

## **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

I have never been a big fan of new year's resolutions. Maybe it is because I always hear people (including myself) setting unrealistic goals and then being disappointed early into January because the goals are not being realized. However, the concept is good. I do appreciate the opportunity to reflect.

Over the Christmas break we had the opportunity to be with my sister-in-law who, for the last nine months, has been courageously fighting bone cancer. After radiation, chemo, and two stem cell transplants, she is currently doing well. She is in good spirits and her testimony is powerful. She attributes her courage and ability to endure this hardship to her faith and to the support of her friends in Christ.

January, a time of reflection, encourages me to appreciate the power of faith and the unity of the Christian community. We have witnessed this within our own Listowel community over the past year as well. It shows up in difficult times, such as the community grieving the loss of Georgia, and it shows up in times of celebration, such as the incredible support for the building project. It would be difficult to imagine life without the support of the Christian community. When I hear about the power that God shows to His people and the strength of the Christian community, it excites me to invest myself more and more to Him and His community. It encourages me to seek God first, to follow His will first, and then to allow God to take care of the details.

Hey, maybe that is my new year's resolution – to be more committed to “seek first his kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well”. I hope and pray that my commitment to Him lasts longer than the middle of January!

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

The **February - May Pizza and Milk** order form was sent home today. Please return the form with payment, to the school office by next Wednesday, January 16.

**Pizza Day** – Is scheduled for this Wednesday, January 9.

**School Skating resumes this week Friday** at the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex (965 Binning St. W). Students are bussed over for one hour of skating. 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.

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)

**Please note:** All students will be returning to the school. 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.

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## U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S

<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
7 – first day back for 2019 7 – Board Exec 9 – Pizza Day 11 – School Skating 14 – Board mtg 15 – Boys Basketball practice (3:20 – 4:30) 16 – Return Pizza and Milk order forms 18 – School Skating 23 – Pizza Day 24 – School Skating 25 – PD Day (no school) 30 – February Communicator submissions deadline 31 – Hockey Tournament in Fergus	4 – Board Exec 6 – Pizza day 8 – Return Intent to Register forms 11 – Board meeting 15 – PD Day (no school) 18 – Family Day (no school) 20 – Pizza Day
	<b>March</b>
	1 – Basketball Tournament 2 – LCS Information Morning (9am – 12noon) 11 - 15 – Spring Break 29 – LCS Spring Auction

### BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: no birthdays this week.



### **Sports**

**Hockey practice:** Friday, Jan. 11 (11:30 – 12:30). Full hockey equipment is required for participation on the team.

**Basketball:** Basketball sign-ups are this week. The boys will start after school practices next week on Tuesday. Other practice times still need to be determined.

## **FROM THE CLASSROOMS**

### **Music – Mrs. Wright**

Composer of the month is Robert Schumann.

**Choir:** In the new year there will be a choir for students in grades 3-8. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Rehearsals will take place once a week during lunch recess.

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

Happy New Year! I want to thank all of you for the cards, gifts and Christmas wishes. I had a great holiday and hope that you all did as well.

Now back into school routine! This month we will have a winter theme.

This week we will do mitten themed art and will make a snowstorm in a jar.

This week our focus letter is L. Children may bring in an item that begins with the letter L for show and tell on either Tuesday or Thursday.

We will work in our *Handwriting Without Tears* workbook. We have begun printing letters! Also, we will be practicing printing our names in different ways.

In math, we will review what we know about patterns, and build patterns together.

In Bible, we begin a new unit. Our first lessons are about Jonah. New memory work is Hebrews 13:5b-6a "God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence "The Lord is my Helper; I will not be afraid."

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## Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a good holiday and are ready for routine and learning!

This week our focus letter is Dd, both as a beginning and ending sound. We will review rhyming, and will be introduced to how the alphabet works, and to syllables. Our new sight word this week is “in”, please return book bags on Friday for the last of the pre-decodable books!

I will be doing some assessment on sight words to see how well the students recognize the sight words in various places such as on their own and in a sentence.

In math, we will review how to print teen numbers and how to use the 10-frame. Students will also be introduced to AB and AAB patterns.

In Bible, we will begin our unit about Moses. Memory work is Exodus 15:2- “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.”

For phys ed, we will be working on balancing activities on Mondays in the gym and Fridays we will continue to work on our skating skills. I was very impressed with each student’s determination as they skated before Christmas. It was great to see them encouraging each other. **Please remember helmets, snow pants, mittens/gloves and skates on Friday.**

January calendars have been sent home through kidmail and email. Have a great week!

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## Grade 1 – Mrs. O’ Boyle

### Class News

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

**Pizza Day** – Just a reminder that Wednesday will be pizza day.

**Spelling** – Please check your envelope for this week's spelling list. Our spelling test will be on Friday Jan. 11th. Please note the day change.

If you are reading this, please have your child write a sentence about one thing they did on Christmas break. Please encourage them to begin with a capital and to include ending punctuation.

**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 conclude our 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 wall and net games.

**Bible** – We will begin a 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: not, one, play, and red.

**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 begin a unit on colour.

**Printing** – We will work on letters Tt and Aa.

**Chromebooks** – We will focus on math games and will begin by working on addition and subtraction games on [mathplayground.com](http://mathplayground.com)

**Memory Work** – Please try to practise your memory work daily. 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.

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### **Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus**

Happy New Year! I'm excited to be back into routine, as I'm sure many of you are too. I pray that you experienced God's presence during the holidays.

We are right back into the swing of things.

A friendly reminder that Wednesday is **Library Day!** Time to search for those misplaced books!

**French:** Thursday we have a French test. Students will need to fill in the blanks with the option of two words or phrases to pick from.

**Spelling:** test on Friday:

Gr 2: less, tell, well, will, still, off, letter, little, silly, happy

Gr 3: lady, ladies, surprise, surprises, toys, shoes, shy, cry, cried, study, studied, story, only, finally, family

Next week Wednesday we will be having our Pioneer Unit test.

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### **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!

**Memory Work** - due NEXT 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 13 dictation on Friday.

**Creation Studies** - We are reviewing what we have learned about Canada and will be finishing our unit this week. Students will have a quiz NEXT Wednesday.

**Math** - We are starting our new unit on *Data Management*.

**Bible** - We are starting our new unit on *Settling in the Promised Land*.

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### **Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. VanKampen**

**French:** Bonne Année! We will continue our focus on telling time, "Quelle heure est-il?" with a test occurring on Thursday. A test and assignment based upon "Quel temps fait-il?" have been sent home; please sign and return.

### **Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg**

Welcome back to school after a restful Christmas break. Wishing you many blessings for 2019.

**Bible:** We are starting a new unit on the book of Esther.

**Spelling:** Lesson 15 work due on Tuesday, quiz on Friday.

**Science:** We will be exploring different kinds of Fungi

**Math:** We are looking to complete our decimals unit pretest on Friday with a test probably on Monday.

**Writing:** This week we will resume the work on our speeches. The first draft is due next week Tuesday.

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### **Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. VanKampen**

**French:** Bonne Année! We will continue our study of irregular verbs, reading short passages and translation.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink**

**WWW-** No new words were given out before the break, so we will start with a new lesson this week Wednesday.

**Guided Reading** - We are still working our way through The Bronze Bow. Students will be given class time but Chapter 8 and 9 need to be read for Thursday.

**Writing** - We are finishing our look at character sketches. Rough drafts for our character sketches are due on Wednesday, as we will be peer editing them. A printed copy must be brought to class.

**History** - Who will we re-elect as Roman Emperor? Posters were started before the break and this week we will create our election speeches to present. Watch the calendar for other due dates coming up.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens**

**Math:** Our new unit for both classes will be *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 continue to investigate spiritual disciplines.

**Gym:** This week we will begin basketball.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Science:** Our unit is on structures. We will review Chapter 5 today and have a quiz tomorrow.

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