

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It doesn't matter what phrase you use, "what goes around comes around" or "the pendulum swings back and forth", you can use both to describe some of the educational discussions going on in the province lately. I have been teaching for almost 30 years now and some of the old ideas are resurfacing.

In reference to the math curriculum, the discussion revolves internationally around the gap between Canadian math scores relative to the scores from other countries. The blame appears to fall on the experiential learning strategies encouraged in Canadian education which now leads educational leaders to reconsider the "back to the basics, rote and repetitious" approach to math instruction.

When it comes to cell phone use in the classroom, embracing the technology and integrating them into our teaching didn't appear to work as well as hoped, so now we are back to banning them from the classroom.

When it comes to balancing the budget, larger class sizes are being recommended rather than the currently recommended smaller sizes which were designed to lead to better learning.

Two areas that we can be thankful are not changing: the integration of faith and learning we offer at LCS and the influence that parents have on learning when they are invested (not financially but personally) in their child's learning. For these reasons I give thanks that some things remain consistent and that these traits thrive at LCS.

SCHOOL NEWS

Stroopwafels: Once again Listowel Christian School is offering *FRESHLY BAKED STROOPWAFELS* for sale. They are from Schep's Bakery in Norwich. Price for a full box (12 packages) is \$37.00 and for a half box (6 packages) is \$18.50. Please contact Anneke Los at (519)291-5637 or ryanlos@cyg.net to place your order. All orders need to be in by Thursday, March 21. The stroopwafels will be available for pick up the night of the Auction (Friday, March 29) or contact Anneke to make other arrangements

Thursday, March 21st is **Down Syndrome Awareness Day** and it is observed by wearing crazy and/or mismatched socks. All staff and students are encouraged to participate and wear crazy socks!

Tablecloths: After events that use the school's black tablecloths, thankfully some people take them home to wash. If you still have any at home, can you please bring them to the school. We are short a few and want to keep a complete set of them.

Job Opening: Listowel Christian School is currently seeking to fill a one-year maternity leave position to teach Grade 1. If you are interested in this position, or know someone who is, please send your resume, statement of faith, and educational philosophy to Ed Boelens (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca). Information should be sent by March 29.

Knitting/Crochet Club continues! We started before the break and are going to keep going on Wednesdays at lunch. If you have any needles or yarn that you would like to donate, the group would appreciate it! Thanks! Ms. ten Brink

Battle of the Books - Students should be done reading through their book lists at least once by now in order to make the team. Students can continue taking out books to reread them and we will start meeting to practice for our tournament on April 25th. The Junior team will meet Tuesdays at snack recess and the Senior team will meet Thursdays at snack recess starting next week.

2nd Term report cards will be coming home next week Monday, March 25, 2019.

School Theme – But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well. – Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

LCS Spring Auction - 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. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talent or goods. We appreciate your support of Christian Education in this community. Hope to see you there! Please note: there is no babysit provided at this event. Please keep an eye on your children if you bring them with you.

The Fundraising Committee is looking for kitchen help and food donations for the auction. Please use the link below and sign up to volunteer your time and/or donate food items. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Hibbs.

<http://signup.com/go/eXMGyqr>

*Reminder: All non-perishable food items should be at the school by Thursday, March 28th. Perishable items need to be at the school by noon on Friday, March 29th. Please bring these to the kitchen.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
March	April
18 – Board meeting	1 – Gift card orders are due at midnight
20 – Pizza Day	1 – Board Exec
25 – Second Term Report Cards go home	3 – Pizza Day
29 – LCS Spring Auction (pick up croquettes and stroopwafels)	5 – Gift card delivery
	8 – Board meeting
	15 – Grade 7 immunizations
	16 – Kindergarten Registration (9:30 – 11:30am)
	17 – Pizza Day
	19 – Good Friday (no school)
	22 – Easter Monday (no school)
	25 – Battle of the Books tournament

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Belated Birthday Wishes: Landon T – March 16
 Celebrating this week: William R – March 20 Kenneth J – March 20 Weston V – March 22
 Tess V – March 24



FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Music – Mrs. Wright

Composer of the month is Franz Liszt.

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their March Break.

We are continuing with our *Nursery Rhyme* theme for March. This week we will be focusing on *Humpty Dumpty* with some art, fine motor and even a science activity.

Our focus letter this week is Tt. Children are welcome to bring in a show and tell that starts with T.

In our workbooks, we will be practicing our diagonal lines with triangles and diamond shapes and then will print letter M.

In math, this week we will be trying to recognize numbers in stories and books, as well as different representations of numbers, such as the numeral, number of fingers, or number of dots on a card.

In Bible, we are beginning a new unit about the Parables. We also have a new memory verse. "He answered: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind', and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" Luke 10:27. As always, we will practice this in class, but it would be great if you are able to practice at home as well.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Welcome back from March Break! Hope you are all rested and refreshed and ready for Term 3!

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This week our focus letter will be Bb, please bring in a show and tell that begins with that letter. Hide it in a bag or container so that we can guess what it is.

We will also be working on blending sounds together and with rhyming words. A new sight word reader will come home on Friday, please send in your book bags.

In math, we will be exploring mass and learn about ordering events. What happens, first, next, last.

In Bible, we will learn about the sun standing still and Gideon being called by God.

Over the next 2 weeks we'll be focusing on Dr. Seuss books, so be ready for lots of rhyming. 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 – Spelling test will be on Friday, March 22nd. Please watch for your child's spelling list coming home in their envelope today.

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

If you are reading this, please have your child create a crayon rubbing of something that has texture.

100th Day Posters – Will be sent home this week. Thank you for your support on this project. Please feel free to take your child's if you happen to be at the school.

Hope you all had a wonderful March break and have an easy transition back into another full school week.

The Plan

Math – We will continue a unit on number patterns.

Creation Studies – We will begin a unit on matter and materials.

Physical Education – We will begin a unit that focuses on locomotor and co-operative games.

Bible – We will begin a unit on *Judges*.

Writing – We will continue to work on organizing our writing, ensuring that there is a clear beginning, middle and end.

Reading Comprehension – We will continue to work on predicting.

Words of the Day – We will continue to focus on/review sight words: the, three, to, two and up.

Phonics - We will be working on reading, writing and discriminating between long vowel sounds.

Health – We will begin a unit called *Our Amazing Bodies*.

Art – We will continue to learn about texture.

Chromebooks – We will continue to focus on math games using abcya.com and mathgames.com

Memory Work - We will be saying Psalm 18:1-2 on March 26th.

"I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I shall take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psalm 18:1-2

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

What a great break! I am so glad to have my students back and to be back in the classroom with them.

Memory Work due next week Friday: "Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people." Matthew 4:23

Spelling test on Friday:

Gr 2: you, your, yes, yell, drop, line, side, dress, draw, saw

Gr 3: word, work, world, were, first, girl, turned, learn, bird, fire, here, nurse, jury, stirred, wear

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - Psalm 103:1,2 - "Praise the Lord, my soul, all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits." - due FRIDAY

Spelling - Unit 21 dictation is on FRIDAY.

Cursive - Prior to the break, we worked on cursive letters H and K. Grade 3 pages are 64 and 65 and Grade 4 pages are 20,21,28,29. Cursive is due on WEDNESDAY.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

French: This week we will close off with être and will begin to focus on the verb avoir.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: Our unit is on the book of Habakkuk. Memory work due Friday: Hab. 2:14 and 20.

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Spelling: Lesson 24 work due on Tuesday, quiz on lesson 24 on Friday.

Science: The next part of our unit is an invasive species project.

Math: Our unit in math is measurement. We are going to complete the work of this unit this week, with a pretest on Thursday and a test on Friday.

Writing: In writing, we will continue developing the elements of our big story. This week our focus is on developing a plot.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

French: Each student is working on their 'er' verb children's book. A reminder to reference the printed outline as to the requirements for this project. These projects must be completed and submitted on Monday, March 25th.

Looking ahead: 'ir' and 're' verbs.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. ten Brink

WWW - Blue books are due today and our test on Lesson 18 will be on Wednesday. Words and definitions are on Google Classroom.

GR - We have finished the *Bronze Bow* and books will be collected tomorrow. Students are responsible to hand in the book number they were given at the beginning of our novel study. We will again be working in our *Choices and Decisions* book over the next few weeks.

Writing - Newspapers have been marked and handed back. This week we will start our writing unit on *Fractured Fairy Tales*. Sentence pages are due on Wednesday.

Geography - Before the break we worked on summarizing *Millennium Developmental* goals. This week, we will work on seeing how these goals are being worked on through various organizations. Students will have class time to start research and will be presenting their organization on Wednesday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We should be finishing up our current units in math: Grade 7 on percent and Grade 8 on geometry. A few daily assignments this week. The end of unit reviews will be due Thursday and the unit tests will be on Friday.

Bible: Our investigation of the early church continues. This week we will also look at defending our beliefs.

Gym: Our new unit will be badminton.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science 7&8: Our current unit is on pure substances and mixtures. Review today, Chapter 7 quiz tomorrow.