

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

This Wednesday our strategic planning group will meet. Ray Hendricks, from Edvance, will be our facilitator. Ray has a vast experience in Christian schooling and a good pulse on what is happening in schools around the province. When he comes, he brings his experience which enables our team to be guided to what is really important in the current educational landscape.

I am looking forward to Wednesday. For the past several years, we have focused on branding - tackling big things like the logo and school colours, as well as facilities – bringing us to our new building. We also reviewed and updated our constitution and our mission and vision, leading to our purpose statement. These have been big topics – strategic topics. Wednesday we will begin with a clean slate. It will be time to put new ideas on the table.

This year Sophie Lise is finishing her extended term as Strategic Planning Coordinator. I want to thank Sophie for keeping us all focused on our tasks and for her years of dedication and passion to make LCS a great school. Lauren Koersen will be taking on the role of coordinator and I look forward to Lauren's contribution, her ideas, and her commitment to getting things done.

If you have any ideas that you think LCS should be strategically thinking about and planning for, let us know. A quick text or email and we can bring it to the discussion on Wednesday. I ask that you pray for our meeting. For the past decade, strategic planning has enabled LCS to grow and be a school that is focused on doing kingdom work. Pray that we keep our focus on God's will and on the purpose of LCS – to educate children, while nurturing faith in Christ, to interpret and impact God's world.

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**Track & Field Day:** Thank you to the many volunteers, parents, grandparents and friends who supported our students in their track and field day on Friday. Congratulations to all our great participants. Although colder than expected and we would have liked, we had an excellent day on Friday. The older grades will run the 1500m today and it looks like a high jump jump-off is needed to determine a few spots for district. Once all the results are determined, students who qualified for district will receive a permission sheet with all the important information. If your child qualifies, please consider volunteering to lead a group at district.

District field day is scheduled for Friday, June 7 at Lions Park in Brantford. This gives us lots of time to continue to perfect our skills in the qualifying events. Reminder, there is no school on June 7 as many of our students participate and the teachers are needed to help with this event!

#### **Help Wanted - Permanent Part-time Bookkeeper**

Listowel Christian School is currently inviting applications for the following position:

Bookkeeper – permanent, part-time: Start date is flexible with job shadowing/training with current bookkeeper.

- LCS is seeking a bookkeeper with payroll experience, a working knowledge of excel and experience with Quickbooks Online would be an asset.
- The successful applicant must be self-motivated, detail oriented and able to maintain confidentiality.
- An understanding of the compliance regulations for registered charities would also be beneficial.
- Wages will be dependent on the experience and credentials of the successful applicant.
- Preference will be given to applicants who are supporters of Christian education.

For a more detailed job description, or to submit your resume, please email [hr@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:hr@listowelchristianschool.ca)

6<sup>th</sup> Annual **LCS Best Ball Golf Tournament** is set to tee off on Saturday, June 8 at Pike Lake Golf Club! More golfers are needed! (Registration at 1:30pm, golf begins with a shot gun start at 2:00pm, dinner at 5:00pm.) We are still looking for several sponsors for this event as well. Please contact Chandra ([lcschoolfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:lcschoolfundraising@gmail.com)) for more information or to register your team.

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Please mark your calendars for the upcoming **Membership meeting** which is scheduled for next week Monday, May 27 at 7:30pm. Agenda packages were sent home last week. Snacks / Coffee and clean up: Education Committee.

**Last milk day will be** next week Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Last pizza day will be Wednesday May 29.

**LCS Appearance and Dress Code:** These dress code considerations are for school days and school sponsored events. In an age where there are a variety of interpretations for the word *modesty* we at LCS will be adhering to the following standards for dress for our students:

Shirts/tops should adequately cover the shoulder area. Plunging necklines are unacceptable.

Shorts and skirts should be a minimum of mid-thigh length and loose fitting.

For school sponsored swimming times, girls should have one-piece suits.

These are also appropriate guidelines to follow when searching for attire for graduation.

Our dress code also calls for no inappropriate slogans on clothing. Please 'read' your child's clothing. When in doubt, leave it at home.

**Piano Recital:** The students who are enrolled in private piano lessons at LCS are performing in a Spring Recital. The recital is taking place on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the small gymnasium. All are welcome to attend and celebrate the musical gifts and growth of these students. Come and enjoy a nice evening of music!

**BIRTHDAY CORNER**

Celebrating this week: Robert D – May 21    Blake H – May 22    Jaxon S – May 26



**SCHOOL SPORTS:**

Girl's Baseball Team: We will be practicing on Tuesdays after school at the Optimist Diamond and Fridays at lunch recess.

Boy's Baseball Team: We are practicing Tuesdays after school and Thursdays at lunch. Tuesdays we go to the Kinsmen park on Louise Avenue.

**U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S**

| <i>May</i>                                | <i>June</i>                                 |
|---|---|
| 22 – Strategic Plan Writing Day           | 3 – Board Exec                              |
| 23 – Piano Recital (7:00pm)               | 3 – Gift card orders due                    |
| 27 – JK Visiting Day (9:00am – 12noon)    | 4 – Grade 6 & 7 student meat delivery       |
| 27 – Spring Membership mtg at 7:30pm      | 6 – JK Class trip to the fire hall and park |
| 29 – Last pizza Day                       | 7 – Gift card delivery                      |
| 30 – Grade 5/6 Class trip to Camp Kintail | 7 – District Track & Field Day in Brantford |
| 30 – Last milk day                        | 8 – LCS Golf Tournament                     |
|   | 10 – Board meeting                          |
|   | 11 – Baseball tournament in Kitchener       |
|   | 13 – SK – Grade 1 Class trip                |
|   | 17 – SK Graduation (2pm)                    |
|   | 19 – Grade 8 Graduation                     |
|   | 21 – Last day of school (2pm dismissal)     |

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## **FROM THE CLASSROOMS**

### **Music – Mrs. Wright**

**Grades 5 and 6:** Composer interview presentation May 27 and 28.

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

We continue our Community Helpers unit this week with a look at how dentists are helpers. We will be using toothbrushes in different ways for our art and our sensory activities this week.

**Tuesday is Yellow Day!** Students may wear something yellow or bring in a yellow show and tell.

We will be reviewing letters K-O this week with some upper and lowercase matching activities as well as our phonic songs.

In our workbooks we will practice printing numbers 8, 9, and 10.

In **math**, we will be taking another look at patterns to practice recognizing and creating simple patterns.

In **Bible**, we will read about Dorcas, and Philip and the Ethiopian.

In **health**, we will continue in our new unit about rules with street safety rules.

**Field Trip: I am still in need of volunteers to help with our trip to the Listowel Fire Hall on Thursday June 6.**

If you are able to spare the morning to help drive and chaperone, please contact me either by email [p.baarda@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:p.baarda@listowelchristianschool.ca) or by phone 519-343-4778.

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

I hope that everyone enjoyed the long weekend! I just counted...SK has 18 days left of school. Yikes! This week we will focus on long vowel li, we will NOT be having show and tell. We will also be reading Vic Yelps, please send in your book bags on Friday.

In **math**, we will continue to practice counting by fives and collecting information using tally marks.

In **Bible**, we will learn about David and Goliath and Psalm 23.

We will be discussing farm animals and sharing what we know as well as learning new information and making farm animal crafts.

Our **class trip** with Grade 1 will be taking place on Thursday June 13th, 2019 to the London Children's Museum.

The students will be part of an educational program for an hour where they will be taught how to use nature to create art. We will also have an opportunity to explore the museum on our own for approximately an hour. We will leave as soon as the children arrive at school and the student's will be back at school to catch the afternoon bus home. If you are interested in supervising some children throughout the day, please let me know asap at [m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca](mailto:m.heida@listowelchristianschool.ca) or by calling the school and leaving a message 519-291-3086.

I have sent home the June calendar so that you can see what is yet to happen in these last 18 days. I really cannot believe it!

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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. May 24th. 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 about what they did this weekend.

**Running Shoes** – Just a reminder to please continue to send outdoor running shoes on Tuesdays and Thursdays as we will be having our gym classes outside as much as possible for the remainder of the year.

**Fruit** – As part of our plant unit we are learning about the different parts of a plant. On Thursday, we will be learning about fruit. Please send your child with their favourite piece of fruit on that day. We will be making a fruit salad to enjoy together as a class. Thanks!

**Class Trip** – I'm excited to announce that on June 13th we, together with the SK class, will be traveling to London Children's Museum to participate in their art through the seasons program. We will be leaving promptly at 9:00 and will be back in time for the afternoon buses. Please pack a lunch that includes some dry granola bar type snacks

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that we can eat on the go. We have all the necessary chaperones already lined up for this trip, but please let me know if you are interested in joining us still.

### The Plan

**Math** – We will conclude a unit on time, temperature, and money and begin a new unit on place value and number application.

**Creation Studies** – We will continue a unit on The Earth, God's Garden

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

**Bible** – We will begin a unit on King David.

**Writing** – We will continue to work on organizing our writing, reviewing the skills covered so far this unit.

**Reading Comprehension** – We will continue to work on fantasy vs. reality.

**Words of the Day** – We will continue to focus on/review sight words: four, get, good, and have.

**Phonics**- We will work on listening for, reading, and writing words with the initial consonant blends of cr, fr, br, tr, gr, dr.

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

**Art** – We will continue to learn about the principle of design: contrast, as well as, the element of design: space.

**Chromebooks** – We will continue to focus on math and language review games.

**Memory Work** - We will be saying Psalm 24:1-2 on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters." Psalm 24:1-2

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### **Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus**

Welcome back from a long weekend. Friday was a great day of athleticism, perseverance, and encouragement.

**Math:** I have moved the Grade 2 math test to Thursday to coincide with the Grade 3 math test. Grade 2 has been studying 2D geometry, maps and grids. Grade 3 will be tested on fractions.

We have finished our **creation studies** unit on Woodland Mammals. So many great projects were turned in. Great job, everyone! We will now be studying Countries Around the World.

**Bible:** Our Bible unit is also coming to an end this week. We have been studying the Early Church. Next week we will have a test on this topic followed by our last unit of the year: Christ's Promised Return.

**French:** In French we have been learning how to answer questions from our play. We will have a test on this on Thursday.

**Spelling:** Friday is our spelling test:

Gr 2: they, their, many, any, anything, than, because, know, water, very

Gr 3: they're, there, their, soup, night, knight, right, write, weight, wait, piece, peace, hour, our, wrote

**Memory Verse** for Thursday:

"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" Romans 8: 31-32

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### **Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman**

**Memory Work** - Isaiah 43:11 - "Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no saviour." - due FRIDAY (Note: It will be on the Bible quiz.)

**Spelling** - Dictation for Unit 29 is on FRIDAY.

**Cursive** - We did not have cursive last week due to track and field.

**Bible** - We are finishing our unit on Elijah and will have our quiz on FRIDAY. (Note: Memory work will be on the Bible quiz.)

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

**French:** We will continue to focus on the verb FAIRE and les sports.

### **Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Bible:** We are continuing with “Tell Me the Secret”. Memory Work for Thursday: Job 23: 10

**Math:** We are working on fractions and decimals

**Spelling:** Spelling Lesson 32 assignment due tomorrow, test on 31 and 32 on Friday.

**Social Studies:** Importing and exporting and the rules of trade.

**Health:** Thursday we will welcome officer Barry back for another session of the OPP kids program.

**Literature:** We have completed reading *Anne of Green Gables*. Students are working on their final board game project. These need to be completed and ready to play by Wednesday

On Thursday, May 30, our class is planning a **field trip** to Camp Kintail. This will be a full day trip leaving at 9:00 and returning around 4:30. I am looking for a few people to accompany us on our trip.

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

**French** – This week’s focus: les adjectifs and their masculine, feminine, and plural forms.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. ten Brink**

**WWW** - Doodle pages were due today.

**Writing** - We are working on our final project for our unit, creating plays. Students will have time to work on them this week in class. Watch the calendar for our presentation date.

**GR-** Thursday we will have our final read through of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. If you have a costume for your part, be sure to bring it to school. Thursday your retell of the story is also due.

**History** - We are working through the final lessons this week and will have a test on our Middles Ages unit next week Wednesday.

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens**

**Math:** Both grades will be looking to solve beginning algebra equations. Daily homework and worksheets will be assigned.

**Bible:** We will continue to track the church’s history as it is influenced by key people.

**Gym:** This week we will start baseball. Bring your gloves!

### **Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg**

**Science:** Our current unit is *Heat in the Environment*. Quiz on Chapter 10 on Thursday.

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