

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Last Thursday and Friday I was reminded of how privileged we are to teach at LCS.

Writing report cards is always a challenging task. How do we truthfully, carefully, and honestly report the progress of each individual student knowing they are all uniquely created in God's image? Hours of work goes into each report card in order to capture and present the character of each child.

A few days go by while you read and reflect on the reports and we wonder how they are being received. Last Thursday and Friday we met with you to discuss your child with the information shared on the reports. What a blessing to be in partnership with parents. What a time of encouragement to know that both parents and teachers are seeking the same goals.

I appreciate the comments such as:

- "I can't believe you said <fill in the blank>. Are they like that at school because they are not like that at home".
- "Are you sure you are talking about my child?"
- "I am thankful that this report shows they are showing God's love. That is our goal as parents".
- "I thought they would have received a better mark in <fill in the blank>. Can you explain that?"

There are many more comments that show the complexity of a child/student. I am glad that we can share our observations together and learn from each other, each time gaining a better picture of your child.

Thank you for sharing your children with us. Thank you for your encouragement. Thank you for your partnership as we work together to educate them, nurture their faith, and prepare them to impact God's world. This is no easy task but together we make a great team.

SCHOOL NEWS

Bus Cancellations: A reminder to listen to your radio in the morning for announcements of school cancellations. AM920 is one local station that carries announcements. Bus announcements are also posted on the CKNX website (www.cknx.ca). The *Bus Cancellation list* (that was distributed at the beginning of the school year) will be activated whenever there is a school bus delay or cancellation. Please contact the school office if you require another copy.

To all who ordered a Christmas tree, please note that the trees will be delivered to the school tomorrow, Dec 4 and will be available for pick up from 2:30 – 5:00pm.

Tomorrow is the first milk day for students. Milk was previously ordered in September. The next opportunity to order milk for your child (ren) will be in January.

LCS students, staff, former students, parents and friends! We have a new LCS clothing line available! Check out the performance hoodies, coats, winter hats, Under Armour hoodies, polos and many other options! Please see the attached flyer/order form as well as our online store! These items only available until December 20, 2018.

Last opportunity to order gift cards for Christmas: All on-line **FundScrip Gift Card orders must be placed by tonight at midnight.** We've got so many participating retailers that you will easily find one or several you can use to pay for your gifts and daily expenses. For more information please contact Janel Hiemstra at 519-749-5263 or email giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com.

Our Christmas Musical "We 3 Spies" will be presented on Tuesday, December 18th (1:00pm and 7:00pm). Please be praying for good health for all involved and good weather on December 18th 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. 17th dress rehearsal day.

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

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 under the age of 7, to better understand how children understand the world around them. Today, letters of explanation and permission forms have gone home 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.

Christmas Communicator: Submissions for the next issue are due to the school office this Wed., December 5.

Grade 8 information for High School:

Woodland Christian High School: This Thursday is Grade 8 Day at Woodland Christian High School. During the day we will take all our grade 8 students to experience an almost typical high school day. In the evening, there is a parent information meeting starting at 7:30 p.m.

LDSS Grade 8 Day: Next week Wednesday will be Grade 8 Day LDSS. Only students intending to attend LDSS are invited. Please let me know if we should be sending your child to LDSS for that day.

Almonds and Poinsettias: Tuesday is the delivery date for this fundraiser. Grade 6 and 7 students, please arrange to have your flowers and pastries picked up Tuesday between 3:00 and 4:30. Thank you to Mrs. Rastorfer for your willingness to pick up the pastries. We could still use some parents to help sort the products. We will start around 1:00 and be done before 3:00. Please let Mr. Boelens know if you can help.

Helmets for skating: On December 21 and several days throughout the month of January, we will be going skating at the Steve Kerr Arena in Listowel. There has been a lot of focus on importance of protecting the head from falls, or potential falls, while skating. Once again, we will be enforcing a practice that every skater must wear a helmet. Helmets could be hockey helmets, bike helmets, or any other kind of safety helmet. We trust that you will have enough time between now and December 21st to arrange to have a helmet. This includes all adults as we ensure our own safety and model safety to the students.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
December	January
3 – Board Exec	7 – first day back for 2019
3 – Gift Card orders due at midnight	7 – Board Exec
4 – Christmas tree delivery	9 – Pizza Day
4 – Flower and pastry deliveries	11 – School Skating
4 – Musical Practice 3:30 – 4:30 (teams 1 & 2)	14 – Board mtg
5 – Communicator items due	18 – School Skating
5 – Pizza Day	23 – Pizza Day
5 – Musical Practice (teams 1, 2 & 4)	24 – School Skating
6 – Grade 8 Day at Woodland	25 – PD Day (no school)
10 – Board meeting	31 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus
11 – Musical Practice 3:30 – 4:30 (teams 1 - 4)	
12 - Grade 8 day at LDSS	
13 – Musical Practice 3:30 – 4:30 (teams 1 - 4)	
14 – Grade 8 students help at Salvation Army	
17 – Musical Dress Rehearsal	
18 – Christmas Concert (1pm and 7pm)	
19 – Pizza Day	
21 – School Skating	
Dec 24 – Jan 4 – Christmas break	

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BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Logan S – Dec 3

Charis V – Dec 6

Megan V – Dec 6



FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Music – Mrs. Wright

We are looking forward to sharing the musical *We 3 Spies*, with you on Tuesday, December 18 at 1pm and 7pm. Students have worked on all the songs from the musical and should be memorizing the lyrics and actions for all the songs.

Our composers of the month are Christy and Daniel Semsen the composers/arrangers of our musical.

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

I want to thank all of you for coming in and meeting with me last Thursday. I really enjoyed our time together talking about your children.

It's December! And that means it will be all about Christmas in JK this month! This week we will be looking at candy canes and learning how they can remind us of Jesus. We will have a festive sensory bin and begin to work on some Christmas art projects. We are learning songs that we will sing at the beginning of the Christmas program on December 18. One of the songs we will be singing is, "Away in a Manger" and it would be great if you could find time to practice it at home with your child, as we only have a few school days together before then.

Our focus letter this week is li, and children are welcome to bring in a show and tell item that begins with li.

In math, we will begin to look at patterns and how they are all around us.

In Bible, we will read about the angel's visit to Mary. We are learning a new verse (Luke 2:11) to recite at the Christmas program as well.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week our focus letters will be Yy and Zz. Please bring a letter Zz show and tell for Thursday.

We will continue to work with sentences, learning about what they tell us, how many words are in a sentence, the number of spaces between words and the importance of word order. Our new sight word is "you." A new pre-decodable reader will be coming home on Friday, please send in the book bags. Remember reading should be fun!

In math, we are learning counting strategies and how to print our teen numbers. We will continue to review printing numbers 1 to 10. If you are interested in a number printing practice book for home, please let me know.

In Bible, we will learn the importance of Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus.

All practice for the Christmas program will be at school.

Scholastic orders are due Dec 8th, 2018. December calendars begin.

Thank you for all the encouraging words during interview time. It is my joy to teach your children. Thanks for entrusting them to our care throughout the school days. Have a great week!

MORE NEWS:

- **Christmas Program:** Tuesday December 18th, 2018 - The JK and SK students will be opening the program with 2 songs and a Bible verse that they will learn at school. They will participate in 2 showtimes, 1pm in the afternoon-they should be dressed nicely with no logos on their shoes or rips in their pants and 7pm in the evening they should be dressed in their SUNDAY best (whatever that is for your family). In the afternoon students will perform and then head back to their classroom for a movie time and some popcorn. At the 7pm performance the students will be singing their songs and when they are finished will sit with their parents to watch the rest of the program. It will be the first time they will be seeing it. It is very helpful if parents come up and find their child, it is more difficult for the teachers to find you.
- **Skating Friday December 21, 2018-SK to Grade 3** will skate at the Steven Kerr arena from 1:30 to 2:30pm-we will arrive by 1:20pm so that we can get onto the ice by 1:30pm. We will exit the ice at 2:20pm in order to get back to school for a washroom break and a snack before heading home. You are welcome to come skating with us however anyone on the ice must be wearing a helmet. Students also need to wear gloves so that if they fall their hands will have some protection should they come into contact with a blade. A dry pair of mittens for skating are welcomed. Please keep this in mind. If you are taking your child home from the arena, please let the office know (office@listowelchristianschool.ca) and copy it to me please, OR you can send a note in the morning with your child.

That is all the news I have till the new year! Any questions email me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca

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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 separate lists of names of family members, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins for both sides of your family by Monday, Dec. 10th. We will be using this to aid us in a family tree project we will be completing at school.

If you are reading this, please have your child write the name of the man who was thrown into a pit by his brothers.

Differentiated Spelling Lists – Please watch for your child's individualized list coming home in their envelope today. This will be week five of differentiated lists. Thanks for all you have been doing at home to help your child prepare.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – Thanks for taking time out of your busy schedules to meet with me last week. It was great to talk to each and every one of you. Please feel free to contact me if you have anything further you wish to discuss.

Label Outdoor Wear – Please check your outdoor wear to ensure that you have all items that belong to you and label all items with your child's name. We have lots of similar items at school and names help us keep everything straight! Thanks!

Gingerbread Fun – Be sure to ask your child about the special visitor that arrived in our classroom today! We are looking forward to a fun-filled month!

The Plan

Math – We will begin a unit on *Data Management and Probability*.

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

Physical Education – We will begin a unit on invasion and territory games.

Bible – We will begin a new unit on Moses and Israel.

Writing – We will continue to work on sticking to the topic and adding details. We will also work on proper capitalization and punctuation.

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, my, not, one and play.

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 letter Ss.

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

Memory Work – Please try to practice your memory work daily. We will be saying Exodus 15:2 on Tuesday, Dec. 18th. Be sure to check our online group for additional ways to practice. Congrats! All students were able to say their memory work a week early, so we will not be saying Psalm 100:1-3 on Tuesday, Dec. 4th.

“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

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

Thank you so much for taking the time to come in and discuss your child's progress. While you are interested about what is going on at school, I love to hear what the kids come home with about school. I am so encouraged by you as parents and blessed by your children.

Scholastic coupons have been sent home with a few students as their reward for their behaviour and working hard at areas they struggle with. These are for FREE BOOKS! You do not need to make a purchase to receive these books! Simply go online and find me, as the teacher, and order with the coupon code. If you'd prefer to send the paper copy in with the book choice, that is fine too. All scholastic flyers are online if you've thrown yours away.

Bible: On Friday we will be having a Bible test. It will cover Luke 1-3. The expectation of John the Baptist, the expectation of Jesus, the births, and the escape to Egypt.

Spelling: Friday is also our spelling test:

Gr 2: pick, last, just, end, fast, must, send, bath, black, both

Gr 3: everyone, outside, maybe, everybody, today, upon, become, something, myself, skateboard, earthquake, without, basketball, homework, into

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Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Spelling - Unit 10 Dictation on FRIDAY.

Memory Work - John 3:18 - "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." - due FRIDAY

Math - Just a heads up that next week we will be having our quiz on Multiplication and Division. The exact date is still to be decided. Students are encouraged to continue practicing their multiplication tables at home! Unfinished multiplication mad minutes will be sent home at the end of the week.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: Students need to continue to read one chapter of Proverbs each night and write in their journals. The journals need to be complete and handed in on December 7.

Spelling: Lesson 12 work due on Tuesday, quiz on Friday.

Science: Our new unit is on biodiversity. This week we are learning about trees.

Math: We are going to be starting a new unit on decimals today.

Writing: This week we will continue our speech writing unit. We will practice paragraph writing this week.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

WWW - There was no blue book this week. Our quiz will be a review of all the roots and their definitions on Wednesday. All the roots are posted on Google classroom.

Writing - Verb pages are due on Tuesday. Check to make sure that you have used proper punctuation and your work is legible before handing it in.

GR - The first WIT log on Google classroom is due Tuesday. Keep reading in the Bronze Bow, working on reading up to chapter 5 by Friday.

History - Colosseum Clash cards are due on Wednesday. We will be using them in class and in our planning of our gladiator games.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We are finishing up our Fractions units. Grade 7 end of unit reviews will be due on Thursday and they will have their test then too. Grade 8 will have their test on Wednesday.

Bible: We are beginning unit three which will be about developing spiritual disciplines. I am hoping for some good class discussions.

Gym: This week we will do our second fitness testing. The Beep test will be on Wednesday and the fitness circuit will be on Friday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: Our unit is on structures. Quiz on chapter 4 on Tuesday. Review and mind map due on Tuesday.

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