

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Through our Strategic Plan, a committee was set up to evaluate our current Mission and Vision statements, a process that should happen every five years. Our research showed that more and more organizations are using purpose statements, so we decided to write an LCS Purpose Statement instead of revamping our Mission and Vision statements. It was proposed to, and adopted by, the Board and presented at the fall membership meeting. It reads:

EDUCATING CHILDREN
WHILE NURTURING FAITH IN CHRIST
TO INTERPRET AND IMPACT GOD'S WORLD

We believe this statement describes the primary purpose of LCS (educating children) which is different than the purpose of the family and/or the church. Among educational institutions, the statement sets us apart because we are also invested in nurturing each student's faith in Christ – a partnership with the family and the church. And finally, the goal is to create Christian ambassadors to impact and influence the world in which they live – to develop and encourage them to make a difference in their communities.

Our hope is also that the statement is simple enough that people are able to memorize it. When someone asks you to describe LCS or tell them about the school, you can use this statement as a starting point. Wouldn't it be powerful if we all shared the purpose of LCS with a neighbour or a friend and spread the message and the value of Christian education?

SCHOOL NEWS

Office Help: Back in the fall we asked for volunteers to help in the school office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We said we would wait until the front doors were completely operational, able to be secured. We expect that will happen this week, so we are again asking for volunteers. The basic tasks will be to answer the phone, greet guests, sign for packages, and be a welcoming presence for the school. If you are interested in helping— once a month, once a week, or somewhere in between, let Ed Boelens (e.boelens@listowelchristianschool.ca) know so a schedule of volunteers can be created.

The **February - May Pizza and Milk** orders (must be pre-paid) are due to the school office by this Wednesday, January 16.

The next **school assembly** will be held this Friday, January 18 at 9am. All are welcome to join us.

Choir (grades 3-8): Thank you to all of the students who signed up so far. Students may still sign up this week and next if interested. Range checks will take place the last two weeks of January. Students should check the bulletin board for their time. Full choir rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, February 5 at lunch recess.

Fundraising News: Plans are well underway for the LCS Spring Auction that will be held on March 29. In the next couple of weeks, the committee will be contacting members to assist with canvassing. Please consider helping out. For more information, please contact Michelle (coolmom343@hotmail.com or 519-291-7292).

School Skating continues this week Friday at the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex (965 Binning St. W). Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come and join us for this fun activity. **Reminder:** Helmets are required for all skaters! This includes all adults as we ensure our own safety and model safety to the students. Parents, if you wish to pick up your child/ren, please do so at the school. It is too difficult to make arrangements for the students with their skates and backpacks. Skating will be held on:

Friday, January 18

11:30am – 12:30pm (hockey practice) ~ 12:30pm - 1:30pm (Gr. 4-8 skate) ~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm (SK – Gr. 3 skate)

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Thursday, January 24

12:00pm – 1:00pm (hockey practice) ~~ 1:00pm – 2:00pm (Gr. 4-8 skate) ~~ 2:00pm – 3:00pm (SK – Gr. 3 skate)

Thursday, January 31

*Hockey tournament in Fergus ~~ 12:30pm – 1:30pm (Gr. 4-8 skate) ~~ 1:30pm – 2:30pm (SK – Gr. 3 skate)

Communicator: All submissions for the Family/Love issue of the Communicator are due to the office by Wednesday, January 30 (office@listowelchristianschool.ca).

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
January	February
14 – Board mtg	4 – Board Exec
15 – Boys Basketball practice (3:20 – 4:30)	4 – Gift card orders due
16 – Return Pizza and Milk order forms	6 – Pizza day
18 – Assembly at 9am	8 – Return Intent to Register forms
18 – Hockey Practice and School Skating	8 – Gift card delivery
21 – Education Committee mtg	11 – Board meeting
23 – Pizza Day	15 – PD Day (no school)
24 – Hockey Practice and School Skating	18 – Family Day (no school)
25 – PD Day (no school)	20 – Pizza Day
30 – February Communicator submissions deadline	
31 – School Skating	
31 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus	
	March
	1 – Basketball Tournament
	2 – LCS Information Morning (9am – 12noon)
	11 - 15 – Spring Break
	29 – LCS Spring Auction

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Wesley D – Jan 14 Esther K – Jan 19 Olivia V – Jan 20



Sports

Hockey practice: Friday, Jan. 18 (11:30 – 12:30). Full hockey equipment is required.

Basketball: The boys will start after school practices on Tuesday (3:30 – 4:45). Other practice times to be determined.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Music – Mrs. Wright

The composer of the month is Robert Schumann. We have been learning a bit about his life and listening to some of his piano compositions.

Grades 3 and 4: Please ensure students in grades 3 and 4 have a recorder to practice on at home. We are starting recorder this week.

Grades 5 and 6: Please ensure students in grades 5 and 6 have a recorder to practice on at home. We are starting recorder this week.

Grades 7 and 8: Instrument research project and model.

Group 1: due Monday January 28

Group 2: due Monday February 25

Group 2 will be starting tone chimes this week.

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In January and February, the grade 1 students will be studying the instruments of the orchestra. I am looking for some parents or former students who play an instrument, who would be willing to demonstrate and talk about their instrument to the grade 1 class. The class runs from 11:50 am-12:20 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays. Perhaps some former students could come in if they have a day off after semester 1 classes are complete. If interested and willing to help out, please contact Mrs. Wright (a.wright@listowelchristianschool.ca).

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

Our winter theme continues this week, and it sure has been looking like winter outside! This week we will have some snowflake fine motor practice and will be painting with ice.

Our focus letter this week is Mm. Children are welcome to bring in a show and tell that begins with M on either Tuesday or Thursday.

We will be continuing to work in our *Handwriting Without Tears* book. We have begun printing letters L, E and F and H, is next. We have been practicing printing our names each day as well.

In math, we move on to a new unit about measurement. This week we will be exploring size and comparing how tall things are.

In Bible, we will have stories about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, as well as Daniel and the Lion's Den.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week our focus letter will be Pp, please send in a letter Pp show and tell on Thursday in a bag so that we can guess what is inside.

We continue to work with syllables, learning how the alphabet works and how sentences need spaces between their words.

I have been doing some assessment on which sight words we know well and which sight words we seem to struggle with and so, before we get into the decodable readers, we are going to take 2 weeks to work on those sight words.

Keep reading to or with your child! Reading is an enjoyable activity and is so important.

In math, we will work on a patterning book and create patterns using a variety of materials. We continue to count to 30 and practice printing numbers to 15.

In Bible, we will learn about the plagues and the Passover.

On Friday we go skating again! Your children are doing such an amazing job skating! Please remember skates, helmets and extra mittens. Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. O' Boyle

Class News

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

Spelling – Please check your envelope for this week's spelling list. Our spelling test will be on Friday, Jan. 18th. Please note the day change.

If you are reading this, please have your child record the different types of utensils in your drawer (example: knives, small forks, large forks, small spoons, large spoons etc.) and then tally the number of each type.

Skating – Just a reminder to send your child with a helmet, skates, and gloves/mitts on Friday for school skating. If you are joining us, please ensure you also have a helmet for yourself.

The Plan

Math – We will begin a unit on 3-D and 2-D geometry.

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

Physical Education – We will continue our unit on wall and net games.

Bible – We will continue our unit on Moses and Israel.

Writing – We will work on adding details to our writing, while sticking to the topic. We will also continue to work on proper capitalization and ending punctuation.

Reading Comprehension – We will continue to work on answering literal and inferential questions about the texts we read.

Words of the Day – We will continue to focus on/review sight words: red, run, said.

Phonics – We will continue to work on short a and i words.

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

Art – We will continue our unit on colour.

Printing – We will work on letters Dd and Gg.

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Chromebooks – We will focus on math games and will begin by working on addition and subtraction games on mathplayground.com

Memory Work - We will be saying Exodus 20:3-17 (The Ten Commandments -shortened form) on Tues. Feb. 5th.

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honour your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony.
10. You shall not covet.

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

Our week is off to a good start. We are back into routine.

Memory work is due Wednesday (we have been practicing in class): "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Matthew 3:3

Pioneer Unit Test on Wednesday. Students need to know basic facts about pioneer life.

Spelling test on Friday:

Gr 2: long, along, tall, boat, float, fawn, wall, belong, paw, coat

Gr 3: room, school, cookie, good, brook, true, football, stood, looked, food, full, put, chew, truth, due

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Kleenex Boxes - We are in need of more Kleenex boxes! If you have some to donate to the classroom, it is greatly appreciated! Thank you to those who brought some in this past week!

Cursive - Grade 4 cursive pages 14 and 30 (letters e and l) are due WEDNESDAY.

Creation Studies - We are reviewing what we have learned about Canada this week. Their quiz has been moved to THURSDAY this week.

Memory Work - due FRIDAY - Joshua 1:8 - "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

Spelling - Unit 14 Dictation on FRIDAY.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

French: We will focus on the verbs avoir (to have) and être (to be).

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: We are working through the book of Esther.

Spelling: Lesson 16 work due on Tuesday, quiz on Friday.

Science: We will be exploring protists and monerans.

Math: Decimal test today. Our new unit is on data management.

Writing: First draft of the speech is due on Tuesday. This week we are looking to edit and refine our writing.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

French: Our focus on verbs will continue including two more irregulars: vouloir (to want) and pouvoir (to be able/can).

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

WWW - Blue books are due today and our Lesson 14 test will be on Wednesday. Remember the roots and words are posted on Google Classroom.

Writing - We are working through a few sentences combining handouts this week. Watch the calendar for due dates.

Guided Reading - Reading of chapters 10 and 11 in *The Bronze Bow* are due on Tuesday.

History - The handouts for *Who Killed Julius Caesar?* and *The Fall of Rome* are due on Tuesday. Remember to turn in the work for *The Fall of Rome* on Google classroom.

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Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: Our new unit for both classes is *Data Management*. It is mostly an independent unit. Lots of class time will be given for work, but students will need to keep up with the schedule. Ask to see their outline.

Bible: We will be finishing our unit on spiritual disciplines. The final review sheets will be due Monday, January 21. Memory work is Colossians 3:16-17, 23-24 and will be due on Friday, January 18.

Gym: This week Wednesday we will develop our basketball skills. On Friday, we will play a variety of games again and go skating.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: Our unit is on structures. We will complete our unit presentation this week and get started on our review. Test is on Thursday, January 24.

Requested Announcements:

Woodland Christian High School Invites You to Attend a Parent Open House on Thursday, January 17th at 7:30. This is an event for new and prospective families. Do you know of a family who would like to come and see the school in a relaxed environment? Or a family that missed grade 8 day and the Parent Information Night? Invite them to come and see what a difference a Christian education can make! For more information please contact the school office at 519-648-2114 or office@woodland.on.ca

Listowel Minor Baseball Registration

Location: Upstairs at Listowel Memorial Arena

When: Wednesday January 30 from 6:00 - 800

Saturday February 2 from 9:00 – 12:00

Wednesday February 6 from 6:00 - 800

Saturday February 9 from 9:00 – 12:00

Registration forms are available on the website or at registration events. www.listowelminorbaseball.ca

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