

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

This week we celebrate Christian education. Recently, we wrote a purpose statement for our school. It reads:

EDUCATING CHILDREN
WHILE NURTURING FAITH IN CHRIST
TO INTERPRET AND IMPACT GOD'S WORLD

I think, that as we celebrate Christian education, we can celebrate this purpose.

LCS is a school and we don't deny that our purpose is to educate children. We implement curriculum focused on teaching them to read, to write, to do arithmetic, to draw, to think, to experiment, to understand, and to reason. That purpose is universal in all schools and we are no different. However, we clearly state that we are a school with a purpose different than a church and a family.

However, where we carve out a niche and set ourselves apart is in our perspective. While we educate children, we also seek to develop faith. We integrate the understanding that every square inch of this world is created by God and is called to honour him. We cannot separate God from math or science or art. It is all created by him, shows us different aspects of him, and is used to give him glory. Hopefully, our teaching is able to help students understand and stand in awe of God, so they are drawn into a deeper relationship with him and a love for him.

It is our hope and prayer that we are also able to instill in our students a passion for expressing their faith outwardly into the world in which they live. As we graduate students, we pray that we enabled them to understand that our world needs God. We hope we have developed God's gifts in each of them and allowed them to see how God can use them to impact this world.

This week we will celebrate LCS, a place where students can receive a Christian education. What a gift, what a purpose!

SCHOOL NEWS

Open House: Saturday was a beautiful day. We opened our building to the general public and specifically celebrated the bricks and mortar and the structure. But shining brightly through it all was Christian education and the supportive community that works within these walls. It was a great testimony to every person who walked through our doors! Thank you to everyone who contributed to making that day possible. Thanks be to God!

New Teacher: We are excited that Emma Van Veen accepted the job offer to teach Grade 1 next year. Emma is currently teaching at Westfield but will be joining us to cover Mrs. O'Boyle's maternity leave. Welcome aboard Emma. Once again, God provided!

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 or call Janel Hiemstra at 519-749-5263.

6th Annual **LCS Best Ball Golf Tournament** is set to tee off on Saturday, June 8 at Pike Lake Golf Club! Registration forms were sent home today. Business sponsorship forms will go out mid-week. Spots fill up fast so don't delay in getting your forms back to Chandra Los or email lcschoolfundraising@gmail.com

Christian Education Week (April 29 - May 3)

- Today we enjoyed chapel and a carnival together!
- Tuesday, April 30 – Celebration of Learning. An evening for parents and their children to celebrate the gift of art and learning. 7:00pm -view art. 7:30pm - program begins. Note: Grandparents have their opportunity on Thursday.

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- 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.
 - Parents of Grade 6 students: Please provide 2 or 3 dozen baked goods (store bought or homemade) for Grandparents Day. These can be brought to the kitchen.
- Friday, May 3 – Regular school day!

‘Night Out’ – Be sure to sign up for our first ever paint night with Mary Slotegraaf! When? Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00pm. How? Register by filling out and returning the registration form (will be available soon) or email the fundraising committee at lcschoolfundraising@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

LCS Track & Field Day is set for Friday, May 17 and we need your help! Please go to the following link to see the various volunteer opportunities (<https://signup.com/go/raXBVVS>). Given that many parents will be at LCS either volunteering or encouraging the students, we will cancel the afternoon buses. Dismissal that afternoon will be 2pm. A pizza order form for non-LCS students and parents who wish to pre-order pizza for Track & Field has been sent home. Please note: pizza has already been ordered for LCS students.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S	
April	May
30 – Celebration of Learning 7:00-7:30pm view art; program begins at 7:30pm	1 – Pizza Day 2 – GrandParents & GrandFriends Day 6 – Board Exec 6 – Gift card orders due 10 – Gift card delivery 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. Cohen D – Apr 29 Clark E – May 3 Leah B - May 5 Caralie E – May 5 Stephanie R – May 5



FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Music – Mrs. Wright

Choir – For our performances 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.

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

We have a busy week this week. Tuesday is the **Celebration of Learning** evening at the school. We have been busy practicing songs to sing for you! Please take time to look at the artwork that is displayed through the school with your child. Students should be in the classroom by 7:25. Please take them to the bathroom before you bring them to the classroom. After our performance the JK students will go to sit with their parents.

Thursday is **Grandparents Day**. This is such a special day when we will again sing our songs for our guests and visit with them. Students are asked to bring in a lunch to share with their grandparents/grandfriends.

This week our **focus letter** is Z. Children are welcome to bring in a show and tell item that begins with or contains the letter z. We will also be continuing to practice matching upper and lowercase letters.

In our **workbooks** we are moving into printing our numbers from 1 to 10.

In **math**, we continue to practice counting and recognizing numbers as we count.

In **Bible**, we will read about Jesus ascension into heaven.

In **health**, we will complete our *5 Senses* unit.

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Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

Welcome to Christian Education Week! Such a great week to celebrate our students, our new facilities and most importantly that we can freely teach with a Christian perspective.

In **math**, we will continue working with numbers by counting by 2s and 10s, reviewing addition and simply printing numbers to 20.

In **Bible**, we begin a new unit about Samuel's birth and call to be a servant of God.

This week we hope to plant seeds and begin our surprise for Mother's Day!

Scholastic orders for May have been sent home. Please order by May 7th if interested.

May calendars have been sent home and through email.

On **Tuesday** evening, please join us for the art gallery and performance. All students should be in the classroom by 7:20pm. Please save them a seat and be sure they have used the washroom beforehand.

On **Thursday**, the best day of the school year, GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDFRIENDS DAY! Students need to supply a lunch for their grandparents. Dessert will be provided for all. Please send a snack with your SK student for morning and afternoon snack.

On **Friday**, we begin Mother's Day surprises!!

Any questions please feel free to contact me at m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca. Have a fantastic week!

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. May 3rd. 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 "ate".

Celebration of Learning – Looking forward to seeing everyone out at the Celebration of Learning on Tuesday evening! Art viewing will occur from 7:00-7:25. Please ensure that your children are back in the classroom by 7:25, so that they can prepare for the program.

Spelling City – Please be sure to check out spelling city as a way to practice your child's individualized lists at home.

Thank you! – Thank you for the birthday well wishes, cards, gifts, and treats. It is such a blessing to teach in such a supportive community!

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

Grandparents' Day – Just a reminder to pack lunch and drinks for your child and their grandparent/grandfriend on Thursday. Dessert will be provided. Please also send a note on Thursday, if your child is leaving early or being picked up by a grandparent. Thanks!

The Plan

Math – We will continue a unit on time, temperature and money.

Creation Studies – We will begin a new unit, *The Earth, God's Garden*.

Physical Education – We will begin to work on track and field skills and events.

Bible – We will begin a unit on Samuel.

Writing – We will continue to work on organizing our writing, reviewing the skills covered so far this unit. We will also focus on capitalizing months and days of the week, as well as street names.

Reading Comprehension – We will continue to work on sequencing, as well as fantasy and reality.

Words of the Day – We will continue to focus on/review sight words: be, black, brown, came, and did.

Phonics - We will work on listening for, reading and writing 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 and Isaiah 55:6 on May 7th.

"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

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6

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Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

It's a wonderful week of celebrations! What a great opportunity we have to showcase our many talents. We hope you can attend the Celebration of Learning on Tuesday evening. We also look forward to welcoming our grandparents and grandfriends on Thursday.

Regular business for this week includes:

Math: Grade 2 math test on multiplication and fractions on Wednesday.

Spelling: tests on Friday:

Gr 2: stick, trick, back, zoo, root, quick, look, looked, pack, cook

Gr 3: ghost, neighbour, high, knew, knot, unknown, rewrap, wrong, written, wrapper, unwrap, climb, limb, gnaw, gnat

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Memory Work - We did not get a chance to do memory work this week, so we will continue with 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 - Letters L and Q are due on WEDNESDAY. Grade 3s pages 62, 63. Grade 4s pages 30, 31, 42, 43.

Spelling - Unit 27 Dictation will be FRIDAY.

Math- We will be finishing our unit on *Measurement, Area and Perimeter*, and will have a quiz on FRIDAY.

Celebration of Learning and Grandparents Day - Students need to wear a black shirt for our skit during Celebration of Learning and Grandparents Day.

Grade 5 and 6 – Ms. Van Kampen

French: We are 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.) We also hope to look at modes of transportation.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: We are starting a new unit entitled "*Tell Me the Secret*". Memory Work for Tuesday is Psalm 8.

Math: We will be completing our unit on fractions. Test on Friday.

Spelling: Spelling lesson 29 assignment due tomorrow.

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

Health: This week we will continue with our 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 32 - 34.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. Van Kampen

French – We will focus on the imperative (giving instructions and commands) verb tense. Next week - future tense.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. ten Brink

WWW - Work pages were due today. We are continuing our review of our roots and will add 3 more this Wednesday.

Writing - We have been working through our grammar skill pages. Watch the calendar for upcoming due dates.

GR - We are covering the last two stories in our green book this week. Time will be given in class to complete the activities but watch the calendar for final due dates.

History - Our look at the *Middle Ages* continues. This week we will be working in class to understand the feudal system and the role of the church and Christianity.

Water Walk is this Friday! We have pails and volunteers! If you are still wanting to come and walk with the students, you are welcome to do so. We will be starting at 1:00. Students, don't forget to bring in your pledge forms this Thursday and we will add it to the total from the Carnival on Monday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We continue working through our algebra units.

Bible: This week we will investigate the topics at the Council of Nicaea.

Gym: Track and Field will begin this week.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

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

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