

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

Our report cards and Parent-Teacher conferences are behind us and we are now entering our last two weeks before Christmas. The focus of these weeks will be our Christmas musical. Mrs. Wright has been busy teaching songs and actions and preparing the voices of the choirs. Mrs. Bakker has also been busy preparing the actors, encouraging them to memorize their lines, preparing them for their positioning on stage and their timing. A lot of work and practice goes into their preparation. This week we will add a new dimension to it all – a new space in the new gym and on the new stage. Hopefully students will be able to focus on the musical!

It is also my prayer that, amid the busyness of the Christmas musical and the excitement of being in the new gym, we remember the gift of Jesus Christ. A newborn baby, born to this world for us. Yes, for us. Not that God needed to, but that he chose to, he wanted to. What a gift.

Surely this Christmas season we will also be sharing gifts with each other. I hope we are able to maintain the same spirit that God had, sharing a gift not because we need to, but because we choose to, we want to.

Next week Tuesday we will be sharing our performances with you. There will be two shows, one at 1:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. We are excited to share with you our celebration of the gift of Christmas – not because we need to but because we choose to, we want to. Come and join us!

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**LCS Supporters:** The new clothing line is only available until the end of next week! Show our LCS love by sporting some new clothing. Check out the performance hoodies, coats, winter hats, Under Armour hoodies, polos and many other options! Items may be purchased online or through an order form. Please contact Adrienne Drost for more information (kadrost@gmail.com). Online store: <https://www.creativecasuals.com/custom-programs> *Cheques are made payable to Creative Casuals.*

For adult and children clothing items use these login credentials:

User Name: listowelschool Password: christian

For more adult clothing items use these login credentials:

Username: listowelstaff Password: christianschool

**Last minute FundScrip Gift Card orders** can be placed by Sunday, December 16 **at midnight**. Delivery is set for Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Janel Hiemstra at 519-749-5263 or email [giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com](mailto:giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com).

**Our Christmas Musical “We 3 Spies”** will be presented on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and 7:00pm.

Please pray for good health for all involved, good weather on December 18<sup>th</sup> and that the true message of Christmas will come across clearly. We are excited to share the musical with you!

**Choir Attire** for the musical for students in grades 1-8: a plain white shirt (t-shirt or dress shirt), a pre-tied necktie and black or dark dress pants. (There will be a few extra neckties here at school for those who do not have one). Please have these ready for our Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> dress rehearsal day. The hats we are using are plastic we've noticed they create some static electricity especially for those with long hair (think Science Centre electricity ball!). Tips to help lessen the static electricity on performance day: use a bit of hair product, do some braids, tie back your hair or wipe a dryer sheet on your hair.

**Musical refreshments:** **All families please provide 1 dozen** cookies or squares (peanut/tree nut free). Goodies may be homemade or store bought. **Items can be brought to the school kitchen on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Child Development Learning Lab (for children under the age of 7):** The University of Waterloo has requested our participation in their child development learning lab. They would like to spend a few minutes with each child

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under the age of 7, to better understand how children understand the world around them. Letters of explanation and permission forms went home last week, to families with children in the requested age range. Please read them over carefully and return your signed permission form as soon as possible. Once we have all the returned permission forms, a visit date will be established.

**Almonds and Poinsettias:** Thank you to everyone for making the Almond and Poinsettia sales go so smoothly. Thanks to Mrs. Rastorfer for picking up the pastries. Thanks to Mrs. Bootsma, Mrs. Siebenga, Mrs. VanderKlippe, and Mrs. Wagler for your careful attention to sorting the orders. Well done!

**School Skating:** The first day of the winter skating program takes place on Friday, December 21 This is considered part of the physical education program at LCS, so all children are expected to participate. The ice is rented at the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex (965 Binning St. W) and the children are bussed over for one hour of skating. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come and join us for this fun activity. Students in grades 4-8 will skate from 11:00am – 12:00pm. Students in grades SK – 3 will skate from 1:30pm – 2:30pm. Reminder: Helmets are required for all skaters! This includes all adults as we ensure our own safety and model safety to the students. For the month of January, skating will be held on:

- Friday, January 11 and 18
  - 11:30am – 12:30pm (hockey practice)
  - 12:30pm - 1:30pm (Grades 4-8 skate)
  - 1:30pm – 2:30pm (SK – Grade 3 skate)
- Thursday, January 24
  - 12:00pm – 1:00pm (hockey practice)
  - 1:00pm – 2:00pm (Grades 4-8 skate)
  - 2:00pm – 3:00pm (SK – Grade 3 skate)
- Thursday, January 31
  - \*Hockey tournament in Fergus
  - 12:30pm – 1:30pm (Grades 4-8 skate)
  - 1:30pm – 2:30pm (SK – Grade 3 skate)

<b>U P C O M I N G E V E N T S</b>	
<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>
10 – Board meeting	7 – first day back for 2019
11 – Musical Practice 3:30 – 4:30 (all teams)	7 – Board Exec
12 - Grade 8 day at LDSS	9 – Pizza Day
13 – Musical Practice 3:30 – 4:30 (all teams)	11 – School Skating
14 – Grade 8 students help at Salvation Army	14 – Board mtg
17 – Musical Dress Rehearsal	18 – School Skating
18 – Christmas Concert (1pm and 7pm)	23 – Pizza Day
19 – Pizza Day	24 – School Skating
21 – School Skating	25 – PD Day (no school)
Dec 24 – Jan 4 – Christmas break	31 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus

**BIRTHDAY CORNER**

Celebrating this week: Owen Z – Dec 11      Celine A - Dec 16



**Sports – Hockey Tryouts**

A sign-up sheet for hockey tryouts for all interested students in grades 5-8 has been posted. Full hockey equipment is required (including neck guards) for participation on the team. Students should be able to fully dress themselves. The first practice is scheduled for Thursday, December 20 from 3:30-4:30 at the Steve Kerr arena. Parents will need to pick up their children at the arena following the practice. The coaches are trying to schedule a game during the Christmas break.

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## **FROM THE CLASSROOMS**

### **Music – Mrs. Wright**

We are getting very excited to share the musical "We 3 Spies" with you next Tuesday, Lord willing! The students have been working hard at learning all the songs and actions. Our composers of the month are Christy and Daniel Semson the creators of "We 3 Spies." The students were excited to hear a bit about their lives and I was excited to share that Christy Semson responded to my email asking for their bio and photo for our "Composer of the Month" display in the classroom.

The JK and SK classes have been enjoying singing and playing tambourines with the song "There Was a Little Baby." The students have been working on a rest-play-rest-play pattern.

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### **Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda**

We are still getting ready for Christmas in JK! Last week we talked about how a candy cane can help us remember that J is for Jesus, red reminds us about the blood shed for us on the cross, white reminds us that Jesus was without sin, and the staff reminds us that Jesus is our Shepherd and takes care of us. This week we continue in our Christmas theme and our Christmas art activities and songs.

This week our focus letter is Jj. Students are welcome to bring in a show and tell item that begins with J.

We will continue to work in our *Handwriting Without Tears* book. Students have made progress already with their pencil control!

In math, we will continue to recognize patterns, and to make patterns using different objects.

In Bible, we will focus on the birth of Jesus! We are practicing our new verse for the Christmas program as well as our songs.

For the Christmas program children should wear their Sunday best. We will meet in our classroom before the evening performance. In the afternoon we will head back to our classroom after our part of the performance. In the evening, children will sit with their parents after our part of the performance and can enjoy the rest of the program with you.

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### **Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida**

This week we will be focusing more closely on the letter Ss, the sound it makes and where we hear it in the pictures we will see. Please send your student in with a show and tell item that either begins or ends with "S" and the students will decide where they hear the letter "s" sound.

Students will also be introduced to syllables, how many parts each word has. Ask your child to "clap out" their name. Our new sight word is "we" this week. Please send in all reading logs on Friday. Continue to review the other sight words we have learned over the past several weeks.

In math, we are working with five and ten frames and continuing to print numbers to 13.

In Bible, we will hear from Simeon and Anna as well as the Wise Men. The students are singing their Christmas songs to the fullest and reciting their verse for the Christmas Program with enthusiasm!

In our classroom, we will continue working on Christmas crafts and Christmas baking.

**Tuesday, December 18th, 2018** is our Christmas Program at 1pm and 7pm. Save a seat for your child in the evening as they will sit with you after their performance.

**Friday, December 21st, 2018**-Last Day of School- Skating from 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Please have a helmet and extra mittens/gloves for skating.

Have a fantastic week!

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### **Grade 1 – Mrs. O' Boyle**

#### **Class News**

**Library Books** – Just a reminder that library books are due back on Wednesday.

**Family List** – Please send in two lists with names of family members for both sides of your child's family, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, if you have not already done so. We will be using this to aid us in a family tree project we will be completing at school.

**Spelling** – There will be no spelling lists going home this week. Please enjoy a week off.

**Skating** – Just a reminder to send your child with a helmet, skates, and gloves/mitts next Friday for school skating. If you are reading this please have your child write a sentence about, or draw a picture of, one thing Candy did last week.

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**Ornaments** – Please feel free to take your child's ornament home (off the tree in the front foyer) after the evening musical performance on Dec. 18th. Thanks!

**Musical Attire** – Just a reminder to please send or dress your child in a plain white shirt, a pre-tied necktie, and black or dark dress pants on Dec. 18th. Thanks!

**Musical Refreshments** – Just a reminder that each family is asked to send in one dozen nut-free cookies/squares by Mon. Dec. 17th. Thanks!

#### The Plan

**Math** – We will continue our unit on *Data Management and Probability*.

**Creation Studies** – We will continue our unit titled *Our Home and School Communities*.

**Physical Education** – We will continue our unit on invasion and territory games.

**Bible** – We will begin a new unit on the Christmas story.

**Writing** – We will work on asking questions, responding to questions and using proper punctuation and capitalization.

**Reading Comprehension** – We will continue to focus on finding the main idea and details, main characters, setting, problem and solution of texts.

**Words of the Day** – We will continue to focus on/review sight words me, not, one, play, and red.

**Phonics**- We will continue to work on short e word families -ed.

**Health** – We will continue a unit called *Finding Out About Myself and Others*.

**Art** – We will conclude our unit on shape.

**Printing** – We will work on letters Ss, Vv, and Ww.

**Chromebooks** – We will continue to *Teach Our Monsters to Read*.

**Memory Work** – We will be saying Exodus 15:2 on Tuesday, Dec. 18th.

“The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.” Exodus 15:2

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#### **Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus**

Can you believe there are only 2 weeks left before Christmas holidays? We have been enjoying the excitement of what Snowy, our mischievous gingerbread, has gotten up to each day.

In **Bible** we have finished our unit on the birth of our Saviour. We will not be starting a new unit until the new year. Instead we will be exploring Christmas with different activities.

**Spelling:** test is on Friday:

Gr 2: by, time, sent, went, take, my, didn't, like, puppy, candy

Gr 3: brought, longer, bought, falling, rough, song, drawing, awful, along, mall, called, strongest, small, along, tough

**Memory Work:** due on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Luke 2:8-12:

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

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#### **Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman**

**Memory Work** - Joshua 1:7 - "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go." - due FRIDAY

**Spelling** - Unit 11 Dictation is on FRIDAY.

**Math** - We have finished our unit on multiplication and division. Students will have a quiz on THURSDAY.

**Scholastic Orders** - If you have any Scholastic orders, please send them in by the end of the week.

**Bible** - We are finishing our unit *Forty Years in the Wilderness*. Our quiz for the unit will be on MONDAY. Students will be sent home with their duotangs to help them prepare for the quiz.

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#### **Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. VanKampen**

**French:** This week's focus: “Quelle heure est-il?” Learning to tell time in French.

#### **Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Bible:** We are starting a brief Christmas unit.

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**Spelling:** Lesson 13 work due on Tuesday, quiz on Friday.

**Science:** We have completed a large list of species cards of those that can be found on the property. (Maybe the snowy leopard is an exception.)

**Math:** We are working with decimals this week.

**Writing:** This week we will continue our speech writing unit.

**Gift Exchange:** We are planning a small gift exchange for our class for Friday December 21. Students are asked to bring a gift of approximately \$5.00. We will play some games to exchange the gifts.

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### **Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. VanKampen**

**French:** This week's focus: use the French-English dictionary, identifying vocabulary as masculine or feminine, some translation, and review of avoir, être, faire and aller.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink**

**WWW** - Bluebook is due today and our test is on Wednesday.

**GR** - Last week we had a number of chapters to cover. This week have chapter 6 read by Tuesday; this was assigned last week. Questions and WIT log due dates will be added to the calendar

**Writing** - We are working on getting caught up on our grammar handouts. There are still students who owe me work. Check the list of names on the board.

**History** - We are hoping to have our Gladiator games this week and continue our look at Roman laws. Watch the calendar for any upcoming due dates.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens**

- LDSS Grade 8 Day: Wednesday will be Grade 8 day at LDSS. Only students intending to attend LDSS are invited.
- Friday the Grade 8 students will be going to the Salvation Army to help sort toys for their Christmas distribution. We will leave around 1:00 and be back by 3:10 to catch the buses.
- The Grade 7-8 students are participating in a Secret Santa. Gifts should be between \$5-\$10 and will be shared on Friday December 21.

**Math:** We are starting a new unit of Geometry this week. We will calculate surface area and volume of different objects and finish the unit with a quiz/test next week Thursday.

**Bible:** We will continue to investigate a number of spiritual disciplines. I am hoping for some good class discussions.

**Gym:** This week we will do our second fitness circuit.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Science:** Our unit is on structures. This week is the paper chair challenge. Your chairs are to be ready for testing on Thursday.

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