

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Wow, we are at the end of September. I am always amazed at how quickly routine sets in and we get used to new places, new expectations and new schedules.

I enjoy watching the new JK students adjust. This is their first experience with school, their first bus ride, their first significant level of independence. They also have to adjust to hearing the bell and determining what it means. They have quickly figured out that a bell means it is time to leave the playground, line up, and go inside. They have to change their shoes, gather their lunch, put things on their hooks and in their cubbies, and get ready for class. Oh, and remember there are fourteen of them and they are just three or four years old! Amazing.

September has been a smooth transition overall. We made a few changes from last year just to help make transitions and the school day run smoother. I am thankful for the positive attitudes of the students and their interest in making school a good place.

I also hope that students and families are making transitions. For homes, there are adjustments to getting everyone where they need to go at the right time, catching the bus, making lunches, scheduling homework times, creating church activity schedules, and getting to organized athletic practices and games. September brings about a bunch of changes for homes.

I hope September has allowed you to adjust to your new routines, expectations, and responsibilities because, ready or not, here comes October.

SCHOOL NEWS

October FundScrip orders are due TODAY at MIDNIGHT with delivery on Friday, October 4th. If you are not a FundScrip supporter and would like to be, please contact Janel Hiemstra at giftcardprogramlcs@gmail.com

CATYO: LCS is holding a **Kindergarten Registration on Monday, November 4** from 1:00pm – 3:30pm. Representatives from the Early Years Program *Calling All Three Year Olds (CATYO)* will be present to administer an innovative developmental screening that was developed for children from infants to age 6. In order for the program representatives to see every child it is necessary to schedule an appointment (please contact the school during office hours). Another registration opportunity will be held in the spring, however the CAYTO program cannot be offered at that time. If you have any questions please contact the school.

Thursday, October 10th is **“Pie Making Day” at LCS and we invite you to help us with this great fundraiser.** To volunteer your time to help with this annual fun event that builds “community” please sign up on-line at <https://signup.com/go/CfRSxxa> or if you prefer, contact Chandra Los (519-291-9831). 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. Note: Toy donations for the bazaar can be brought to the school this day as well.

LCS will be hosting an **Open House/Information Evening** on Monday, October 21 from 7-9pm. If you know of anyone who would like more information about Christian Education and what LCS has to offer be sure to invite them to attend this event. Some staff members will be available to give them a tour and answer questions they may have about Christian Education.

Thanksgiving Day Lunch for staff and students will be held next Tuesday, October 8. Each family is asked to contribute an item for our lunch. Please see the sheet that was sent home today in kidmail for your item.

University of Waterloo Research: Once again, the University staff have requested that we participate in their research program. They are studying children’s (up to age 7) responses to social situations. Participation is voluntary and permission forms were sent home today. Parents, please read through the invitation to participate and fill out the response form. Once we receive your responses, we will determine a date. We will keep you informed.

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Employment Opportunity: Listowel Christian School is seeking applications for a part-time (25%) Music teacher (Maternity leave). This position covers Music for all grades; JK – Grade 8 with classes on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you are interested in this position, or even a part of it, and you are committed to educating God’s young children and working with our staff team, please contact: Ed Boelens (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca) The position will be open December 2, 2019. Applications are due by October 18, 2019.

Cancer Awareness: Last week we had a good week raising awareness about cancer and cancer research. Friday students brought a Toonie for Terry to support the Terry Fox Foundation, specifically research for childhood cancer. If you forgot your money on Friday, you can still bring it in this week. So far, we have \$260.00!

BAZAAR NEWS -- SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2019, 8AM-2PM AT LCS

TOY STORE ITEMS NEEDED: In the GAMES area at the Bazaar, the children (and adults) collect coupons when they play the games. These coupons are then traded in for toys from the “Toy Store”. The “Toy Store” is in need of new and used toy donations. Please remember that used toys MUST BE CLEAN and in EXCELLENT condition. Contact Rhonda Weber at 519-588-0634 or email gweber@wightman.ca, or contact Carolyn Wagler at 519-897-1002 or email carolyn_kuepfer@hotmail.com for more information. The toys can be brought into the school office. Note: Toys can be brought to Pie Baking day where a committee member will receive them.

CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED: The craft area of our bazaar is extremely popular as we try to offer a wide array of crafts. We are always looking for new ideas. Do you or someone you know enjoy sewing, knitting, making jewelry, painting, woodworking, etc., please consider making a donation. Feel free to contact Alana Siebring at 519-291-7709 or email alanalaurendekkema@gmail.com or contact Henrike Reitzema at 519-261-2244 or email henrikedeetman@hotmail.com for more information.

TOONIE JARS NEEDED: The Toonie Jars were a big hit at previous bazaars, and they will be back again this year. Just to refresh your memory, you can fill an empty jar with items such as packs of gum, candy, jewelry, small toys, marbles, pencils, lego, hair accessories, hot wheel cars, etc. Anything you would like to win yourself would be a great Toonie Jar filler.

BAKING FOR THE BAKE TABLE: Donations of all sorts of baked or homemade goodies are needed for the day of the Bazaar to sell. Specialty items such as homemade fudge, jams, apple sauce and fancy baking are well received. Baking items needs to be brought into school by the end of the school day on Friday November 22.

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

September	October
30 – Gift card orders due by midnight	2 – Pizza Day 3 – Cross Country Meet in Cambridge 4 – Gift card delivery 7 – Board Exec 8 – LCS Thanksgiving lunch 9 – Grade 7 immunization 10 – Pie Making Day 14 – Thanksgiving Day (no school) 16 – Pizza Day 18 – Cross Country Meet in Dundas 21 – LCS information evening 24 & 25 – Edvance Convention (no school)

Sports

Boys Soccer: In soccer action the Listowel teams had tough day on Thursday. The boys played 4 games. In our first game against Guelph we faced a very strong and determined team. While we played well at times, their strong offense overpowered our defense. The final score was 5-1. In our second game we faced an even stronger team in

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Providence. While the boys hung in there, Providence managed to score 4 times resulting in 4-0 loss for us. Next was Kitchener. This strong team picked apart our defensive efforts and stifled most of our attacks, the final score was 7-1. In the final game we met Drayton. This was a closely contested match with good chances for both sides. In the end Drayton prevailed 2-1. While the outcomes of the games were disappointing, the boys had lots of fun playing soccer against some excellent teams.

Girls Soccer: Congratulations girls on another fun season. Thank you for keeping a positive attitude throughout the day and for representing LCS so well. Also, thank you to our fantastic cheerleading moms who came to join us for the day!

Cross Country - Thank you to those who volunteered to drive to our Cambridge meet on Thursday. Unfortunately we don't have enough drivers for the Cambridge meet so we will be taking a BUS. The bus will leave on THURSDAY at 8:30am, so please send your runners with a lunch, lots of water, proper shoes, and their jersey (they will get their jerseys on Wednesday). Students will need to be dropped off in the morning to catch the bus at 8:30am but will make it back in time for the buses home. If you plan on driving your own children, please let me know by Tuesday at t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca.

Thank you to those that volunteered to drive to our Dundas meet - we will be able to use our drivers for that meet. More details to follow. However, we still need a MALE volunteer to join us for our Dundas meet!!! If there are any fathers, uncles, or grandfathers who would like to volunteer to drive and help out at our meet on Friday, October 18th, and have a current vulnerable sector check, please let me know at t.delleman@listowelchristianschool.ca!!

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

Fall is here! We will have a fall theme for the month of October. We will be doing lots of art, sensory and fine motor activities with a fall theme. October calendars will be coming home on Tuesday. Included on the October calendar is a show and tell schedule. On their turn, each child may bring in an item to show that relates to the theme or the letter of the week. Show and tell will start next Tuesday, October 8th, with Fianna and August, then Cody and Colin on Thursday, October 10th.

Tuesday is Library day. In order for students to choose and bring home a new book they must return the book from the previous week. If their books do not come back, they can choose a book, but it will stay at school until the previous one is returned.

In **language**, this week we will learn about "Mat Man" (from Handwriting Without Tears) and be introduced to the wood pieces that we will use to practice building our uppercase letters. Our focus letter this week will be A. We will learn the Jolly Phonics song for A.

In **math**, we will learn about concrete and picture graphs.

For October our new focus colour is orange, our focus shape will be rectangle, and our focus number is 2.

In **Bible**, we will learn about the human fall into sin and the ark animals.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on letter N (today) and letter H for Thursday. Please bring in a show and tell item that begins with these letters.

We will continue to work on rhyming words and counting the number of words per sentence. We will also be working on decision making, for example do you like a peach or an apple?

Our "Getting to Know You" classmates are Henrik, Jasmine, Jensyn and Owen.

In **Bible**, we will learn about Noah and the ark.

In **math**, we continue to count objects, do number recognition activities and sorting by colour, shape and size.

Our new **theme** will be about the season of fall. We will discuss how the seasons differ from each other and how God has made them in a pattern for a purpose.

October calendars have been sent home. October's Scholastic order is due October 11th, 2019. Have a great week!

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Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

Class News

Last week was quite eventful. I am grateful that we got a chance to remember and honour those who have battled Childhood Cancer. The sea of yellow in our room on Tuesday really touched my heart. Our grade 1's also did a fabulous job during our Terry Fox day activities. Great work everyone.

A few notes:

- Library books are due back Wednesday.
- New Scholastics orders for October are being sent home. As always, these are optional. If you would like to order, please send in your form or order online before Oct 25th. Thanks!

Curriculum:

Spelling: I am so proud of class- they are practicing their new words and even using them in their writing! Our words this week are: **can, and, you, my, on** -we will have a test on Friday.

Bible: We will have our first Bible Quiz on Wednesday.

Memory Work: Genesis 1:1-13 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

Math: We have been learning about number relationships. Ask your child how to break down the teen numbers - example -14 is 10 and 4.

Homework: A weekly homework sheet will go home on Monday and will be due back on Thursday. Also, please continue to read at home with your child.

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

MAP Testing: We started our MAP testing today. This is an exciting opportunity for us. A letter was sent home earlier this month about what it is all about.

Math: Grade 3 has a math test this Wednesday. It is on numbers. They need to know how to show numbers in different ways: standard form, place value, base ten, pictures (base ten blocks).

Spelling Test is on Friday:

Gr 2: up, it, him, I, for, or, four, we, man, men

Gr 3: rocket, pocket, hold, told, often, grow, throne, so, sew, most, almost, both, coach, open, also

Memory Work is due next week Friday: "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees." (Psalm 119:9-12)

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Creation Studies - We have finished our unit on TREES. We will be reviewing in class, and I will send out Smartboard notes to those that requested them. For the quiz, students will need to know about the different parts of the tree and their functions (crown, trunk, roots), how photosynthesis works, why leaves change colour, and how to identify different leaves. Students will be taking their duotangs home to study for the quiz on WEDNESDAY. They will need to bring back their duotangs on Wednesday.

French - We have been studying the different verbs that we will need to know for our French play. Students will have a matching quiz on these verbs on THURSDAY. Those on the cross country team will do their quiz on Friday. Students will take their duotangs home to study on Tuesday night. Their duotangs will need to be returned on Friday.

Memory Work - We are continuing to memorize the Old Testament books for our memory work. This week, students will need to know the Books of Poetry (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon) for FRIDAY.

Spelling - We are starting Unit 4 words this week and will have dictation on FRIDAY.

Cursive - Last week we did letters "Ee" and "Ii". The cursive pages for these letters are due on FRIDAY. GRADE 3 pages are 7, 10, 24 (JUST letters "e" and "i") and GRADE 4 pages are 14 and 30 (just the bottom two lines with lowercase "e" and "i").

Scholastic - If there is anyone who would like to order from Scholastic, please return your order forms this week. Ordering is also available online.

PM Benchmark - These past weeks, students have been doing MAP testing. During our Daily 5 times, I will also be doing a reading assessment called PM Benchmark that assesses student's reading levels. Here is a website that gives information on how it is done and what is assessed: <http://cms.pm-benchmark-for-parents.webnode.com/>. Feel free to check it out and let me know if you have any questions.

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Grade 5 and 6 – Mrs. Vogel

French: Students received their être and avoir quiz back on Friday and were to bring them home, have them signed and bring them back to school for Wednesday. We will be having a re-test on the same concepts on Wednesday. Please remind your student(s) to study, using their notes, rewriting the information, or through the songs on their French google classroom.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: In Bible we are completing the unit “The Setting of God’s Story”. We have no memory work this week. The unit test is next week.

Math: In math, we are continuing with multiplication and division. Students are expected to know the time tables by heart. Quite a few students still need lots of practice with these.

Science: In science, students have chosen a heavenly body to research and prepare a poster or model for.

Writing Work: In our writing work, students have started a short autobiography. This needs to be completed by Friday.

Word Work: This week’s word work is from Lesson 4, test on Friday.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

Bible - This week Wednesday is memory work day, Jeremiah 31:33-34. Come prepared either to write it or say it to me. Also watch the calendar for the date of our upcoming end of unit test in the next week.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

- You should have received 3 tests in the folders this week. They do not have to be returned, but is just to ensure you are aware of how your student(s) are doing in these assessments as we work through units.
- We have been blessed with a large classroom and would like to create a study/reading area. If anyone has any bean bag chairs in good repair or other like items (no couches or other large furniture please) that you would be interested in donating to our classroom, please send me an e-mail.

WWW - worksheets will be received on Wednesday and due on Friday. Unit test on Friday.

Health - Last week we were able to welcome Lorie Vogel into the classroom to discuss concussions and what to do if you or one of your friends may have one. The idea of a hit in the head requires rest is now law in all sports. Thanks Lorie and New Horizons for the visit and the information.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Ottawa Trip: On Friday, I provided each student with a letter and a summary of their fundraising accounts. If you did not receive that letter, ask your child! If you are interested in joining us as a chaperone, let me know (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca).

Math: Our textbook unit reviews should have been handed in today. Our unit ending worksheet will be handed in on Tuesday. The unit test will be on Tuesday October 1. Hopefully on Friday students will bring home all their marked work for you to review and sign and for them to return to me. Our next units are Ratios and Rates. Homework is anything not completed during class time.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Katerberg

Science: We will be continuing with the cell unit. This week’s topics are cellular transport and protozoans. Please bring in examples of pond scum for us to look at under the microscope.

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENT

TONIGHT at 7:00pm, Bethel Christian Reformed Church (345 Elizabeth St. E, Listowel) is hosting a viewing of the recently released film, **Unplanned**. The movie tells the story of Abby Johnson, giving an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate. The film is rated R for some disturbing scenes, so please take that into consideration. However, please do also know that Unplanned is an important movie that gives a powerful testimony to the sanctity of human life and reveals the horror of abortion for what it really is. For more information about the movie, please visit <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/>

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