th St. NW (across from BC Hydro). The AGM is a time that you, the parent, have a say in the direction of the school. Mr. Bob Conroy will be seeking election to our KCA board this year. So please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Refreshments and vouchers for 2012/2013 tuition will be available. See you there!

Toys

Please do not allow your children to bring toys to school. It becomes a problem on the playground when the toys either get broken or taken. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Fall Family Potluck

Thank you to all who took the time to attend our annual Fall Family Potluck. We had just over 70 people gather together to share some food and fellowship. What a wonderful time!

Campbell's Labels and Canadian Tire \$

The Campbell's Labels for Education program and Canadian Tire money are great ways to get FREE stuff for our school. Participating is easy - just save your Canadian Tire money and labels from participating Campbell's products and send them to school with your children. We have been able to purchase sports equipment, preschool toys and office supplies in the past.

KCA Annual Coin Drive

Start saving your coins! KCA Coin Drive will be Oct. 31-Nov. 4, 2011. Students have chosen to use the coin drive money for sports equipment and the new school. Containers will be available to collect change in each classroom; the class that collects the most money wins a party! Last year we collected \$1021.43; let's see if we can do even better this year!

Parent Support Group

Parent Support Group meets on October 18 at 12 noon. There will also be Parents in Prayer every Friday morning at 8:40 in the staff room.



Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.
Psalm 100:4-5