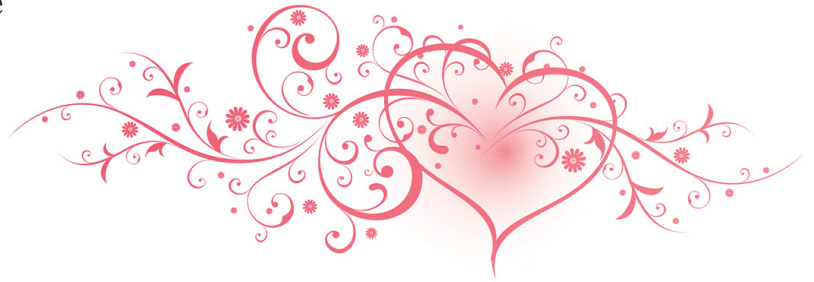


THE COMMUNICATOR

Board Editorial—by Todd Skipper

As we start the month of February, our thoughts turn towards Valentine's Day and the different ways to celebrate it and what it means to the world. Love is so distorted in the world and so many people spend their lives searching for true love and what the definition of that is. Following are three forms of love and definitions of it.



Apao represents the divine love of God toward His Son. John 15:13 says, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." Jesus Himself showed this kind of love throughout His lifetime, continually giving of Himself and His time and energies to serve others and ultimately offering up His life as a sacrifice for all of humanity. This is the kind of love we need to show in our lives.

Phileo is a type of impulsive love. This is the natural, human type of love and affection that we have for a friend and is often defined as brotherly love.

Eros refers to desire. True love isn't focused on you, but is focused on others. True love is described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails"

This February and throughout the year, may we show Christ's love to the people we interact with each day. Helping them to see the true source of love, being Jesus Christ and that He did lay down His life for us.

Give thanks

TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD;

HIS LOVE *endures forever.* Psalm 136:1

*In this edition, please enjoy
the Limericks created by
the Grade 5 and 6*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT— The Love Chapter – A Road Map for Daily Living

It is weird how some memories stick with you. I find that I sometimes have vivid memories of specific things but not of all the circumstances around it. And yet, the memories shape who I am. When I was in grade 8, our school was putting on some sort of concert – what type of concert is a detail I don't remember. Our class was going to sing but several of us, including me, were not selected for the choir and were given other roles. About six of us were assigned memorizing and reciting 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter. To this day, the words of that chapter still resonate in my mind and I try to live it out in my life at school.

I just finished teaching a lesson to my Bible class where we discussed the saying “you will be remembered more for what you do than what you say”. We wondered if that was true and if so, why were our actions so powerful? 1 Corinthians 13 speaks of a tension regarding living out one's faith. Here it says that you can have all sorts of special gifts or accomplish great things, but if you don't have love and show love, it is meaningless. Love, and how we express it to others, is what gives our actions meaning. As teachers, we can try to teach all sorts of knowledge and skills, but it won't impact the lives of our students unless we wrap it in love. Our students must know that we love them. Without love, our words will be nothing more than a resounding gong or clanging symbol. We will have accomplished nothing.

Love shows itself in many ways in our school day. We strive to love our students by showing them kindness and patience, we supervise them to protect them, we develop trust with them, we see potential in each child and we have hopes for how they will serve God with their gifts. We also show them love by trying to avoid certain behaviours toward them such as we try not to show envy, we try not to boast, we try not to get angry and we try not to keep track of wrongs. And day after day, we persevere because we know that our students may not reach their full potential for many years. Over everything we teach, we put on love which binds all our efforts together in unity (Col 3:14).

Love never fails. Even though we strive to do our best, we often fall short. As we grow in our relationships on earth, they are never perfect – a mere reflection of what they could be. But as we persevere with love toward each other and toward God, as we mature in relationships, the picture becomes clearer and clearer. Love allows us to know God more fully.

1 Corinthians 13 has shaped how I interact with students. Who would have guessed that as a little boy in grade 8, the love chapter would have made such an impact on my life? Who would have guessed that memorizing that chapter many years ago would create a road map for years to come and for my career relationships? Love never fails – it is the greatest!

~~Ed Boelens





We have had a difficult few months as a school community with several families impacted by sickness and health concerns as well as one family that has lost their husband and father. We know the Lord holds us in the palm of His hand and we trust that he is faithful through these struggles. The Board is grateful for the caring LCS community as it has reached out in prayer and service to the affected families. Please pray for the Kikkerts, the Thalens, and the Johnstons. As a result of his daughter's illness, we regret to inform you that Jim Thalen has resigned from his position as a board member. We

hope to fill the position soon.

Reviewing our current facility has been part of the Strategic Plan since 2014/15. This year we have been reviewing options presented by the Facility Enhancement ad hoc committee as we pursue developing a facility to best meet our vision for education and enrolment needs. We are researching a few possibilities but do not have a clear direction as yet. The membership is receiving updates on this process regularly. Please pray for guidance for the board as we consider these options.

Additionally, the updated constitution has been sent to a lawyer for review, and we continue our work on the Strategic Plan and policy reviews.

Thank you for your continued support of Listowel Christian School!

- Christina Benjamins, Acting Board Secretary

Listowel Christian School would like to thank all our loyal and generous donors, who supported us during the Annual Budget Drive. The Lord blessed us abundantly with donations totaling \$122,000, which included \$14,500 in memberships. We thank and praise God for His tremendous blessings!

THANK YOU!!

There once was a big brown bear
That got stuck in a tiny tiny chair.
He finally got out
Using a big water spout,
But saw that he lost lots of hair.

By Samuel

There was once a boy named Bob
Who was always called a big slob
He loved his cat
Who was really fat
And it's favourite thing to drink was pop.

By Malcolm

There once were two boys from North Bay
Who loved to play in the hay
The piles weren't small
They had a great fall
Their mothers they did not obey.

By Ben

There once was a hive with some bees
That spent all their time drawing smileys
They made some hums
And beat on their drums
And then went home to eat some cheese.

By Tyson

There once was a horse named Blazer
Who was a very good grazer.
A girl jumped on his back
And gave him a smack
But Blazer found he couldn't raise her.

By Elizabeth

School Theme: Go Fish!

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Matthew 4:19

LCS ACTIVITIES



Team Events:

The Grade 7-8 class continues to find interesting events, but it is harder than you may think. Firstly, the age range of the students who will participate must be considered. Then, we must consider the capabilities of the students, and how much they will enjoy taking part in the given event. We actually spend a great amount of time as a class discussing what events we might be able to do. We tend to have very in-depth sessions in which we "lose track" of time, but in the process actually generate some very good ideas.

We all especially enjoy the "lose track of time" part as it means we don't have to do as much work. But, on our behalf (and to preserve the dignity of Mr.Boelens) I will state that even though we enjoy the lack of bookwork, it is still a good amount of work to come up with events. Whether that is in a heated debate over the pros and cons of two events, or simply coming up with a better event to do, there is actually a great amount of effort put forth to make our events fun, as well as much effort on behalf of Mr. Boelens to make them happen.

Thus, Ryan and I would like to commend the Grade 7/8 class on their efforts, and thank Mr.Boelens for making our plans happen.

Since our last Communicator, we have competed in a "Whacky Christmas Clothes" competition, where points were awarded to teams who participated the most, as well as the best dressed teams. This was probably one of the most participant-oriented events of the year, and the task of making a wacky outfit was quite enjoyable.

More recently, we competed in a split of dodgeball and pyramid building. Grades four through eight made human pyramids, while Grades three through SK played dodgeball. This was a thoroughly enjoyed event on behalf of both the younger and older groups. While there is room for some fine tuning, this event went splendidly.

Throughout team events, points are awarded for each place. Since first place gets 1 point and last place gets 6 in each competition, the lower the score the better. Unfortunately, this means that Brunei (which is both Ryan's and my team) is currently in last place. But, we have put forth our best effort, and had a blast doing it. And that's all that really matters to us this year.

So far the standings are:	Sri Lanka:	13 pts	Grenada:	18 pts
	Malta:	15 pts	Tongo:	16 pts
	Fiji:	15 pts	Brunei:	28 pts

Story by Anthonie Johnston and Ryan TenHove



Said the cow stranded high in a tree,
Would you please get me down Mr. Bee
Farmer Dale Oh he laughed at the sight
When the tree gave a crack what a fright,
Then came down the fat cow on Dale's knee.
By Kenneth

There once was a Hippo named Cally
Who lived with a girl named Sally
Who bathed in the tub
And shrunk to a stub
So Cally kicked Sally out into the alley.
By Leah

There once was a bear named Ben
Who really liked his spacious den
When he took off a shoe
His paws turned blue
Because he always had to write stuff in pen.
By Boe

I know a girl who has dimples.
And a face full of pimples.
She hid her face.
She thought it was a disgrace.
But hiding her face wasn't always simple.
By Krista

There once was a man named Rick
Who could do a very cool trick
He could stand on his head
While sleeping in bed
Until one day he got really sick.
By Cole

There once was a cute little girl,
She had an adorable squirrel,
She called it Loom,
He was living in her room,
Because on his tail he had a cute curl.
By Ciara

There once was a boy named Randy
Whose pockets were always filled with candy
He was very sweet
But had smelly feet
That were also very sandy.
By Reese

There once was a boy named Force
He likes to ride on his horse
He went to the park
Until it was dark
And couldn't find his way home, of course.
By Gracie

There once was a girl named Wendy,
She always tried to dress trendy,
She fell in a hole
And made friends with a mole
And the mole's ankles were bendy.
By Brett

There once was a man named Tyrone
Who loved to call friends on the phone.
His mom stopped it all,
He could not make a call,
Until he bought a phone of his own.
By Alan

There once was an arctic fox
He had a lot of matching sox
He went to his drawer
But saw no more
So he needed to buy one more box.
By Nathan

There once was a girl on her new bike
She went on a very, very long hike
She got stuck in the mud
She fell down with a thud
That was a trip she would never ever like.
By Deanna



Mission: LCS is a growing elementary school through excellence in Christian education in a nurturing environment supported by a diverse Christian community.

Our vision is that the vibrant community of Listowel Christian School will expand its relationships with the broader community through engaging our students in educational endeavors which puts their faith into action.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

LCS Spring Auction 2017—March 31, 2017

6:00PM Dinner and Silent Auction Begin

7:30PM Live Auction Begins

Come on out, savour the food, enjoy the fellowship, join in the bidding, go home with an item or two...

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Auction!



New: "LCS Buy and Sell" on Facebook, a place where you can sell your stuff and donate money (all or part) to the school. Please search for this group if you haven't been added yet and of course then invite all your family and friends! If you post an item for sale and more people reply as interested, first one to reply "interested" gets first in line. If you sell something you can send the money to the school office in an envelope marked: "LCS Buy and Sell".

LCS Annual

Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 27, 2017



Gift Card Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who purchases gift cards! Gift cards can be pre-ordered on a monthly basis.

Order forms are available from the school office (office@listowelchristianschool.ca) or by contacting Martine (519-275-1236).

Thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 17—Edifide PD Day (no school)
- Feb. 20—Family Day (no school)
- March 3—Basketball Tournament in Waterloo
- March 4—LCS Open House/Information Morning (9am—12noon)
- March 13—17—March Break (no school)
- March 31—Spring Auction
- April 24 — Spring Membership Meeting



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