

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Last Friday I read a devotional at our morning staff devotions that challenged us to consider thanksgiving as a way of living as opposed to a single day celebration. As a single day celebration, we tend to focus only on the good things in our lives and thank God for them. As a way of living, we should be able to thank God in all situations, the good and the challenging, and recognize God's hand in carrying us through them all. The reference text was the Last Supper when Jesus gave thanks for the bread and wine even though he understood the torture it represented. Jesus gave thanks for God in his life even through his death.

This weekend I had the opportunity to practice this lifestyle of thanksgiving in our house. Although much less traumatic than Jesus' example, our weekend did not go as originally planned. Thanksgiving weekend is often filled with family gatherings, festive events, and a table full with food. We had that planned too. However, like many others, the cold virus interrupted our plans. Instead of mashed potatoes, turkey, stuffing and all the fixings, we had Mr. Noodle and a piece of toast 😞. We cancelled our guests and quietly drank our tea.

Before a pity-party starts, there is no need because we can still be thankful for lots of things. Last Friday I had a parent remind me of the amazing gift of working in our current building that provides us everything we need to teach well. Every day I work alongside amazing colleagues that share a passion to share their faith with children. I live in a country where we are free to worship and share our faith and we are free to vote. I am thankful that, although we did not get together this weekend, our adult children will be able to join us on another weekend. I am thankful for our health care system – for the simple things like cold medicines but also for expertise in more serious illnesses such as cancer research and care as well as other diagnosis treatments. I am thankful that our family members and friends who rely on those treatments have access to them.

We have so much to be thankful for it would seem difficult to contain it in one day and not have it spill into our daily lives. I am thankful that God is in my life.

NOTE: Pastor Henry Meinen and Mrs. Karen VanDonkersgoed, I am thankful for dentists too!

SCHOOL NEWS

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. Please schedule an appointment for your child by contacting 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.

LCS Fundraising: There are a few leftover pies/crisps/dough from pie making day. Available for purchase:
~~ 25 apple crisps (\$9.50 ea) ~~ 2 Strawberry/rhubarb pies (9.50 ea) ~~ 4 pkgs of pie shells (4 pre-rolled shells - \$12 per pkg) ~~bags of dough (6 balls of dough - \$5 per bag)
Please contact Michelle Hibbs (519-291-7292/coolmom343@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing these.

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.

School BBQ Door Prize Winners! Although it may be a bit delayed, the clothing door prize from the school BBQ has been delivered to the winning families! Congratulations to our 'New Family' winners, R & G Siebenga; and to our 'Returning Family' winners, the Siebrings! Enjoy your LCS apparel! From the Promotion Committee

Food Drive: I saw in our church on Monday a large quantity of donated food for the Salvation Army Food Bank. That was great! I encourage our school families to add to that pile and fill the shelves of the food bank. Food donations will be accepted until Friday morning.

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Student Leadership: October Spirit Day is Thursday October 17th, 2019-Multiples Day!!! Dress up as a twin or a triplet, or quadruplet!!! Find a friend or 2 or 5, whatever you chose and dress the same. Plan ahead. Let's create some great multiples!

Employment: We have two positions available at LCS. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please let me know (principal@listowelchristianschool.ca)

- Music: This is a 25% position teaching music to JK – Grade 8. The classes are on Mondays and Tuesdays. Applications are due by October 18, 2019. The starting date will be December 1, 2019.
- Educational Assistant: This is a fulltime position supporting an individual student within a class environment. We are looking for someone with at least an ECE diploma. Applications are due by November 15th. Starting date is January 6, 2020.

If you would like more information on either of these positions, please contact Ed Boelens.

Fundraisers: The Grade 7-8 students are entering their last fundraisers before their trip in February 2020. You are invited to participate and purchase these items while supporting our Grade 7-8s.

- Harriston Packing (meat fundraiser): We typically run this fundraiser in May but there have been a few requests to run a meat fundraiser now. So, in order to meet the need for meat, we will take meat orders until November 14th. Orders and money are due to the office no later than November 14th (earlier is helpful). Meat will be delivered to the school on December 4th and must be picked up on that day.
- Flowers and Pastries: Once again we are selling poinsettias and pastries for the Christmas season. Individual Grade 7-8 students have order forms. If you have not been called before November 10th, feel free to call one of them or call the school and we will take your order. All orders are due at the school by November 14th.

University of Waterloo Research: For parents who received this information and permission forms, please return them to the school office as soon as possible. Participation is voluntary. Once we receive your responses, we will determine a date. We will keep you informed.

BAZAAR NEWS – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019, 8AM-1PM 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" needs new and used toy donations. Please remember that used toys MUST BE CLEAN and in EXCELLENT condition. Contact Rhonda Weber (519-588-0634 / gweber@wightman.ca), or Carolyn Wagler (519-897-1002 / carolyn_kuepfer@hotmail.com) for more information. The toys can be brought into the school office.

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 (519-291-7709 / alanalaurendekkema@gmail.com) or contact Henrike Reitzema (519-261-2244 / 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 baked or homemade goodies are needed for the day of the Bazaar to sell. Specialty items such as homemade fudge, jams, apple sauce and baking: such as cookies, bread, loafs etc. are well received. Baking items needs to be brought into school by the end of the school day on Friday, November 22.

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

October	November
16 – Pizza Day	4 – CATYO (1-3:30pm)
17 – Multiples Dress Up Spirit Day	5 – Volleyball clinic at Woodland
18 – Last day to bring items for food drive	11 – Remembrance Day Assembly
18 – Cross Country Meet in Dundas	14 – Return meat orders, poinsettia and pastry orders
21 – LCS information evening	15 – PD Day (no school)
22 – Team Event: Pumpkin Bowling	18 – LCS Fall Membership meeting
24 & 25 – Edvance Convention (no school)	20 – Volleyball tournament (Cambridge)
	23 – Annual Bazaar at LCS
	25 – First Term report cards go home
	28 – Parent Teacher Conferences (evening)
	29 – Parent Teacher Conferences (no school)

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating this week: Jenna B, Cameron W – Oct 15



Sports

Boys Volleyball will practice on Tuesdays after school. Practices are done at 4:30. We also practice during Friday lunch recess. You need to be present at practice to be considered for the team. Our first volleyball event will be the Woodland clinic on November 5.

Girls Volleyball will practice after school on Wednesdays as well as lunch hour on Tuesdays.

Cross Country – This week we will have our meet in Dundas on FRIDAY. Thank you to Mrs. Hiemstra and Mrs. Siebenga who will be driving us! Students will need to be at school for 8:15am, and should be back around 3:45pm. They will need to wear proper clothing, dressing warm and bring appropriate footwear. They will also need to bring a lunch with them and be wearing their LCS jerseys. We are hoping for a beautiful day and some good competition! This is our last cross country meet for the year and is for Grades 5-8.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS

Junior Kindergarten – Mrs. Baarda

This week is all about apples! We will be learning a song about apples, have an apple themed sensory activity, taste different apples, and do some apple stamping artwork.

Our show and tell friends this week are Zion and Henry on Tuesday and Drew and Skylar on Thursday.

In language this week, our focus letter is Cc. We will learn the Jolly Phonics letter C song. We will also continue to work on recognizing letters as we sing the alphabet song.

In math, we will continue in our new unit on number sense by counting ourselves and also practice counting to 5.

In Bible, we will read about Isaac's birth and about Jacob and Esau.

Senior Kindergarten – Mrs. Heida

This week we will focus on letter U and have show and tell on Thursday only. Our new sight word will be “and”. We continue to work on rhyming words. In Math we continue to count to 15, print numbers and engage in number recognition activities. In Bible we will learn about Abram and how God led him to a new land. We will be learning about apples and their lifecycle, the parts of an apple and apple stamping. For some of our apple activities, I am asking each child to bring in their favourite apple. On Friday we hope to make applesauce. Have a great week!

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Grade 1 – Mrs. Van Veen

Class News

Happy Thanksgiving Grade 1 families! I hope you had a wonderful weekend celebrating the many blessings that the Lord has given to us! I also hope you had a chance to take a look at the many things your child is thankful for on their pumpkins.

A few notes: Library books are due back Wednesday. Our last day for the food drive is on Friday.

Scholastics Orders: 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- New words for this week are: **fun, going, am, with, have.** There will also be a retest for students (3/5 and below) from last week (me, went, we, day, play). Both tests will be on Friday. Our spelling words are on Spelling City if you would like to access them online.

Bible -We have started a new unit called Abraham. We are currently learning about God's promises.

Memory Work: "No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations". Genesis 17:5

Math: There will be a quiz on Thursday reviewing number relationships, ten frames, and number bonds.

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

Grade 2 and 3 – Mrs. Claus

Welcome back after a nice long weekend. My family and I had much to be thankful for. We can praise the Lord for our many blessings.

Any scholastic orders are due on Wednesday.

Friday is our spelling test:

Gr 2: be, see, got, she, sheep, shop, queen, green, bee, he

Gr 3: save, give, have, live, move, above, alive, alike, to, two, too, know, do, blew, blue

Multiples Day is on Thursday! Students may wear the same thing as a sibling or friend.

Grade 3 and 4 – Mrs. Delleman

Math - We are finishing our unit on addition, subtraction, estimating, and rounding. Students will have a quiz for this unit on FRIDAY.

Memory Work - We are continuing to memorize the Old Testament books for our memory work. Next, students will need to know the Books of Minor Prophets (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi). Since it is a longer list, students will need to know it for NEXT Wednesday.

Spelling - We are starting Unit 6 and 7 words this week. Unit 6 is a review week, and then we will be working on Unit 7 words for dictation NEXT Wednesday.

Cursive - Last week we did letters "Bb" and "Ff". The cursive pages for these letters are due on FRIDAY. Grade 3 pages are 5, 7, 30 (JUST letters "b" and "f") and Grade 4 pages are 6 and 16 (just the bottom two lines with lowercase "b" and "f").

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://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: We worked through another way of learning our verbs and why /how they are conjugated.

Grade 5 and 6 – Mr. Katerberg

Bible: Our new unit will be “Later Judean Ministry”. Our memory work for next week Monday is Luke 19 : 7 - 10.

Word work: Lesson 6 test on Friday, October 18.

Science: In Science we will be learning about the history of space exploration.

Math: Our new unit will be our geometry unit.

Writing: Students are completing a book and working on a book report for this book. Due date October 22.

Grade 7 and 8 – Ms. tenBrink

Bible – We are starting a new unit this week. The art project that we started last week will be due this Friday. Some time will be given in class on Wednesday, as students are using materials from the art room.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mrs. Vogel

Geography - Climate Graphs were due today. Unit test is on October 22.

Working With Words (WWW) - Work due Friday and test on Friday for Unit 4.

Writing - We are beginning work on Remembrance Day writing activities this week.

Grade 7 and 8 – Mr. Boelens

Math: We are working through a unit on ratios and rates. Grade 7 mid unit will be due on Friday and Grade 8 will have a worksheet due on Friday. Daily homework will be unfinished class work.

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Science: This week we will explore single-celled organisms and multicellular organisms.

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