

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

We have some big events coming up. This Saturday is our public Open House to show off our building and invite the general community inside LCS. As much as it is a showing of the building, we also have an opportunity to present our worldview and Christian perspective for education. We hope that guests will not only marvel at the transformation of the building, but that they will marvel at the investment, influence, and transformation of student lives.

Next week we will host our Celebration of Learning on Tuesday evening. The Celebration of Learning is mostly a celebration of the arts and so we will display the student artwork throughout the school. On that evening, we also present our GrandParent and GrandFriend assembly so that the parent community can appreciate the gifts of their children. Tuesday's evening begins with a general viewing of the art at 7:00 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Next week Thursday is our GrandParent and GrandFriend Day. Enough said – always a big event when generations of families get together. Our morning begins with classroom visits, then socializing, then the program, and then lunch together. We look forward to sharing our school with these special people in our lives.

As tiring as it is to have three big events in one week, it also means we only have to prepare our building once. So, the students' artwork will be set up in a gallery format and the slide shows of the construction project and the student life will be up for all three events. The decorations will be up for the week. The assembly will happen at two of the events. We are able to "double-dip" or even "triple-dip".

Many people have been involved in preparing for these events. We thank those who helped clean up the yard and the building on Monday. We thank those who planned events such as the Open House. We thank those who are volunteering at any of the events. Once again, the LCS community has stepped up!

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**Pictures:** If anyone has pictures of any stage of the building project could you please send them to Ed Boelens ([principal@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:principal@listowelchristianschool.ca)). Any pictures will do but especially pictures that show the LCS community involvement. Maybe you have pictures of people cleaning or painting or building the playground. We would love to show the involvement of LCS in our building project.

Also, if you have pictures of any special events or day-to-day learning of the students, we can show them as well. Maybe you have pictures of assemblies, field trips, or art projects. If so, please send them to the above email address and we can show them too.

**Water Walk-a-Thon:** On May 3, Grade 7/8 will be walking 6 km to support Edu-Deo's Well Project. But we are in need of clean buckets (2-5 gallon size) for the students. Students will carry buckets of water for the duration of the 6 km walk. If you can help, please let Ms. ten Brink know. Thanks!

**The LCS Open House is this weekend!** The planning committee is seeking a few more people to help out on Saturday. Please let Adrienne Drost know if you are able to help out for a couple of hours in the afternoon!

**LCS Polos:** Also a reminder to those who have borrowed LCS Polos - please return them to the school office ASAP! :)

**Battle of the Books:** Thank you to our drivers (Wilma Hiemstra and Sharon Van Kampen) who have volunteered to drive to Community CRC on Thursday, April 25th! Students will need to come right off the buses into the school in the morning, so drivers can leave by 9am. Students will return in time for the buses home.

**FundScrip Gift Card Order:** Mother's Day is less than a month away, so now is the time to start thinking about how to make every mother feel special. Why not purchase **gift cards through FundScrip** (fundscrip.com) and raise donations for LCS at the same time? Online order deadline is Monday, May 6 at midnight with delivery on May 10! For more information please email [giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com](mailto:giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com) or call Janel Hiemstra at 519-749-5263. Spread the word!

**Grandparent's Day:** Students in Grade 6 are asked to provide some baked goods (peanut/tree nut free) for the coffee times that day. Students should bring in a lunch for their grandparent / grandfriend that day. Desserts at lunch will be provided.

**Christian Education Week (April 29 - May 3):**

- Monday, April 29 – Christian Education Week Kickoff Chapel at 9:00am
  - Carnival – Students may bring quarters, loonies and toonies to play games, buy treats from the bake table or buy a secret grab bag. Monies raised will be given to support our Grade 7/8 Edu-Deo walk-a-thon well project. (EduDeo Ministries – [www.edudeo.com](http://www.edudeo.com))
- Tuesday, April 30 – Celebration of Learning. An evening for parents and their children to celebrate the gift of art and learning. 7:00pm – 7:30pm will be a time to view the art displayed throughout the school, 7:30pm the program will begin. Note: Grandparents have their opportunity on Thursday, May 2.
- Thursday, May 2 – Invite your GrandParents or GrandFriends to school to see what you do in your classroom, show them your work, meet your teacher and your friends. Bring a lunch to share with them as you will eat together in the gym. Desserts provided.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
April	May
25 – Battle of the Books Tournament 27 – LCS Open House 29 – Chapel at 9:00am 30 – Celebration of Learning	1 – Pizza Day 2 – GrandParents & GrandFriends Day 6 – Board Exec 13 – Board meeting 15 – “Night Out” (paint night) 17 – LCS Track & Field Day (also pizza day) 20 – Victoria Day (no school) 27 – Spring Membership mtg at 7:30pm 29 – Pizza Day

**BIRTHDAY CORNER**

Celebrating this week. Gerrit J – April 27



**FROM THE CLASSROOMS**

**Music – Mrs. Wright**

**Choir** – Permission forms for our trip to Livingstone Manor on May 7 were sent home last Tuesday. Please return these as soon as possible. Thank you to those who volunteered to chaperone, we now have enough helpers. For our upcoming performances (April 30, May 2, May 7) students should wear a nice outfit (dress pants and nice top or a skirt or a dress for the girls).

**DrumFit Club:** For our performances, students are encouraged to wear black athletic pants and a bright coloured top.

Grade 1: Memorize the words for “Sing” (lyric sheet was sent home last Tuesday).

Grade 3 & 4: Recorder playing test on “Trampin” and “BAGE Blues” was today.

Grade 5 & 6: Memorize “Love Somebody” on recorder. We will be playing this piece for GrandParents’ Day and Celebration of Learning.

Grade 7 & 8: Last day to present DrumFit routines is on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

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### Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week we continue with our spring theme. We will be making some flower themed artwork to help decorate our room for the Celebration of Learning and Grandparent's Day. We will also continue to practice our memory verse and our songs for these events. Watch for details about these events in the messenger.

Our **focus letter** this week is Y. Children may bring in a show and tell item that has a letter Y in it on either Tuesday or Thursday.

We will continue to practice matching upper and lowercase letters this week.

In **math**, we counted to 20 last week and this week we will count to 30!

In **Bible**, we learned about Jesus' death and resurrection and this week we go on to learn how he appeared to his disciples and ascended into heaven.

In **health**, we continue with our five senses unit, exploring our sense of touch.

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### Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week our **focus letter** will be Jj, please send in a show and tell that begins with that letter. Hide it in a bag! We have much learning happening when the students are trying to think of words that begin with "J". This week a new decodable reader called Bud and Max will come home. The **sight words** are "but" and "up". Please send in book bags on Friday.

In **math**, we will practice printing our numbers to 20, counting by 2s and be introduced to subtraction.

In **Bible**, we will learn of Jesus' resurrection and his ascension into heaven.

We will continue to practice for Celebration of Learning and Grandparent's Day!

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### Grade 1 – Mrs. O' Boyle

#### Class News

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

**Spelling** – Spelling test will be on Fri. Apr. 26th. Please watch for your child's spelling list coming home in their envelope today.

If you are reading this, please have your child write or draw one example of matter and an example of a material.

**Grab Bags** – Just a reminder to please make and return all grab bags by Friday. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks!

**Spelling City** – Please be sure to check out spelling city as a way to practice your child's individualized lists at home. Usernames and passwords will be made available through our online parent group or through email. Thanks!

**Assembly** – Please feel free to join us next Monday at 9:00 as we kick off Christian Education Week with an assembly.

**Carnival** – Please see the note coming home in your envelopes today about carnival next week.

#### The Plan

**Math** – We will conclude our unit on measurement and begin a new unit on time, temperature and money.

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

**Physical Education** – We will conclude our unit on manipulative skills.

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

**Writing** – We will continue to work on organizing our writing, focusing on how some things are alike and some things are different. We will also focus on capitalizing months and days of the week.

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

**Words of the Day** – We will continue to focus on/review sight words: ate and be.

**Phonics** - We will continue to work on counting syllables, as well as listening for the long e and i sounds of y.

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

**Art** – We will conclude our unit on texture and will begin to learn about contrast.

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

**Memory Work** - We will be saying Matthew 28:5-6 on Apr. 30th.

"The angel said to the women, 'Do you not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.'" Matthew 28:5-6

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### Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

He lives! What a wonderful weekend to celebrate our Lord and Saviour. In **Bible** class, we are continuing to learn about the resurrection and ascension of Christ this week.

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For the Celebration of Learning, a number of students have chosen to do a speaking part in our presentation. Please ask your child if they have a speaking part and practice it with them.

**Spelling:** Test on Friday.

Gr 2: trip, tree, say, said, hop, train, number, stop, stopped, one

Gr 3: phone, photograph, orphan, alphabet, graph, nephew, enough, father, half, Friday, cough, unhappy, happier, happily, happiness

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### **Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman**

**Memory Work** - 1 Kings 17:13b - "Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your ancestors to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets." - due FRIDAY

**Cursive** - We did not do cursive last week, so no cursive is due this week.

**Spelling** - Unit 26 Dictation will be FRIDAY.

**Creation Studies** - We will be finishing our unit on *Early Exploration* and will have a quiz on FRIDAY.

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

**French:** We will be focusing on the verb "aller" (to go) and the various venues that one can go to. (e.g. le cinéma, la bibliothèque, l'école, l'église, etc.)

### **Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Bible:** This week we will do a short unit called, *Jesus' Death and Resurrection*.

**Math:** We will be continuing our unit on fractions. We will use the introductory Jump Math unit.

**Spelling:** No spelling lesson this week.

**Social Studies:** We will explore economic development and inequalities around the world.

**Health:** This week we will focus on nutrition.

**Literature:** We are studying *Anne of Green Gables*. Students are expected to complete journal questions and entries Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. This week we plan to read chapters 25 - 31.

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

**French** – We will be proceeding to "-ir" verbs and learning their conjugations. Daily activities will continue to focus especially on listening skills (e.g. as a short story is read aloud and completing T/F or multiple choice exercises) and speaking (i.e. responding to oral questions in full sentences).

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. ten Brink**

**WWW-** Review pages were due today. Again, this week we will **not** have a quiz on Wednesday.

**Guided Reading** - We have been making our way through our green *Choices and Decisions* book. Watch the calendar for upcoming due dates.

**History** - We have stepped back in time to the Middle Ages. Students will be given class time to work on their Charlemagne Facebook page and their study of the Feudal System.

**C.O.L** - Videos and slide shows are due on Thursday.

**Water Walk-a-thon** - Preparations continue for our walk. Remember to hand in your sponsor sheet forms May 2.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens**

**Math:** We completed our integers unit. Students should be bringing home marks to be signed. Last week the students really challenged themselves with the Gauss contests. Well done! This week we will begin our algebra units.

**Bible:** This week we will debate whether Constantine was a Christian and whether his influence on the church was positive or not. We will also look at the Council of Nicaea.

**Gym:** Our badminton unit will continue, and maybe finish, with mini tournaments.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Science:** We will be competing our unit on solutions this week. Unit review and a big test on Tuesday next week.

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