

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

NOTE: This was written and intended for last week's Weekly Messenger – before the three snow days. However, I thought it was still relevant for you to hear what our staff accomplished on the January 25<sup>th</sup> PD day.

Friday could have been a snow day. However, just because the students were at home, the teachers showed up to work and we had a very good day of learning and accomplishing tasks.

In the first part of the morning we discussed a few chapters out of a book we are reading together called, "Becoming the Teacher You Wish You'd Had". One chapter was all about how to improve as a classroom teacher and a significant factor was the professional interactions among staff members. There is a lot of collective wisdom among teachers themselves and sharing it with each other is incredibly valuable. We are blessed with a staff that gets along, feels comfortable with each other, shares strategies, and asks for help. This is a great step in becoming better teachers.

We also spent some time discussing how effectively Responsive Classroom strategies are being used in several of our classrooms. As a result, we set goals for how these strategies could be used within the larger school body and school environment – not just the classrooms. Hopefully these strategies will enable LCS to be a safe place and a good place for all students.

Our last discussion time was spent with the primary teachers discussing and planning their new integrated approach to literacy. The Junior and Intermediate teachers discussed the latest MAP results and how some results were communicated at Parent Teacher conferences and how other results could be used to affect our teaching.

The last part of the day was a more physical one. We set out to clean up several rooms that we never had time in the summer or September, to properly organize so they could be used effectively. We cleaned up the art room, the staff room and the stage. That felt good.

We had a good day! Maybe another day we will have our snow day.

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

An **Intent to Register** form has been sent home. Please send this in to the school as soon as possible. Thanks.

**FundScrip Gift Cards - orders are due tonight at midnight!** Delivery is this Friday.

**Pizza day** is this Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Standardized Testing:** In an effort to measure the progress of our students, we are participating in the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests. Students are evaluated in their language and math skills. We trust this process will help us understand the abilities of each student and develop strategies to meet their needs. Online tests will occur until February 15.

**LCS Spring Auction 2019:** This year the Spring Auction will be held **Friday, March 29, 2019**, in the school gym. Dinner and silent auction will begin at 6:00 pm followed by our live auction at 7:30. We expect a large crowd of supporters again this year, and we would warmly welcome your presence as well! **Please consider** making a donation to our auction. We appreciate **donated items** or **gift certificates**. All donations may all be dropped off at the school. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Auction! We **thank you** in advance for your time and generosity! Contact Michelle Hibbs at 519-291-7292 or [lcschoolfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:lcschoolfundraising@gmail.com) if you have questions. The fundraising committee is looking for someone to take over the kitchen duty for our auction night. We would love

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someone to come aboard to take this job over for the next 2-3 years (or more) Joanne Los and Rita Ann Feenstra will walk along-side you this year and show you everything that you need to know. Please consider taking on this roll.

**Listowel Hockey:** We have been invited to support the Listowel Cyclones as they play the Brantford 99ers on Friday, February 8 at Steve Kerr Memorial Complex. Game time is 7:30 and every LCS student has been given a free admission ticket (in their envelope). Adult ticket prices are listed on the free tickets of the students. Non LCS student tickets can be purchased at the door. We hope to see you there.

**Battle of the Books** - For students planning on competing with Battle of the Books, the goal is to have all the books read by March Break. Ideally, students should be rereading the books at this stage. If there are students who have any finished books to return or students who need to get new ones so they can meet the deadline, please remember to come and exchange them during snack recesses! Cozy reading on the couch is a great activity in this cold weather! :)

<b>U P C O M I N G E V E N T S</b>	
<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>
4 – Board Exec 4 – Gift card orders due 6 – Pizza day 8 – Return Intent to Register forms 8 – Gift card delivery 11 – Board meeting 12 – Basketball clinic at Woodland 15 – PD Day (no school) 18 – Family Day (no school) 20 – Pizza Day 20 – Grade 7/8 Ski trip	1 – Basketball Tournament 2 – LCS Information Morning (9am – 12noon) 11 - 15 – Spring Break 29 – LCS Spring Auction

**BIRTHDAY CORNER**

Belated Birthdays: Trey V – Jan 30    Michaela L – Feb 3  
 Celebrating this week: Zander S – Feb 4    Scott G - Feb 6    Zachary W - Feb 6  
 Hayley V – Feb 7    Nadine N – Feb 8    Emilie R – Feb 9



**Sports**

**The hockey team** participated in the tournament on Thursday. They played several close games in pool play, tying one and losing three. The team played well and had a great day! Thank you to coaches Koetsier and Schouten for their time and dedication, and to Mr. Rastorfer, Mr. VanDonkersgoed, Mr. Kraayenbrink for driving and Mrs. Feenstra for accompanying the team.

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

Girls basketball practices: This week we will have lunch time practices. After that, practices will be Tuesday after school and Thursday lunch time. We will participate in a skill development clinic at Woodland on Tuesday, February 12 and our tournament will be on Friday, March 1. If you are able to drive to either of these events, let Mr. Boelens know (e.boelens@listowelchristianschool.ca).

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## **FROM THE CLASSROOMS**

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

What a week last week! I am looking forward to seeing all my JK friends this week after our snow day holiday.

This week we will wrap up our winter theme with a special "snow" paint art activity.

Our letter of the week is Oo. Children are welcome to bring in a show and tell item that either begins with o or has an o sound in it.

We will continue to work in our *Handwriting Without Tears* workbook printing letters O and Q.

In math, we will be exploring capacity with rice and different types of containers to see which holds more.

In Bible, we begin a new unit on Jesus. We will learn about Jesus and the children, and how Jesus healed a blind man. Our new memory work is Luke 7:22b, "The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."

In health, we will continue to talk about our families and how we are all part of God's family. Thanks to those who sent in family photos!

**Report Cards** Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday this week. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. [p.baarda@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:p.baarda@listowelchristianschool.ca)

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

This week we will focus on the letter Hh, please send in a show and tell that begins with that letter.

Our sight word will be "at", please send in reading logs on Friday.

In Bible, we will hear about Moses meeting with God on Mount Sinai to receive the 10 Commandments and how the Israelites made the choice of building the Golden Calf.

In math, we will complete our patterning books and continue working with numbers and 10 frames.

Skating is now finished for this year! SK did a fabulous job learning to skate! A special thank you to those who helped us out tying skates, getting out the Skate Assists, skating with students and teaching them how to skate. It is amazing what can be accomplished when we all work together. Thank you!

**Library books need to be returned on Tuesday.** 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 Wednesday.

**Spelling** – Please check your envelope for this week's spelling list. Our spelling test will be on Friday, Feb. 8th.

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

If you are reading this please have your child record the names of four 3-D shapes.

**Team Event** – We will be enjoying a dodgeball team event on Tuesday at 1:00. Be sure to ask your child(ren) all about it.

**Listowel Cyclones Game** – Please look for a free student ticket to Friday night's Cyclone game, coming home in your envelope today.

**Scholastic Orders** – Just a reminder that all scholastic orders are due Feb. 15th.

**Valentine's Day Cards** – If your child would like to bring in Valentine's day cards/treats next week, I kindly request that they bring one for each student in the class. Thank you for helping us foster an inclusive classroom community. There are sixteen students in our class and a copy of our class list can be found in the school directory.

#### The Plan

**Math** – We will conclude 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 begin a creative movement unit. We will also be learning how to play Gaga ball with help from the Gr. 7/8 class.

**Writing** – We will work on adding details to our writing, while sticking to the topic.

**Reading Comprehension** – We will continue to work on visualizing.

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

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

**Health** – We will continue our unit called *Living with Others*.

**Art** – We will continue our unit on colour.

**Printing** – We will work on magic c letters, as well as Uu.

**Chromebooks** – We will focus on math games using [abcya.com](http://abcya.com)

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**Bible** – We will conclude our unit on Moses and Israel.

**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.

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### **Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus**

Here's hoping we get a full week in!

**Tuesday** we will be participating in a team event of dodgeball.

**Wednesday** is pizza day and our library day! We are also finishing up our **Bible** unit on the beginning on Jesus' ministry. Our **test** will be on Wednesday.

Grade 2 is working on a short **math** unit on mass and capacity. Grade 3 is just finishing up their unit on measurement. Both grades will be having a **test** on **Thursday**.

**Friday** we have our spelling test:

Gr 2: who, good, book, shook, too, soon, took, school, when, what

Gr 3: that's, I'm, can't, don't, doesn't, its, didn't, it's, won't, we're, you're, let's, o'clock, I'll, wouldn't

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### **Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman**

**Memory Work** - Joshua 24:14 - "Now fear the Lord and serve with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord." - due FRIDAY

**Spelling** - Unit 16 Dictation is on FRIDAY.

**Cursive** - Last week we did letters j and p. Grade 3 pages 9, 12, 32 and Grade 4 pages 26, 40 are due WEDNESDAY.

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### **Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen**

**French:** We will continue to focus on the irregular verb ÊTRE (to be) and begin to learn adjectives so that we can build simple sentences.

Please make an effort to commit the verb être and its conjugations to memory (je suis, tu es, il/elle est, nous sommes, vous êtes, ils/ells sont).

### **Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Bible:** We are continuing with the book of Esther.

**Spelling:** Lesson 19 work due on Tuesday, quiz on Friday.

**Science:** We will continue with wetlands.

**Math:** In math we will be completing our data management unit. Review later this week, practice test on Friday.

**Writing:** This week we are working on memorizing our speeches. Be ready to present on Monday, February 11. It is time for **MAP testing** once again. We hope to complete our tests on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

**Literature products** are due today, they look great. Get them to school and be ready to show your creations to the class.

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### **Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen**

**French:** One-on-one reading assessments will occur on Thursday with me. You are to prepare and read one of the following passages: "Quel Gardien", "Au Secours!", "L'Anniversaire de Mariage". A sight passage will also be used. Verb focus is now regular 'er' verbs.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink**

**WWW** - Blue book is due today and our test will be on Wednesday. Next week will be a review week.

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**Writing** - We are working our way through the various styles of news articles. Students are to write a feature article and a news article. Rough copies are due Friday, Feb. 8.

**Guided Reading** - There are a number of students who need to hand in chapters 9-12 and chapters 13-15 comprehension questions. This week we will be focusing on chapters 16-18.

**History/Geography** - We have just finished our history unit test and attempted to crack the Etruscan alphabet. We are now moving onto our next geography unit of the year, *Economic Development and Quality of Life*.

**Mid-term Reports** are going home today. Please look over them with your child and have them signed and returned by Thursday.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens**

**Ski Trip:** We are booked for Wednesday, February 20 at Chicopee in Kitchener. Your child should have come home with a letter describing the details of the trip as well as an information form and a waiver. Please return the paperwork and bring in your money as soon as possible.

**Math:** We are still working through our *Data Management* unit. This week we will complete some review assignments. The test is scheduled for Friday.

**Bible:** Our unit is about church history. Students have their church report and we will have class time to work on it. Memory work is on Friday.

**Gym:** Wednesday we continue with basketball.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Science 7&8:** Our new unit is a short research project in which students research an inventor and inventions.

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### **Requested Announcements:**

**BENEFIT CONCERT:** Come out to support Stephanie Ten Hove and her work in Nicaragua and listen to great music at the same time. The band "Bear Feat" will be performing here at Bethel Feb. 16th @ 7pm. Cover charge is by donation and there will be the opportunity to give to Stephanie during and after the concert. For more information, contact Stephanie at [stenhove@crnapartners.org](mailto:stenhove@crnapartners.org).

### **Listowel Minor Baseball Registration**

**Location:** Upstairs at Listowel Memorial Arena

**When:** Wednesday February 6 from 6:00 - 8:00

Saturday February 9 from 9:00 – 12:00

Registration forms are available on the website or at registration events. [www.listowelminorbaseball.ca](http://www.listowelminorbaseball.ca)

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