

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

I need your help. The Grade 1 class presented a proposal to me that I am struggling to answer. During March break Mrs. Van Den Boogaard went to Iceland and upon her return, she shared her experiences with the class. With grade 1 like excitement, it was decided that the class should schedule their Spring field trip to Iceland. As good teachers do, Mrs. O'Boyle and Mrs. Van Den Boogaard channeled the students' excitement and focus into a learning opportunity.

The class wrote a nice proposal. Along with their request, they included some examples of activities they wanted to do or sights they wanted see, including going behind the waterfalls, buying kropps, going in the Blue Lagoon, having a sleepover in a caravan, and eating pizza (maybe with whale on it). They also had the agreement of their teachers to go along and some were asking their parents to be chaperones. They are already well into their planning. Their first question for me was, "Can we please go? Circle Yes or No". How can I say no to that?

Here is where you come in. Since I feel this was a valid proposal with good educational value and learning opportunities, I don't have any good reasons to decline their proposal. However, their second question was, "Will you please pay for it? Circle Yes or No". Since I cannot afford it personally nor out of the LCS account, I thought it would be good to ask for donors to help fund this trip. LCS has always been blessed with donors to support great opportunities.

Here is how you can help: Please submit your payments to LCS in the name of "April first" or email funds to Aprilfirst@gmail.com. I will accept funds until the middle of April.

I appreciate your support in this venture.

SCHOOL NEWS

FundScrip Gift Card Order: Online order deadline is today at midnight with delivery on April 5! We've got so many participating retailers that you will easily find one or several you can use for daily expenses and for those special occasions. For more information please email giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com or call Janel Hiemstra at 519-749-5263. Spread the word!

Spring Communicator - All submissions for the next Communicator are due to the school office (office@listowelchristianschool.ca) by Wednesday, April 3. Thank you.

From Properties Committee – It's Spring! Once again, we are looking for your help in the following areas:

1. School Cleanup Event – On Saturday, April 20th (beginning at 10am) we hope to have many volunteers to help with tasks such as raking the grass (please bring a rake), cleaning the outside windows, picking up garbage, filling the playground area with wood chips. There are also odd jobs that need to be completed inside the school. All of these tasks need to be done before the Open House on April 25th!
2. Lawn Cutting – Volunteers are needed to cut the lawn (cutting once a week, trimming needs to be done bi-weekly) during the months of May – October. You must supply your own riding lawn mower and weed eater/trimmer.

Please call/text Jan Wilting (519-492-2414) if you are able to help with cleanup or lawn cutting.

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.

Kindergarten Registration Day: LCS will be hosting a Kindergarten Registration Day on Tuesday, April 16 from 9:30-11:30am for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. We are accepting new registrations for all school-aged children (JK-Grade 8). Please call the school for more information. Immunization records and birth certificates are required when completing the registration form.

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NOTE to the Principal's Corner: The proposal discussed was a real proposal and the Grade 1 class awaits my response. The request for funds has something to do with the date on the Weekly Messenger (April 1). Thank you for allowing me to respond to the Grade 1 students with "the community just couldn't pay for it"!

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
April	May
1 – Gift card orders are due at midnight 1 – Board Exec 3 – Pizza Day 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) 23 – Dental Screening (SK, Gr. 2, Gr. 7, maybe Gr. 4) 25 – Battle of the Books tournament 27 – LCS Open House/Grand Opening	1 – Pizza Day 2 – Grandparent & Grandfriends Day 6 – Board Exec 13 – Board meeting 17 – LCS Track & Field Day (also pizza day) 20 – Victoria Day (no school) 29 – Pizza Day

BIRTHDAY CORNER
No birthdays this week.



FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Music – Mrs. Wright

Composer of the month is Richard Wagner.

The students in **JK and SK** have been enjoying the unit on trains and tempo (the speed of the music).

Students in **grades 1-8** are doing Drum Fit on Mondays in April. Students enjoy getting some good exercise while learning some fun rhythms and about note values.

Drum Fit Club (grades 4-8) meets Mondays at lunch in April. We are preparing a routine to the song "Old Church Choir" by Zach Williams for the Celebration of Learning and Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day.

Choir continues to meet Tuesdays at lunch. The students are working hard and are sounding wonderful. We are also preparing some pieces for the Celebration of Learning and Grandparents' and Grandfriends' Day.

Grades 5 and 6: Tuesday, April 9 Recorder Playing test on "Love Somebody" full song or jazzy version.

Grades 7 and 8: We are working on creating our own routines in small groups with the Drum Fit equipment.

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We begin a new **theme** about Spring this week. We will have a flower sensory bin, make a spring art project, and we will plant some seeds this week.

Our **focus letter** is 'V' and children are welcome to bring in a 'V' show and tell item.

In our **workbooks** we will learn to print letters W, X, Y and Z.

In **math**, we will be looking at helpful numbers 5 and 10.

In **Bible** we continue learning about Parables with the *Widow's Offering*, and the *Rich Young Man*.

In **health**, we will look at our second sense, the sense of smell.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week our **focus letter** is short vowel 'Oo', please send in an item that begins or has a short vowel 'O' sound in the word. Our new sight words this week are "did" and "girl". Please bring your book bags on Fridays.

In **Bible**, we will begin our Easter unit with the *Triumphant Ride into Jerusalem* and preparing for the *Passover*. Our memory work is going to be John 3:16.

In **math**, we continue to count to 100, count by tens and time.

Our **theme** this week is spring weather, rain and clouds. **Please send in a jar for Thursday.** They need to be bigger than a baby food jar but not bigger than a large mason jar. We will use them for our rain experiment.

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We have **MUD** and lot of **WATER** on our playground and pavement areas. Please send splash pants and rain boots. April **Scholastic orders** due on Friday April 5th, 2019. Have a great week!

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 is pizza day.

Spelling – Spelling test will be on Fri. Apr. 5th. Please watch for your child's spelling list coming home in their envelope today.

If you are reading this, please have your child write a sentence that includes the word "you" and also includes proper capitalization and punctuation.

Memory Work – Please check our online group for some songs that may help your child with our memory work - Ruth 1:16.

Literacy Groups – Looking forward to getting back into our newly restructured literacy group rotations with Gr. 2/3 this week.

Apr. 1st Homework – Please be sure to have your child complete their special April 1st homework included in their envelopes and return to school no later than Apr. 2nd. Please also be sure to read the parent letter included in the envelope. Thanks! I appreciate your support greatly!

The Plan

Math – We will begin a unit on measurement.

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

Physical Education – We will begin a unit that focuses on manipulative skills and games.

Bible – We will conclude a unit on *Judges* and begin an *Easter* unit.

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 sequencing.

Words of the Day – We will continue to focus on/review sight words: you, all, and am.

Phonics - We will be working on reading, writing and discriminating between long vowel sounds in CVCe pattern words, as well as counting syllables.

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

Art – We will continue to learn about texture.

Chromebooks – We will begin to focus on spelling-based games.

Memory Work - We will be saying Ruth 1:16 on Tues. Apr. 16th.

"But Ruth replied, 'Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.'"

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

Snow? I guess this means that kids should come with appropriate outdoor clothing to play outside. Snow pants or splash pants are highly recommended.

In **Bible**, we are starting a new unit on *Passion Week*. It is a short unit so expect a quiz early next week.

Math: Grade 2 will have their math test on *Linear Measurement, Area, and Perimeter* on Friday. Grade 3 just started their unit on the same topic.

Our **literacy groups** are starting up again this week. We begin on Wednesday.

Scholastic went home last week. It will be due next Wednesday.

Spelling test on Friday:

Gr 2: this, then, thing, thank, bank, with, wish, think, sing, these

Gr 3: threw, through, thoughtless, caught, fault, taught, because, one, once, water, watch, wanted, wonder, wonderful, walk

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - Psalm 103:4 - "who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion" - due FRIDAY.

Spelling - Unit 23 Dictation - on FRIDAY.

Cursive - We did letters T and F last week. Grade 3 pages are 54 and 55 and Grade 4 pages are 16, 17, 50, 51. - due WEDNESDAY.

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Bible - We have finished our unit on Psalms and Proverbs. The quiz for our unit will be on Thursday. Students will need to know poetic devices, different types of Psalms, and the themes found in Proverbs for their quiz. We will be reviewing this week and students will take home their duotangs on Wednesday to help them study for the quiz.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

French: Our focus on the verb AVOIR will conclude this week with a test on Thursday. Please note that the test will assess student's knowledge of AVOIR & ÊTRE, so review should occur of both.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: Our current Bible unit is 1 Peter. Memory work for Friday is 1 Peter 1: 3-6:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

Math: We will be continuing our work to get our transformations straight. Rotations around a point outside the figure continue to get students all twisted around.

Spelling: This week is lesson 26. Work is due on Tuesday, quiz on Friday.

Science: Wednesday will be the closing presentations in science for each group's plans for the Hannah property. *Health Digestive System* quiz on Thursday.

Literature: We are studying *Anne of Green Gables*. Students are expected to complete journal questions and entries Wednesday, Tuesday, and Friday.

This week Thursday we are looking forward to the first visit from an OPP liaison officer who will take our class through the **KIDS program**.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

French: Students will be reading their "-er" verb stories to the primary classes tomorrow. Our focus on "-re" verbs will continue with the plan to focus on "-ir" verbs next week. A test on "-re" and "-ir" verbs will then follow.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. ten Brink

WWW – Blue books are due today and our quiz is on Wednesday, April 3. Words are on Google classroom.

Writing – *Fractured Fairy Tale* rough copies will be given back this week. Since I will be meeting individually with students, the due date will be written on the top of each page.

GR- We are working through our theme of serving others. Watch the calendar for upcoming due dates.

Geography - Students were given celebrity status on Friday to create a poster or video promoting an organization focused on supporting and improving quality of life. We looked at how many organizations use celebrities to promote awareness and raise funds. Posters and videos are due on Wednesday, April 3.

Art – Pictures must be sent, not printed, to me by Thursday, April 4. Write ups, your *Who God Is* statement, are also due on Thursday. These must be printed and handed in.

Digging Deeper, Zambia Well Project – Grade 7/8, along with a number of other Christian schools, will be participating in a 6 km walk to raise awareness and funds for EduDeo as they hope to dig 8 wells in Zambia to give students access to clean drinking water. This walk fits well with what we have been discussing in Geography class, how to define quality of life and how access to clean drinking water can impact education opportunities for children. We will be discussing how we can be part of the fundraising goal and the details that need to happen so that we may participate with our walk on May 3.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We continue working through our unit on Integers. Daily homework will be assigned. Mid-unit reviews will be due Tuesday (Grade 7) and Thursday (Grade 8).

Bible: We will begin presenting our Christian apologetics on Tuesday.

Gym: Our badminton unit will continue with mini tournaments.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science 7&8: Our current unit is on pure substances and mixtures. Our focus this week will be on methods to separate mixtures.

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