

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As our theme this year we are going to focus on the fruits of the Spirit. These attributes of God are listed in Galatians 5:22-23a, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control".

I am always challenged by the counter-cultural message of the gospel. It seems to go against everything our current society would have us do. Jesus, who was supposed to come as a triumphant king, went to the sinners. Jesus, who was expected to be among the important people of the day, went to minister to the perceived lowly people of the day – tax collectors and prostitutes. Jesus modeled the fruits of the Spirit in his life on earth.

Now, today, in a me first, have to get ahead, have to climb the ladder, and survival of the fittest society, Jesus calls us to be kind, gentle, and patient, to value peace and offer forgiveness, to exhibit self-control and show goodness. Jesus calls us to consider others better than ourselves and to serve others rather than seek out our own needs.

Our task this year is to teach our students that God values these Spirit attributes even though a large part of our society may not. We will focus on each characteristic to highlight how it might look in our lives and in our school. I think it would be great if our students, teachers and school community would be known for our gentleness, goodness, kindness, love, joy, peace, patience, faithfulness and self-control. What if we all portrayed the fruits of the Spirit and everyone could see that we reflect God through the way we live.

SCHOOL NEWS

Weekly Messenger: If you would like to receive the Weekly Messenger by email only, please contact Rita Ann at the office (office@listowelchristianschool.ca).

Parents: A number of forms were sent home last week. Most of you returned these – thank you! If you do not remember seeing these forms, please check your child's backpack or send an email to the office requesting the forms. Please look for: Student Profile sheets (please sign the medical release included on the back of the profile); Field Trip Permission form (one per family); Digital Media Release form (one per family) and Milk/Pizza order form.

LCS Parent Handbook: The 2019 LCS Parent Handbook is available. A copy will be emailed to all LCS families. Please contact the school office if you would like a printed copy.

Need a special dessert for Thanksgiving or Christmas? Thursday, October 10th is "Pie Making Day" at *Listowel Christian School* and we invite you to help us with this great fundraiser. These tasty pies come in a variety of flavours and freeze very well. They keep up to 9 months in the freezer. All you have to do is pop them in the oven! Featured pies are apple and strawberry-rhubarb. Also available: apple crisp. If you prefer your own filling, a package of four unbaked pie shells is also available to purchase. Please return your order form (with payment) directly to the school by **September 23rd**. For more information or to volunteer your time to help with this annual fun event that builds "community" please contact Tanya Slotegraaf (519-291-6736), Michelle Hibbs (519-291-7292) or email us at lcschoolfundraising@gmail.com. There are two options to help: Wednesday evening October 9, starting at 7:00 pm, or Thursday, October 10 any time after 7:00 am. No pie making experience necessary. Lost or misplaced your order form? One of the above-named contacts will gladly send you a new one. **Please note:** A slice of apple pie can be ordered for LCS students to enjoy at lunchtime on Pie Day. Cost is \$1.50 per slice. If you have not already done so, please let the office know if you would like to order a slice of pie for your child/ren.

Are you an LCS coach, faithful LCS golf tourney attendee, staff member, or involved in LCS related events like the auction or choir performances and need clothing that shows you represent LCS? Well the Promotions Committee has a solution for you! We have ordered LCS Polos to be signed out by the chair of each committee, or

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the staff rep for sporting events! These are black and grey, lightweight, and super classy. We have tried to cover enough sizes, in both men's and women's, but if you prefer to purchase your own, feel free! These are available for purchase for \$37.00 plus tax - www.creativecasuals.com under custom clothing programs (login: listowelstaff password: christian) All orders are due by September 20th. Any questions? Ask Adrienne Drost 519-291-6416.

From the Library: Welcome back to the library, we hope that the students will again enjoy the great space we have been blessed with. We are excited about some new books we purchased over the summer, thank you especially to our Grandparents and Grandfriends.

Library days are again Tuesday (Grades JK, SK, & 3/4) and Wednesday (Grades 1, 2/3, 5/6, 7/8). As a reminder of the library policy, we do not charge late fines for books, however if a book has not been returned for 60 days you are responsible for the replacement cost of the book. Also, if a book has been returned damaged beyond repair you will be responsible to pay for the book. Last year we replaced more books damaged by water than ever before. **If your child's backpack might get wet due to rain or leaky water bottles please protect the books by putting them in a plastic bag or consider having them take an empty water bottle to school and fill it up at the water fountain.**

We again plan to start "FABULOUS FRIDAYS" in October. On those Fridays students may choose to come in during lunch recess to explore the library resources, read and if desired check out one more book. Happy Reading, from the librarians.

Student Leadership: This year the Student Leadership team includes students from Grade 7 and 8 who are interested in planning Spirit Days and Team Events for the 10 months of school. Mrs. Hiemstra and myself (Mrs. Heida) are supporting the team which includes Katherine, Brooke, Gracie S, Gracie M, Hayley, Leah, Lina, William, Luke, Gerrit, Dylen and Levi. For September our team event will be the Terry Fox Run on **Friday, September 27th, 2019**. Students are asked to bring a Toonie for Terry and the proceeds will be designated towards Childhood Cancer as September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month. We do this in memory of Georgia, who passed away a little over 10 months ago from cancer as well as remembering those families currently dealing with cancer in their families. We will begin the week with a chapel on **Monday, September 23rd, 2019** at 9am where we will sing some of Georgia's favourite songs and read a story called The Lemonade Club that talks about families dealing with cancer. **On Tuesday, September 24th, 2019** we will have our first Spirit day and ask all the students to wear gold, yellow, bling and/or sparkly shirt or whatever you have that falls under this category. Hoping to have as many yellow tops as possible. An aerial picture will be taken of the students standing in the shape of a Childhood Cancer Awareness Bow. We hope to hang this photo in our school as a memory of Georgia and those fighting cancer.

BOARD REPORT

The board is pleased to announce that the new bookkeeper is Sandy McDonnell. The board is thankful for the years of service and dedication from Amanda VanderMeer. Amanda will be working with Sandy for a short time of transition. In July the board approved renting space to the municipal daycare. That daycare is now running smoothly. The board approved the following policies: *Lockdown Policy and Fire Safety Policy*. The Fall Membership meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 18th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Reid H – Sept 18 Mrs. Feenstra – Sept 19
James T – Sept 21 Hudson K – Sept 22



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U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

September	October
18 – Boys and Girls Soccer Practice (3:30-4:30)	2 – Pizza Day
19 – Return all Pizza/Milk order forms and payment	3 – Cross Country Meet in Cambridge
20 – Clothing orders due	7 – Board Exec
23 – Return Pie Order forms	8 – LCS Thanksgiving lunch
23 – Chapel at 9am	9 – Grade 7 immunization
24 – Spirit Day	10 – Pie Making Day
26 – Soccer Tournament in Kitchener	14 – Thanksgiving Day (no school)
27 – Terry Fox Run	16 – Pizza Day
	21 – LCS information evening
	24 & 25 – Edvance Convention (no school)

Sports – Soccer

Cleats or running shoes are required for all practices and students are recommended to also wear shin pads and proper socks. Bus notes: Make sure notes are in the office by lunch.

Girls Soccer Practices: An email was sent out last week to all players' families.

Tuesday, September 17th -now at LUNCH (12:30-12:55)

Wednesday, **September 18th** -AFTER SCHOOL (3:15-4:30)

Tuesday, September 24th -Lunch (12:30-12:55)

Wednesday, **September 25th** -AFTER SCHOOL (3:15-4:30)

Boys soccer practice is on Wednesday after school 3:15 - 4:30. Our soccer tournament is scheduled for Thursday, September 26. A more detailed information sheet will be given to players after the final schedule has been created.

CROSS COUNTRY - We have started training for cross country in Grades 3-8. Grades 3 and 4 practices are Mondays and Wednesdays at snack recess and Grades 5-8 practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays at snack recess. There are two meets in October that we will be participating in. Details on these meets are being finalized and dates and information will be posted in next week's Weekly Messenger.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Music – Mrs. Wright

First of all, I wanted to say thank you to all of those who supported our fundraiser to purchase ukuleles for our music program! We are hoping to have those ordered in soon to begin in October with the grades 7 and 8 class. You may still contribute towards these instruments. Thank you!

We have had a good time in our first few music classes. We have learned and reviewed expectations for music and have done some activities to get us moving and to get to know each other better. Most classes have written their own or shared together their goals, hopes and dreams for music.

JK and SK: We have been learning about singing versus speaking voices with help from our friend Melody the elephant.

Grades 1-4: We have been enjoying a Russian folk dance "Sasha." Students have also been learning about beat and rhythm and have been learning to sing the solfa for our song "I Like You."

Grades 5 and 6: We have been learning about the elements of music and we used our listening ears to notice the sounds around us on a sound walk.

Grades 7 and 8: We have been reviewing and learning the music alphabet and how to name notes in the treble and bass clefs. We also enjoyed a sound walk where we took note of the sounds around us.

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Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

Our theme for the rest of September is "On the Farm". We will be creating some animals using paper plates, as well as doing an experiment with milk.

In **language** we will continue to look at our names and try matching names with photos of our classmates. We will also be talking about what our hopes and dreams are for this school year.

In **math** we will be describing objects and sorting objects using describing words.

In **Bible** we will continue to look at how God created the world, specifically the sun, moon and stars, and sea life and birds.

Library day is Tuesday. Please remember to send in your child's library book so that they may choose a new one to bring home.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on the letter P on Monday and Letter B on Thursday. Please send only one show and tell a week. We are working on identifying sounds that we hear in our environment as well as rhyming words.

This week we will focus on me and my family. If you have a family picture that we could have till the end of October, that would be great.

In **math**, we are working on number recognition and printing numbers to 10.

In **Bible**, we will wrap up the creation unit learning how God created Adam and Eve and the importance of a day of rest.

In **Phys. Ed.** we are bouncing and catching a ball with a friend and playing cooperative games such as *Duck, Duck Goose*.

Library books are due back to school on Tuesday. Students need to return books in order to take a new book home. The new book stays in the classroom until the book is returned.

Monday (today) September 16th, 2019 Scholastic Book orders are due if you chose to order.

Thank you for the birthday wishes. I feel blessed to be part of the LCS community. Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

Class News

We are really working well as a team in Grade 1! Our class has been embracing our theme this year and they have already demonstrated many of the fruits of the spirit :)

Scholastics Flyers - Scholastic Reading Club flyers are due back (or online) on Sept 27th.

Library books are due back Wednesday.

Curriculum:

Spelling - Our words this week are: **I, a, to, it, at** -we will have a test on Friday.

French - We have jumped right in to learning a new language. Ask your child how to say hello in French!

All About Me books will be sent home this week.

Memory Work: Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden your work in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

A new week is upon us. We are continuing to grow as a class and community. The students are becoming more familiar with the classroom and with the expectations.

Scholastic flyers are going home this week. They are due Wednesday, September 25. Orders can be made online or sent to school. Purchases help our class library grow and help provide needed tools in the classroom.

Library is on Wednesday. Please return both books so you can take 2 new books out.

Spelling test is on Friday:

Gr 2: as, has, fox, box, mix, egg, jam, pet, nap, big

Gr 3: next, left, help, please, believe, many, very, been, seen, she, between, three, easy, sea, leave

Math: Grade 2 will have a test on Wednesday on patterning.

Memory Work: On Friday we will say our memory work: Ephesians 4:29.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Math - We are finishing Unit 1 on patterns and will have our quiz on THURSDAY. For the quiz, students will need to know how to identify pattern rules and how to finish number patterns. They will also need to know how to round

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numbers to the tens and hundreds. Grade 3s will need to know various ways to represent numbers (words, base ten blocks), and Grade 4s will need to know addition and subtraction patterns. If you would like the Smartboard notes for this unit, and have not e-mailed me yet about getting Smartboard notes, please send me a quick email at t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca and I will add you to my list!

Memory Work - We are starting to memorize the Old Testament books for our memory work. This week, students will need to know the Books of the Law (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) in order for FRIDAY.

Spelling - We are starting Unit 2 words this week and will have dictation on FRIDAY. The Spelling lists (for the whole year) are on the Spelling City website. This website was shown to students last week. If you go to spellingcity.com and search "Mrs. Delleman" my name will come up and when you click on my name, a list of all the units will open up. When you click on the list name, the words appear as well as a button called "Games" where students can play a number of activities with their spelling words.

Cursive - Last week we did letters "o" and "c". The cursive pages for these letters are due on FRIDAY. GRADE 3 pages are 6, 12, 27 (JUST letters "o" and "c") and GRADE 4 pages are 8 and 38 (just the bottom two lines with lowercase "o" and "c").

Art - We will be doing leaf art this week!! Students will need to bring in 5 leaves for WEDNESDAY.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French: We are continuing to work through a little more review so we can have a solid start to our year.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: Our Bible unit is *The Setting of God's Story*. Memory work is books of the Bible and this is due on Friday.

Word Work: Lesson 2 quiz on Friday.

Science: Students have been given an assignment that asks them to go stargazing with a parent on a clear evening. Please take some time this week to complete this assignment. We have had a lot of overcast days, but this week does look more promising for clear evening skies.

Math: Today we will complete our first unit with a unit test. Our next unit is going to be an intensive number sense unit. Students may have daily math homework. As a rule, no more than 30 minutes should be required to complete this.

Writing: The personal narrative is due on Friday. Students will have some time to work on this in class but slower writers and typers will need to complete this at home. There is a spot for this assignment on Google classroom.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

Bible - Handouts, pgs 7,8,9, were due today. Again, all handouts from Monday and Wednesday are due this Friday. Remember to hand them in before class begins. This week Wednesday is our first memory work, Deuteronomy 6:4-6. Be ready to say or write it. Our next memory work will be Jeremiah 31:33-34 and is due on October 2.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

French - We are continuing to work through a little more review so we can have a solid start to our year. Quiz - etre and avoir verbs in present tense Thursday, Sept. 19.

Geography - We are learning about the landforms around the world and how they are formed. Both the Canada map and the Map of the World will be handed back this week. We will have a quiz tomorrow, Sept. 17.

Guided Reading and Writing - We are working on a combined unit at the moment on short stories.

Phys. Ed. - reminder to have a school gym shirt and gym shorts/pants and outdoor/indoor shoes appropriate for gym to change in and out of every Tuesday and Thursday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We are making our way through the introductory unit with worksheets and textbook work. Our mid unit review will be on Tuesday to be handed in on Friday. Daily work is assigned. Homework is anything not completed in class.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: We have started a cell unit. This week we will focus on plant and animal cell parts and functions diagram quiz on Thursday and a structures and functions quiz on Friday.

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